

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022



Pastor's Corner for May 1-7

A Song of Joy in the Morning (Psalm 30:5 [GW])

It's not every year that you hear a citation of the Scriptures spoken by the head coach of an ACC team that makes it all the way to the Elite Eight of the NCAA playoffs. I remember that's what happened six years ago. The UVA Cavaliers, leading by 15 points with nine minutes left to go, were nevertheless bested by the Syracuse Orange 68 to 62. All at once, it was said, Virginia fans went from "March Madness" to "March Sadness." When head coach Tony Bennett was asked what he said to his team when it was all over, he quoted our Psalm for this weekend, Psalm 30: "Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning." The

Cavaliers didn't feel like singing a new song when that game was over. Can you blame them? But that momentary sense of loss would look very different in the light of a new day.

What does the familiar song of your life sound like? How does it FEEL? If it's anything like mine, there are days it sounds and feels OK, days when it sounds and feels wonderful, and days when it sounds and feels pretty rough. You and I are creatures of the moment. We're singing the blues one minute, and "Happy Days are Here Again" the next! That we are given a new song to sing by a resurrected Lord Jesus... that we sing that song forever, starting today... doesn't mean that sadness isn't a part of life. We know better. What matters for the Psalmist is not the momentary grief and happiness we have all come to take for granted. It is the bigger vision of joy. It is the bigger vision that our ultimate security comes not in the momentary ups and downs, the waxing and waning of our fortunes, the peaks and valleys of our physical health, the failures and successes of life at school or on the job. All that will never stay the same and we know it. Our new song is not a snapshot of our emotions at any given point in time. It reflects the joy that remains despite the tears... that outlasts the tears... a joy the Easter story tells us Jesus' victory over death and the grave has made possible.

As surely as the sun will rise tomorrow —no, even more surely— the newly created heavens and earth will be a place where we sing a new song of praise to God. No matter what today brings, we start that song together, today. Christ is risen! (He is risen indeed, Alleluia!)

Pardon Our Dust

Many thanks are once again due the friends and family of Resurrection Lutheran Church! By God's grace we have raised almost all the funds needed for our permanent camera and monitor installations in the main sanctuary and Family Life Center. If you have not yet had the chance to support this effort, I urge you to prayerfully consider a donation to RLC that will enable us to reach our goal, using the envelopes near the church entrance for that purpose. In the meantime, please bear with us as minor modifications are made to the narthex and main sanctuary that allow us to run wiring and get the necessary equipment in place.

Confirmation 2022

I'm grateful for the efforts of RLC Confirmation 1 youth and their families who helped with the Confirmation Banquet last Wednesday. This Sunday (May 1) in our 9:30 AM service we will give thanks to God for the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of each of our confirmands. In order to highlight this important event in the life of our congregation, there will be no adult or children's Sunday School during the 9:30 hour this weekend. The regular Christian Education schedule for adults, youth, and children will resume the following weekend (May 8).

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan



*Prayers
of the Church*

Worship Bulletins

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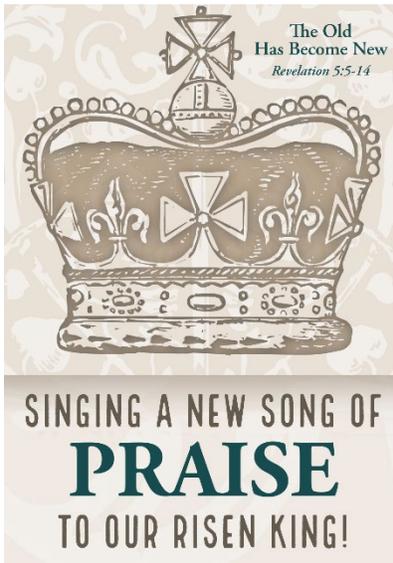
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Singing a New Song

No, this is not a recruitment for more musicians at RLC (though if you are musical, contact Bob Unger or Chris Reed). This is our new sermon series for the season of Easter. Christ is risen! And that is reason to "sing praises" to God in all that we do! The book of Revelation gives us a glimpse of the heavenly Kingdom where all believers will sing a new song of praise to the risen Lamb, Jesus. As people of the heavenly Kingdom dwelling here below, we have the new song now. So we sing! But it's not just the vocal singing in worship, it is the way we live our lives for our

risen King as we live out our worship of Him every day.



Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, May 1 at 9:30 am

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

*Elena, Kira, Cameron, Lily, Catherine,
Corbin, Emma, Eva, Natalie,
Sofia, Lexi, Hodge, and Noah-Bell*

Flowers placed on the altar
in celebration of
our 2022 Confirmands.



Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.
Click here or call the church office at 919-851-7248.
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Ed

(No Class This Week, May 1)

NURTURING YOUR FAITH

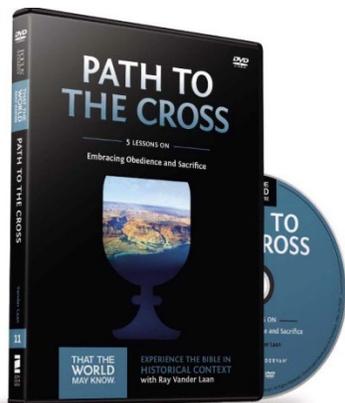


Nurturing Your Faith ~ Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

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!



Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

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).

Western Wake Crisis Ministry

In anticipation of **Operation InAsMuch (OIAM)**, we are having a targeted food drive to benefit Western Wake Crisis Ministry.

The needs this week are:

- Canned Fruit
- Toilet Paper in 4-Roll Pack
- Snacks
- Condiments (Mustard, Ketchup, Mayonnaise)
- Crackers

- 2 lb. Bag of Sugar
- 2 lb. Bag of All Purpose Flour
- Small Bottle of Liquid Laundry Detergent

Western Wake Crisis Ministry also needs paper and plastic bags.

Barrels will be located in the Narthex to receive donations. All donations will be sorted at OIAM.

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

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 \$90,000** for a system of permanent cameras and accompanying hardware for the main sanctuary and Family Life Center. We still need \$20,000 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



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!

Mark your calendars!

We're back! It's the Seventh Annual (except for 2020 & 2021)

BRASS BONANZA

featuring

Amici Brass
A Touch of Brass & Rhythm
Old North State Brass Band
The Trombone Continuum
Robert Unger, organ
Massed Brass Finale

Friday, May 13 at 7pm
RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH
100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary
Corner of Kildaire Farm Rd.
919-851-7248 / 919-451-5177
Plenty of free parking in church lot.

FREE ADMISSION

Voluntary donations gratefully accepted to benefit Chapel Hill-Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarship in memory of our friend and fellow brass player Jack Denniston. This scholarship program has since 2009 awarded 29 scholarships to local high school seniors who aspire to a career in peacemaking, as demonstrated by their activities, studies, and career goals related to such topics as non-violent conflict resolution, global community, social justice, ecology, and depolarization.



The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

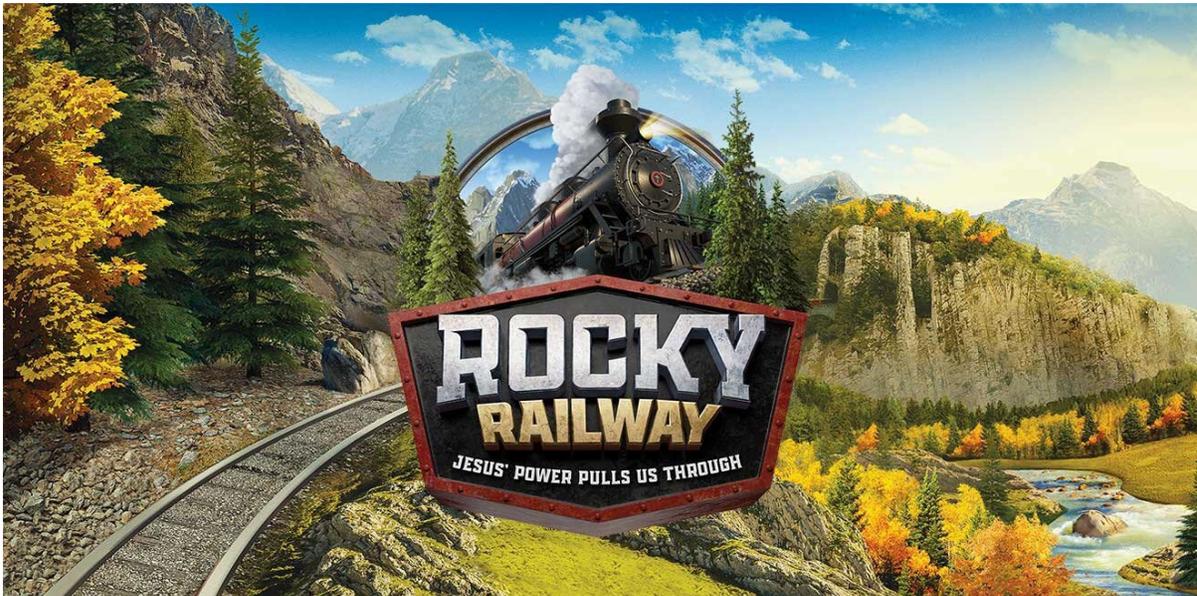
We are so thankful to have had 125 attendees at our last Coffeehouse on April 8! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! We need Setter Uppers at 5:00 pm, Servers at 6:30 pm, and Cleaner Uppers at 8:30 pm.

