

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022



Pastor's Corner for April 10-16

Holy Week—a Bittersweet Week—Begins! (John 12:12-19)

At the beginning of a week traditionally called “Holy,” we find ourselves confronting a bittersweet reality. On the one hand it is Palm Sunday... a sweet, celebratory day. Together with those who welcome Jesus to Jerusalem, we are invited to wave our palm fronds and shout “Hosanna!” knowing that Jesus our king is coming to the rescue. On the other hand, it is a bitter day of reflection also known as “Sunday of the Passion” where we hear Jesus wondering if He should pray to God for rescue (12:27) prior to His death by crucifixion. It’s a time Jesus may at times appear more in need of saving, than he does a Savior.

What gives? Or in the immortal words of our beloved catechism, “What does this mean?”

Jesus is a king... but no ordinary king... and that's the key to unlocking the significance of the entire Christian faith journey. First off: Jesus, though very Son of God, gave up all ordinary glory we associate with that title. His Kingship is founded on what He gave up, not on what he grabbed. Second: the Christian faith doesn't entail the straightforward religious arithmetic of “God's attention to my circumstances = my sacrifice + my sincerity.” It is founded instead on a King who gave up everything for sinners: people, like you and me! Jesus came to rescue those who didn't recognize His true Kingship and didn't understand the true extent of His rule—all authority in heaven and on earth— until after the fact (12:16). Yet because Jesus our King came to die, we go on to live. It's a paradox, for sure. But what a beautiful, magnificent one!

As we shout or pray “Hosanna” again this year, may the Spirit of God again enlighten all of us to seek the help of the Savior of paradoxes and life at its most bittersweet: the Lord who brings heavenly glory to a cross and life to a stone-cold tomb. Hosanna in the highest!

Children and Family Ministry Director, MaryAnn Unger, to Retire at the End of June

MaryAnn Unger, RLC Director of Children and Family Ministry, has announced she will be stepping away from service at RLC at the end of June, after almost nine years of active ministry. In her letter to me and the Church Council, she wrote, “At this time, I still enjoy what I do, but feel that I also want to be available, especially for my family, and to have time to pursue other opportunities to share God's love with others.” We are grateful for her service to our church family and wish her well as she transitions to this new life chapter!

What to Know about Holy Week... and the Shuttle to Ritter Park

Just a reminder that over this Palm Sunday weekend we will celebrate Holy Communion in all services. Maundy Thursday will offer Holy Communion at 4 and 7 PM. We invite you to join us for soup and salad (beginning at 11:30 AM) either

before or after our Good Friday noon service. Tenebrae begins at 7 PM that Friday evening. Then on Easter Sunday we will have four services: 6:30 AM (starting in the Prayer Garden), 8 and 9:30 AM in the main sanctuary, and 11 AM in the Family Life Center. In the event that parking places in our main lot are few and far between mid-morning on Easter Sunday, please know that our shuttle bus will be available to pick up folks from the Ritter Park parking lot between 9 to 9:45 AM. The bus will make the route back down the hill between 10:30 and 11:15. You can find the entrance to Ritter Park just across Lochmere Drive from the church. Have a blessed week!

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan



*Prayers
of the Church*

Worship Bulletins

[click here](#)

[click here](#)





**Holy Week Observances
and Easter Sunday Celebration**

Palm Sunday | April 9 & 10

6:00 pm

Worship with Holy Communion on Saturday

8:00* am and 9:30 am

Sanctuary Festival Worship with Holy Communion on Sunday, Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Brass Ensemble

11:00* am

Praise & Worship with Holy Communion on Sunday, Led by Reign!

