

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022



Pastor's Corner for May 15-21

Life without the Walls

(Acts 11:1-18; Ephesians 2:11-22)

I remember visiting Caesarea Maritima in Israel for the first time five years ago and wondering what it must have been like to have been a humble Israeli fisherman like St. Peter entering this imposing city. Peter was sent by God to Caesarea to introduce Cornelius, a centurion from the occupying “enemy’s” army, to Jesus. The strongest impression as I approached the ruins of this ancient place was the high wall with details any citizen of the Roman empire would have loved (see my photo, above). Cornelius would be one of the first people inside those walls to hear the Gospel Good News about Jesus and believe. Faith, given by the power of the Holy

Spirit, was certainly no small thing for Cornelius. Being sent by God with a message of life to share (also by the power of the Holy Spirit) would have been no small thing for Peter, either!

In the book I've been reading with many of you called *The Great Sending*, Pastor Keith Kohlmeier writes not only about Cornelius's conversion. He talks about Peter's "conversion," too. "[St. Peter] is turned from a man who viewed [people like Cornelius] as common and unclean to a man who is willing to mingle with them." The crucified and resurrected Christ sent Peter and the first disciples to go and testify to the God who saves so that all the world might hear that message and live. You and I are sent, too. As I write this article from the Southeastern District Convention in Richmond, VA, I'm listening to our church leaders emphasize the "sent-ness" of the church. LCMS Florida-Georgia District President Greg Walton, in the opening devotion of our gathering on Thursday, referenced the multitude of saints in heaven from every tribe, nation, language, and people. They stand before the throne of God and the Lamb with no walls to divide them. Yet as different as they all are from one another, he reminded us, they all have one thing in common: someone had to have told each one of them about Jesus!

Aren't all of us who are on the receiving end of another person's testimony about Jesus to do likewise? How might the world look if each of us did our part to bring about the "barrier-free" world that Jesus' sending of Peter to Cornelius anticipated? We are not alone. The crucified and risen Christ, the One first sent by the Father (John 20:21), goes with us.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Rev. Dr. William Harmon Elected New President of the LCMS Southeastern District

As we give praise and thanksgiving to God for ten years of faithful service for President John Denninger and wife Connie, we also offer up our congratulations to Pastor Bill Harmon and wife Gayle. Bill has been elected to be the new president of the Southeastern District. We keep Bill and all of our newly elected district leaders in our prayers as they begin this new chapter of service together.

Requesting a Fulltime Director of Christian Education/Family Life at RLC

I wanted to let all of you know I've asked the Church Council to place the salary and benefits of a full-time DCE/DFL into the new budget for fiscal 2022-2023. You might be wondering: Why this new position? Why now?

Several part-time staff serving in Children and Family Ministry have either resigned or retired over the course of the last year and a half. The vacancies resulting from these openings make it financially feasible to consider hiring one full-time person.

Directors of Christian Education and/or Family Life Ministry in the LCMS are called (not contracted) as pastors and Lutheran school teachers are called. Rather than being ordained for Word and Sacrament ministry as pastors are, they are commissioned lay ministers of the church. They have a measure of training regarding LCMS doctrine and are qualified to (a) partner with pastors in overseeing religious education in the church and (b) partner with educators in reaching a particular age group with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A full-time Director of Christian Education or Family Life at RLC would...

- Join the ministerial team in overseeing strategic goals of ministry at RLC
- Work primarily with children between the ages of infancy and 8th grade AND their parents/families
- Oversee RLS and RLP chapels, ensuring that chapel content is engaging/picking up on what the children are learning in the classroom and reinforcing it in the context of worship
- Schedule events for children and Middle School youth intended to create friendships/community between RLS/RLP families and families not associated with our schools who worship at RLC
- Work with the pastors to see that milestone events at RLC (especially first communion and confirmation) are properly planned for and executed
- Oversee the children's Sunday School program and VBS
- Oversee children-specific worship in regular weekend worship services (e.g., Children's Messages and Children's Church)

Assuming this recommendation is approved by the congregation, we would move forward to form a call committee for the DCE/DFL sometime this summer. I invite

you to bring along your questions on the topic when you attend the June Voters' Meeting... or reach out to me about them at any time. Many thanks!

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan



*Prayers
of the Church*

[click here](#)



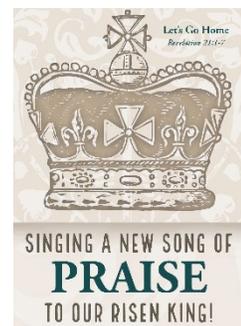
Worship Bulletins

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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.



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!

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services, May 14/15.

Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box
in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC,
and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale,
% Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 W. Lochmere Dr.,
Cary NC 27518.

The large Mite Box is always available
at the Welcome table in the Narthex
for gifts anytime during the month.



*Thank you for supporting the mission grants
of Lutheran Women in Mission.*



**COFFEE &
Fellowship**

**Join us at 10:30 am on Sunday
in front of the Family Life Center!**

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).

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.



Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, May 21** in the Fellowship Hall. Grace is at 8:00 am. Mark your calendars!

Weekly Study and Fellowship

Monday Weekly will wrap up the season on **Monday, May 23** with a potluck starting at 6:30 pm in Room 240 of the Family Life Center.

Men with Kids Study

Men with Kids Wednesday Group continues at 6:30 pm in Room 247 of the Family Life Center.

Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Pray for Our Military

God, we honor and praise you as our Creator and Savior, through you we ask praise and honor bestowed on all those who serve to protect and defend us. As a Sovereign Father in your power, watch over those who serve in our armed forces, today and of past, and provide protection oversight for their families with Your strength and comfort.

As we approach Armed Forces Day, we will hear the songs for each service.

The Army Song

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong (TWO! THREE!)
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along

Graduating?

