

## Third Sunday After Pentecost

### June 26, 2022

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*Pastor's Corner for June 26-July 2*

#### **Proper 8: Looking Ahead (Luke 9:57-62)**

What does messy discipleship look like this week? In the Gospel reading for this weekend, we find Jesus surrounded by would-be followers who have very understandable business to attend to before following Him. But that doesn't seem to matter to Jesus. Jesus wants His disciples to look ahead to Him— not back.

What happens when we look ahead, rather than behind?

It's true that following Jesus' call to look ahead is not always easy. Jesus' call to any who would follow Him is a call to a radical form of discipleship. Before the would-be disciples in Luke's Gospel encounter Him, we read Jesus had "set His face to go

to Jerusalem” (9:51) where He would be put to death on a cross, to die. Would people have been as inclined to follow Jesus if they had known where He was headed? Humanly speaking, I know I wouldn’t have been. Jesus said about Himself that “The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head” (9:58). I like my own down-filled pillow and my own comfortable bed. I know how often fulfilling family and social obligations can get in the way of following my Lord. When it comes to following Jesus, looking ahead can be uncomfortable and not-at-all what I want for myself.

But consider: Is it possible that the image of putting our hand to the plow and not looking back can be a call away from not only all the pleasant things in our lives that distract us, things like family and friends, comforts and satisfying memories... but also all the waywardness in our lives, past mistakes and which God has already forgiven? Looking ahead to Jesus means no longer living in the past but relishing the present moment and receiving the grace of God to face whatever the future may hold. Jesus’ “Follow me” is a call to an adventure that will almost certainly involve giving something up. Yet just as Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem ended with a cross and an empty tomb, there is abundant life in store where Jesus leads.

None of us, the messy disciples that we are, are truly fit for the kingdom of God. But Jesus calls us anyway: “Follow me!” His undeserved love for us keeps our attention where nothing else in the world truly can: focused forward. Looking ahead, we can’t wait to see what He will accomplish in and through us!

In peace and joy,  
Pastor Jonathan



*Prayers  
of the Church*

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## Messy Discipleship

Life is messy! Our calendars are full, our phones are buzzing, our families are loud, we have so much going on all the time it can easily feel like our messy lives are spiraling out of our control! We would love it if God waved His strong right hand over our mess and simply made it all disappear. But God does something even greater than that... He enters into our mess and makes us His disciples. By the presence of God the Holy Spirit, our God engages with us as His messy disciples and uses us for His work. In our summer sermon series, we will be taking a look at some Old Testament stories examining the way that God has used and continues to use messy disciples like us in His salvation story.

### Messy Discipleship, 2:



### No Way Out!

1 Kings 19:9b-19

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**Saturday, June 25**

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.



Baptized on Sunday, June 26 at home is

**William Owen Guerin**

born April 24, 2022,  
son of Zachary John Guerin and  
Renee Michelle Guerin.

Godparents are Eric Swanburg  
and Bonnie Hertenstein.

*May God's blessing be upon  
William Owen  
as he grows in his baptismal grace.*

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## Youth Commissioning

The YouthWorks Mission Trip has returned to RLC this summer! At the 11:00 am service this week, we will be commissioning our youth and adult leaders who are heading out to Spindale, North Carolina from June 26-July 1. Our crew consists of 7 youth and 2 adult leaders who will work beside other churches to serve the community and people of Rutherford County.

*Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.*

*Romans 12:9a*



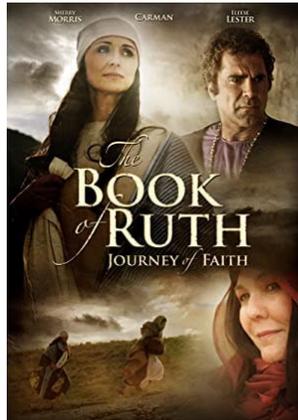
Blessings as you serve to Pastor Zach, Ms. Jenny,  
Eva, Sophia, Katy, Michelle, Josh, Wyatt, and Jonah!

## Christian Film Festival

This summer, join us on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall to view and discuss the following movies:

### **June 29 ~ *The Book of Ruth: Journey of Faith***

This small Old Testament book (4 chapters) is a triumphant love story in the face of adversity. Ruth chooses to follow Naomi, an Israelite, and declare that she is choosing Naomi's God, Yahweh. She gives birth to Obed and becomes the great-grandmother of King David. She is one of the Gentile women who are in the lineage of King Jesus.



**July 6 ~ Christmas in July! *The Nativity***, based upon Luke 2 and Matthew 2

**July 13 ~ *Amazing Love: The Story of Hosea***, based upon Hosea Chapters 1-3

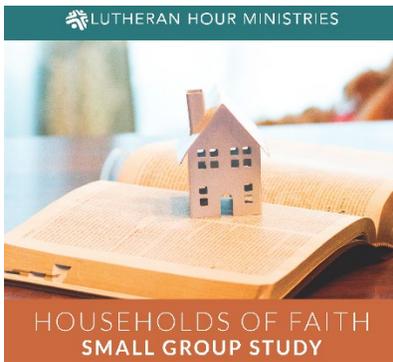
**July 20 ~ *Seasons of Gray: A Modern Day Story of Joseph***, based upon Genesis Chapters 37-50

Questions can be directed to Mindy Stephani or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## Households of Faith

In Lutheran Hour Ministries' *Households of Faith* video study, you'll learn how to apply spiritual disciplines, extend hospitality, and engage in spiritual conversations so you can transform your household into a more open and engaging place where God's love is shared, and people are encouraged to learn more about Jesus.