The next Coffeehouse is Friday, May 13 in the Family Life Center gym.

Sign Up: bit.ly/3kqoHGN

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

Children and Family Ministry



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

Congratulations to our Confirmands! And great job to our 7th grade Confirmation students who served at the Confirmation Banquet this week! You all are amazing!

* No Sunday School this week, May 1.

* Breakaway will meet on Sunday from 6:30-8:00 pm.

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

Graduating?



Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by May 20.

We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter. Please include the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans.

Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33. Thanks!

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



email- office@rlpcary.org
call- **919-851-7270**

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

will be offering summer camps for:

3-year-olds

(children currently attending our 2-yr-old classes are eligible)
(MUST be toilet-trained)

to rising kindergarteners

June 6 - 9

June 20 - 23

June 27 - 30

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

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



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-2023

Our admissions team is processing applications for all grades as we fill remaining seats for all grade levels.

Return your Enrollment Agreement with deposit by due date stated to ensure your spot.



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

In-Person Services

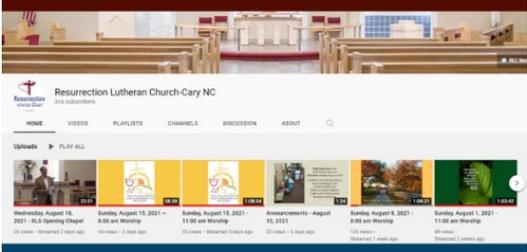


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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 May 1

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – May 1, 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:

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 Kupsky, Scott Brinkley, *Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed, Sue, Kathy

For Expectant Moms

Molly, Kelsey

Those Prayed for on April 24, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Easter Worship - Our Pastors, All Musicians, Worship Servants, and Office Staff who contributed to Our Celebration of the Resurrection!
- Our Many Blessings
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- Birth of Daughter, Savannah Grace, to Parents Amy and Jake Lambert, Granddaughter of *Susan Richard
- Lenten and Holy Week Worship, Our Staff and Volunteers Who Provide These Worship Opportunities
- Marriage, Family
- Career Support

For Healing

- *Becky Berger
- Carol, Chemotherapy
- Danny, Randi, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Tim, Keith, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Peter, Father, Pam, Harold, Donald, Gavin, Craig, Jonathan, Ellen, Shelby, Carol, Eric, Connie, Mara, Sue, Michelle, Angie

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Jessica
- Friends and Family of Marilyn Kochesberger, Friend of *Marcia Shaw
- Friends and Family of Mary Falkowski, Mother-In-Law of *Cheryl Falkowski

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Work of Call Committee for Resurrection Lutheran School Principal
- *Randi and Barry Munns
- All Seeking Employment
- Those Seeking Affordable Housing
- Safe Travels
- Persecuted Christians

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
- Divine Call to Teacher, Tyler Timm, for RLS Middle School

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.*

Attendance and Giving – May 1, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Sunday, April 24

6:00 pm - 38; 8:00 am - 61; 9:30 am - 98; 11:00 am - 105

Total In-Person Worship: 302

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am - 112; 11:00 am - 55

Total Online Views: 167 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: \$17,449.01

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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