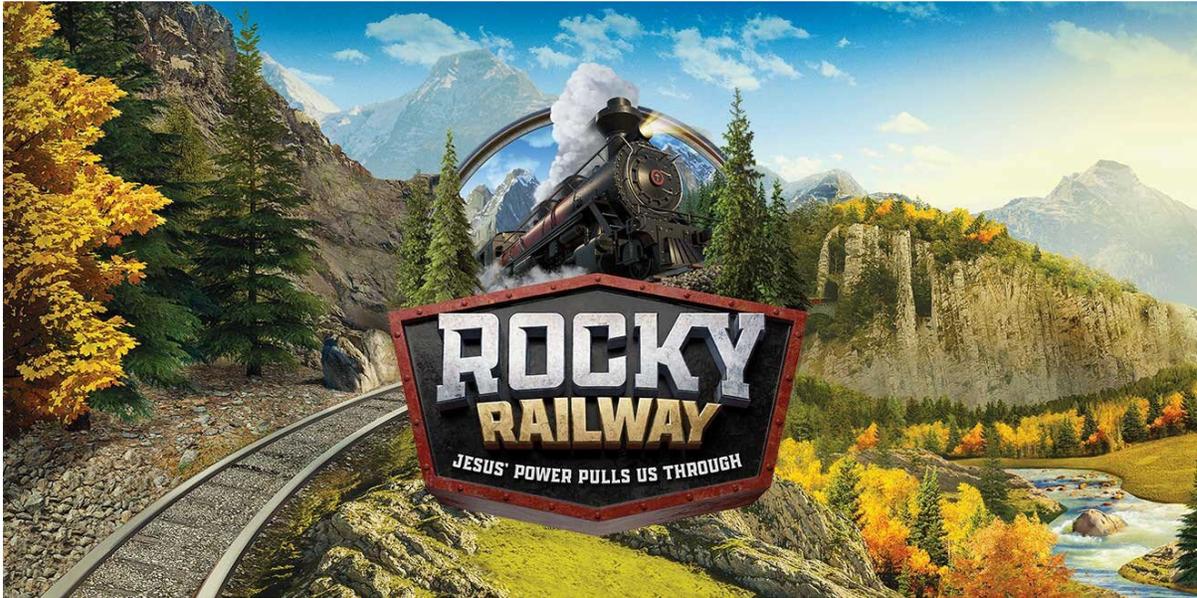


Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by May 20.

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!

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.

***Come have fun with us!** We are still looking for a few more adults to help during VBS week.

Contact Kelsey Sarrault at kelseysarrault@rlcary.org with any questions or to volunteer.

May 2022 Family Prayer Calendar

Student Ministry

Here's what is coming up:

***Sunday School/Connection Cafe** for only 2 more weeks! Haven't checked it out yet? Try it - Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am!

***Breakaway Leadership Meeting** - Sunday, May 15 from 12:30-2:00 pm.

***Breakway** - Sunday, May 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

***Ignite Youth Group** - Sunday, May 22 from 1:30-3:00 pm.

***YouthWorks Mission Trip** - Youth and Parent Informational Meeting on Wednesday, May 25 from 6:45-7:45 pm.

***NYG Parent Meeting** on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 pm. This is for youth and their parents.

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



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



OPEN HOUSE
MAY 18 10-11
JR KINDERGARTEN-8TH

Contact
Admissions@RLSCary.org



100 W Lochmere Drive
www.rlscary.org

Current RLS Lion's Tale

In-Person Services

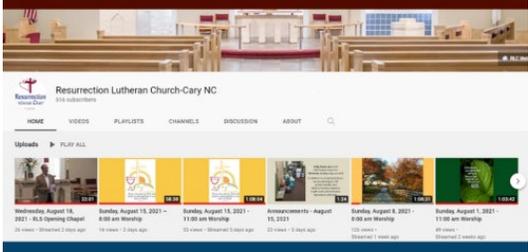


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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 15

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – May 15, 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 May 8, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Our 13 Recently Confirmed Youth and Their Families
- All Our Moms as We Celebrate Mother's Day
- All Who Helped with a Successful Operation InAsMuch on Saturday, May 7
- Return of Blind Ministry Food & Fellowship, and All Who Volunteered
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- Acceptance of Divine Call to Teacher, Tyler Timm for RLS Middle School
- Our Many Blessings
- Olivia's Birthday

For Healing

- *Becky Berger
- Carol, Chemotherapy
- *Eric Hammergren, Surgery on May 10
- *Daisy Morris, Recovery in Rehab

- *Millie Hiteshew
- Helen, *Sharon Hahne's Mother
- Stevenson Family
- Laurie Zadow, *Doug Zadow's Mother
- Hope, Helen, Millie, Annie, Jacque, Weston, Timmy, Justin, Red, Brian, Keith, Mark, Tim, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Randi, Jim, Ken, Harold, Donald, Gavin, Eric, Alan, Linda Jonathan, Ellen, Shelby, Mara, Sue, Connie, Debbie, Baby Oliver
- Friend with Brain Tumor

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Mary Falkowski, Mother-In-Law of *Cheryl Falkowski
- Friends and Family of Dale Pretidge, *MaryAnn Unger's Sister

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
- Annie Ruth Ford, *Dennis Ford's Mom
- Persecuted Christians
- A Peaceful Solution for Crisis in Europe

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

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and Megan Mantey, Uganda
[Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!](#)
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
[Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!](#)
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)

*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 15, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 8

6:00 pm - 35; 8:00 am - 55; 9:30 am - 102; 11:00 am - 87

Total In-Person Worship: 279

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, May 8

8:00 am - 100; 11:00 am - n/a (service unable to live stream due to technical issues)

Total Online Views: 100 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: \$23,908.23

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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