Maundy Thursday | April 14

4:00 pm

Worship with Holy Communion

7:00* pm

Worship with Holy Communion (First Communion for 5th Grade Students)

Good Friday | April 15

12:00 pm

Worship, Musical Offerings by Cantus Christe Quartet
(Preceded and Followed by a Soup and Salad Lunch)

7:00* pm

Tenebrae Service, A Service of Darkness, Led by Sanctuary Choir, Soloists, and Chamber Ensemble

Easter Sunday | April 17

6:30 am

Sunrise Service Begins in Prayer Garden, Processes to Sanctuary, Led by Celebration Singers

8:00* am and 9:30 am

Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion, Music Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Brass Ensemble

11:00* am

Praise & Worship with Holy Communion, Led by Reign!

**Live Stream Services Indicated with Asterisk*

youtube.com/resurrectionlutheranchurchcarync

Please Note:

No Wednesday night activities during Holy Week.

No Saturday worship on Easter weekend.

No Sunday School on Easter.

Shuttle bus will run to and from Ritter Park, 9:00-9:45 am and 10:30-11:15 am on Easter.

Join us for **Coffee & Fellowship** on Sunday at 9:00 am under the breezeway!

Good Friday Soup & Salad Luncheon on April 15

Come out for the best homemade soups! Lunch will be served at 11:30 am and again after the Noon worship service. The Fellowship Committee will provide salad, bread, cookies, and drinks.

We need pots of soup donated! Contact [Carol Bostick](#), [Kim Simpson](#), or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248), if you are able to provide a pot.

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Ed

**NURTURING
YOUR FAITH**

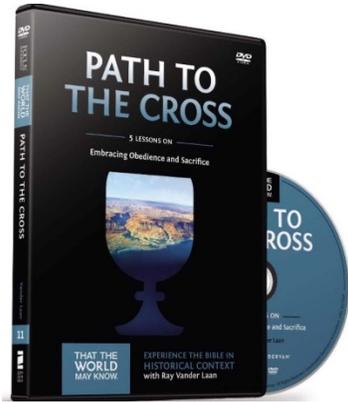


Nurturing Your Faith ~ Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

What has God called you to do? Well, we've been called by God to live out our faith in this world. But what does that look like? This is a question all Christians struggle with throughout our faith lives. How does my faith grow? How do I live out my faith? In this upcoming Bible study, we will take a deeper look at how God continues to work in our lives and encourages us to participate with Him in His gifts. As we have been called by God to live in a relationship with Him, we also follow His guidance in how to live out that faith through forgiveness and prayer, two actions that we see Jesus take part in throughout His ministry.

Join us at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, from March 27-May 22, for this fun and strengthening study team led by Pastors Jonathan, Zach, and Alan!

Path To The Cross - Sundays, 10:45-11:45 am



Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will Be Done. God's story continues in this Faith Lessons with Ray Vander Laan with the intense devotion of his people. Discover how their passionate faith prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did – by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Join us from 10:45-11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, led by Mindy Stephani!

Permanent Camera Installation Fundraiser

For the last two years, RLC has used a temporary system of live streaming that has allowed us to serve the homebound members of our church community, to reach out to newcomers and Christian seekers in our area who are looking for a church home, and to introduce Jesus through music and other activities here to unchurched folks visiting us on [our church's YouTube channel](#). Now, what has been a temporary system, RLC members approved last year to make more permanent! Thanks to your generous support of this project, we have already **raised over \$85,000** for a system of permanent cameras and accompanying hardware for the main sanctuary and Family Life Center. We still need \$25,000 to gather the funds necessary to make this plan a reality. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to join us as at RLC in supporting the upgrade to our present live streaming equipment. Please prayerfully consider and use the marked envelope or the [online giving webpage](#) (please indicate live stream) to make a donation to this project. Thank you!

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH Permanent Camera Installation Fundraiser

\$110,000
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\$35,000
\$30,000
\$25,000
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000



Overview:

RLC needs your support to make our livestreaming services permanent. God has continued to use technology to draw us together and around Christ, and allowed us to serve the homebound members of our church community, and to reach out to Christian seekers in our area. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this project.

Our Mission:

- † Outreach to newcomers to the research triangle area who are looking for a home congregation (research shows most "first visits" to churches are via livestream broadcasts these days)
- † Support for RLC members who are unable to worship in person (shut in, sick, or travelling)
- † Mission emphasis to the unchurched who may choose to view content other than weekly worship services: Music concerts/cantatas, RLS chapel services led by RLS students, weddings, etc.
- † Aesthetic and safety concerns lead us to making our temporary setup in the main sanctuary and FLC permanent
- † 63% of youth between the ages of 18 and 34 who would be church going are viewing services online

How to Donate:

- † Envelope distributed during service
- † Portal on our church web site

THANK YOU!

Blind Ministry

We are excited to be planning to restart our Food & Fellowship for the Blind on **Friday, April 22!** There is a need for drivers. If interested or would like more information, contact [Annette Langefeld-Kennedy](mailto:Annette.Langefeld-Kennedy) or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Life Lessons from Acts: Christ's Church in the World (2018) by Max Lucado

This updated edition of the popular New Testament series by Max Lucado will offer readers intriguing questions, inspirational storytelling, and profound reflections, and will bring God's Word to life for both individuals and small group members. Each session now includes a key passage of Scripture from both the NIV (formerly NCV) and the NKJV, and the guides have been updated to include content from Max's recent releases (2007-2016). Study will run from February 21-May 23. **We will not meet on April 11 and April 18.**

Beginning **Monday, April 25**, there will be an in-person group meeting at church in Room 151, Family Life Center (across the hall from the gym) at 7:00 pm. This group will be facilitated by Dawn Leister and Sharon Hahne. We will also continue the Zoom group meeting as well, and this will be facilitated by Jamee Thieme and Sandy Wuori. Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office to join the group.



Resurrection Lutheran Church

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH
10:00AM – 11:30AM

WE WILL HAVE GAMES, EGG HUNTS, AN EASTER STORY AND TONS OF FUN!

ACTIVITIES HELD ON RLC CAMPUS!

*sponsored by RLC Youth Ministry
Contact Ms. Jenny
Jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

The poster features a pink background with a central image of a wooden plank with a row of colorful Easter eggs (green, orange, pink, red, green, yellow, red, blue, purple) and yellow tulips. The text is in various colors and fonts, including blue, white, and black. A white outline of a person's head is on the right side, containing the text 'ACTIVITIES HELD ON RLC CAMPUS!'.

Ice Cream Social

Come and have a bowl of free ice cream and get to know your neighbors on **Saturday, April 9** from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Apex Villages Clubhouse (1095 Ambergate Station, Apex NC 27502). Sponsored by Residents of Apex Villages.

Camp Agape Spring Golf Outing

(in person and also a virtual option)

Monday, April 25 - 8:30 am Tee Off
Box Lunch on the Course

Format: Captain's Choice at Lochmere Golf Club
Cost: \$90 Single, \$350 Foursome, \$50 Virtual

Raising Funds for Camp Agape Campership Fund

Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



RLC's annual Operation InAsMuch event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 7** from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. After a COVID 'pause', we are excited to continue this annual event where we provide numerous acts of service for our church, community, and country. The event begins with breakfast in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am, and most activities will be completed by noon. There will be many opportunities available for all ages to participate, and nursery care will be provided. Some of the activities will be at RLC and others off site. **Sign Up:** signup.com/go/ibcUDaK

Questions? Contact Jan Boyer or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Children and Family Ministry

On **Palm Sunday, April 10**, parents are invited to attend Sunday School with their child from 9:30-10:30 am. We would love for you to come and see what takes place on Sunday mornings!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday, June 13-Friday, June 17
9:00 am-12:00 pm

We are so excited to be meeting in person again for Vacation Bible School this summer! This year, we will go on an epic railway adventure that encounters Jesus' power! Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

All children ages 3 through rising 5th grade are invited to climb aboard for this year's amazing week in God's Word. **Registration is open!** Please use online form at rlcary.org/ministries/vacation-bible-school.

****Interested in helping with VBS?*** We are looking for volunteers willing to create and

paint a cardboard train with an engine, caboose, and a few cars. Also, looking for a few more adults to help during VBS week. There will be a VBS Training and Preparation Meeting, so everyone feels confident in what is needed. We are also inviting Middle School and High School Students to join us in helping with the kids. A great opportunity for them to share their gifts with others. Thank you for considering how you can serve and be a part of this special event for our children.

To learn more, rlcary.org/ministries/children-and-family-ministry. Contact MaryAnn Unger, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at maryann.unger@rlcary.org with any questions.

Student Ministry



WE NEED YOU!!
EASTER EGG HUNT SERVICE PROJECT
APRIL 9TH
9:00AM - 12:00PM

We will hide eggs, run game stations and play a part in the story! So much fun!!

Celebrate after:
12:00-1:00
Open Warehouse
and pizza

Icons: two overlapping red circles, a blue egg with a white zigzag pattern, and a blue egg with white stripes.



IGNITE
April Middle School Events

WAREHOUSE WEDNESDAY
LAST ONE!
APRIL 20TH @
6:00-6:30PM

YOUTH GROUP
APRIL 24TH
@ 1:30-3:00PM

SERVICE EVENT
EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 9TH @ 9AM - 12PM
PIZZA IN WAREHOUSE 12:00-1:00PM

Contact Ms Jenny
Jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Icons: a pink heart, a yellow circle, and a white starburst.

Service Event - Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm (with pizza after in The Warehouse) If you are in town, please encourage your youth to help out with this super fun event! Breakaway and Ignite are hosting, and this is one of the best events to earn service hours. We will be hiding eggs, helping with games, etc.

Breakaway

* No Breakaway on April 10, April 17, or April 24. See you again on May 2.

* No Connection Cafe (High School Sunday School) on April 10 or April 17. See you again on April 24.

* NYG Meeting on April 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm, we will gather in the gym.

For more information regarding Student Ministry, rlcary.org/ministries/student-ministry. Contact [Jenny Piontek](mailto:Jenny.Piontek), Youth Director, with any questions.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



Time to register for next year, 2022-23! There are classes for children, 2-5 years, including Transitional Kindergarten. Join our family today!

Email office@rlpcary.org or call 919-851-7270 to enroll or schedule an individual tour.

Resurrection Lutheran School



"RLS is the best investment we ever made in our kids future."

Contact Admissions@RLScary.org to schedule a tour today!



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

The **RLS School Board** is seeking three candidates to serve on the school board. There is a need for one board member to be an expert in finance, but no "education" experience is necessary, just a heart to serve. Come be a part of providing a Christ-centered, challenging academic experience for the students at Resurrection Lutheran School!

If interested, please contact Bee Persson (beepersson@rlscary.org) or Neil Porter (neilporter@rlscary.org).

Current RLS Lion's Tale

**Funeral Service and Celebration of Life
Howard Manning**

Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 am
First United Methodist Church
117 S. Academy Street, Cary

A viewing will take place from 9:00-10:30 am on Saturday in the Sanctuary at First United Methodist. Reception to follow in the First United Methodist Church Community Room. The service will be livestreamed and can be accessed [here](#). We ask for your continued prayers for his wife Pam, his children, grandchildren, and family.

The Dorcas Ministries' Board of Directors would like to announce the creation of the **Howard Manning Memorial Fund** to continue Howard's legacy and commitment to serving our community. Contributions can be made to Dorcas Ministries, designated to the *Howard Manning Memorial Fund*, and mailed to Dorcas Ministries, 187 High House Road, Cary, NC 27511 or online at dorcascary.org (click "Donate Now" at the top of the page).

To read about Howard's life and legacy, visit dorcascary.org/howard-manning/. All operations of Dorcas Ministries will be closed on Saturday, April 9.

In-Person Services

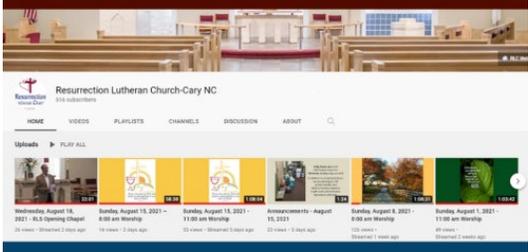


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

Praise Worship
 in the Family Life Center
 Sunday, 11:00 am

Live Stream Worship

Sundays at 8:00 am, 11:00 am



Connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC
 or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Visual Faith for April 10

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – April 10, 2022

*Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
Hebrews 4:16*

We lift the following prayer requests this week:

Prayers of the Church

Ongoing Prayers

*Diane Cuper, *Eve Sommers, *David Brooks, *Anne Altieri, *Charlotte Raines, *Eric Hammergren, *Anita Moore, *John Shaeffer, *Vern Ebert, *Aaron, *Marcus, *Malcolm, *Sandy Nigg, Henry Otten, Michael Flannery, *Helen Campbell, *Lena Licciardi, Paul Batt, Peter and Esther Kuo, Marc and Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption, *Geoffrey Wiggins, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai, Beverly Kunitsky, Mattie Corbett

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen, Anne Price, *Gary Ferro, Angie Price, Alison Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, Roseanne Candiello, Jackie, Linda H., Kathy Siemon, Joe Kupsy, Scott Brinkley, *Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed, Sue, Kathy

For Expectant Moms

Amy, Lynn, Molly

Those Prayed for on April 3, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Our Many Blessings
- Confirmation Faith Statements
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family

For Healing

- *Mindy, Recovering from Back Procedure, March 30
- Jack Ketner, Healing from Back Surgery (*Kathy's Brother)
- *Becky Berger
- Rich Bloom, Recovering from Kidney Surgery
- Harold, Donald, Gavin, Wanda, Marie, Kelley, Carol, Javed, Dave, Baby Owen Maier, Eric, Mara, Sue, John

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Chris McLaughlin
- Friends and Family of Howard Manning, Executive Director of Dorcas Ministries

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- People of Ukraine
- Work of Call Committee for Resurrection Lutheran School Principal, Interviews with Potential Candidates
- *Randi and Barry Munns
- All Seeking Employment That the Find the Right Job for Them
- Those Seeking Affordable Housing
- To Be Braver

For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, Strength for the Health and Well-Being of the People They Serve

- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Associate Pastor Zack and Kelsey, Assistant Pastor Alan and Faith, Their Families, and Area Pastors
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Our Congregation - Divine Call Voter's Meeting for Middle School Teacher on April 3

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and Megan Mantey, Uganda
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia

*Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands.
We trust You are working all things according to Your good plan and purposes,
and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.*

***RLC Members**

Updated 4/7/22

Attendance and Giving – April 10, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Lenten Midweek, March 30

6:00 pm - 67

Saturday, April 2

6:00 pm - 47

Sunday, April 3

8:00 am - 92; 9:30 am - 130; 11:00 am - 146

Total In-Person Worship: 482

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Lenten Midweek, March 30

6:00 pm - 43 views

Sunday, April 3

8:00 am - 131 views 11:00 am - 44 views

Total Online Views: 218 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - March 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 102,726.84	\$ 969,069.14
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 106,457.37</u>	<u>\$ 948,162.93</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -3,730.53	\$ 20,906.21

Last Week's Offerings: \$22,542.20

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$24,752.64

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2020/21: \$25,735.58

We are grateful for all who are able to maintain financial contributions to our congregation!

There are four ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate as you exit the in-person worship service
- Mail to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary, NC 27518
- Online Giving through our church website at rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, search for Resurrection Lutheran Church, transfer funds from your checking or savings account to RLC
(Vanco Mobile replaced GivePlus Mobile on January 31. If you use mobile giving, please refer to this [guide](#) to update to Vanco Mobile.)

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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