**Who is it for?** Families with Students (kindergarten through high school). Bring your students and we'll talk about growing in the faith together!

**Dates:** Thursdays, July 7, July 21, and August 4

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Sarrault's House (238 Fairview Road, Cary - subject to change)

Register with the church office at [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248. Questions can be directed to [Pastor Zach Sarrault](#).

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## The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse on June 10! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. *Please come be a volunteer!* We need setter uppers at 5:00 pm (both food and room), servers at 6:30 pm, and cleaner uppers at 8:30 pm.

The next Coffeehouse is Friday, July 8 in the Family Life Center gym.

Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN>

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

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## The Poet Speaks With God

People of faith have expressed themselves to God through poetry for many centuries. We have all enjoyed and have found both comfort and inspiration in the psalms of David. This study will examine poems by four men who were deeply devout followers of Christ and will trace the connections that each poem has with Scripture. Edward Taylor, John Donne, John Milton, and Gerard Manley Hopkins are regarded today as four truly outstanding poets.

Come join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall from July 10-August 28** as we explore beautiful poems in which, like King David, these men express the concerns, joys, fears, frustrations, and hopes they experienced in their walk with God.

Questions? Contact Larry Cameron or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## Journey of the Quilt



Tuesday, July 12 from 1:00-2:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall and Via Zoom  
(Link Forthcoming)

Join us for a coffee table interview with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to discuss their efforts in both Ukraine and Poland helping refugees. Listen to the story of the "Journey of the Quilt" from the point of local pick-up to final destinations and distribution around the world. The need for quilts is escalating for families displaced in Ukraine and Poland, especially with the approaching winter months. Representatives from LWR will share stories of their current impact in these countries and answer questions as to how we as a congregation and The Piecemakers Quilting Group can minister to these families in need of warmth, comfort, and prayer.

This session will be recorded and available for future viewing. Questions? Contact [Deb Oesterling](mailto:Deb Oesterling) or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



email- [office@rlpcary.org](mailto: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 27 - 30**

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

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](mailto:office@rlpcary.org) or call 919-851-7270 to enroll or schedule an individual tour.

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## Resurrection Lutheran School



Contact [admissions@rlscary.org](mailto:admissions@rlscary.org) for more information.

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*In-Person Services*

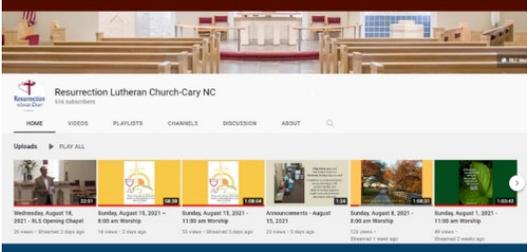


**Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**  
 Saturday, 6:00 pm  
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

**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](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)  
 or through our website at  
[rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](https://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

**Visual Faith for June 26**

**Attendance and Giving**

**Church Calendar**



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## Prayers of the Church – June 26, 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 Kupsy, Scott Brinkley, \*Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Javed, Sue, Kathy

#### For Expectant Moms

Molly, Kelsey

#### Those Prayed for on June 19, 2022

#### Thanking God Today

- Safe Travels
- Vacation Bible School, Attendees and Facilitators
- Grandson's College Graduation
- Our Many Blessings

#### For Healing

- \*Becky Berger
- Carol, Chemotherapy
- \*Eric Hammergren, Recovery
- \*Hope Studt, Recovery
- \*Daisy Morris, Recovery
- Laurie Zadow, Mother of \*Doug Zadow
- \*Linda Merrill's Brother-In-Law Jim
- All Those with COVID, Those Exposed to COVID
- \*Pastor Daniel Haertling, Heart Valve Replacement
- \*Mel Talenski

- Carol, Kathy, Randi, Justin, Red, Brian, Tim, Mark, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Keith, Weston, Grant, Grandson's Sport Injury, Ken, Harold, Donald, Penny, Randi, Alan, Jonathan, Ellen, Shelby, Julian, Connie, Eric, Mara, Sue

### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of \*Linda Cook's Brother
- Friends and Family of \*Karen Ferro's Father
- Friends and Family of \*Nick Cassimatis' Sister
- Friends and Family of Sandra Davis (\*Jan Kretzschmar's Daughter-In-Law's Mother)
- Friends and Family of TJ Burns (\*Rasmussen's Friend and Neighbor)
- Friends and Family of Ricky Narron (\*Rasmussen's Friend and Neighbor)

### **For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance**

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Persecuted Christians
- Work of Call Committee for Resurrection Lutheran School Principal
- \*Randi and Barry Munns
- Annie Ruth Ford, \*Dennis Ford's Mother
- \*Eric and Jill Hammergren
- Helen, \*Sharon Hahne's Mother
- Vacation Bible School
- Those Affected by Gun Violence
- Shortage of Baby Formula and Necessary Supplies
- \*Pam Dixon, Awaiting Results

### **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
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya

*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 – June 26, 2022

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, June 18

6:00 pm - 46

#### Sunday, June 19

8:00 am - 59; 9:30 am - 76; 11:00 am - 94

**Total In-Person Worship: 275**

### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

#### Sunday, June 19

8:00 am - 87; 11:00 am - 31

**Total Online Views: 118 views**

### General Fund Giving and Spending - May 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 102,861.13	\$ 1,176,560.33
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 106,858.27</u>	<u>\$ 1,161,294.18</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -3,997.14	\$ 15,266.15

Last Week's Offerings: \$18,590.46

Average Weekly Giving for 2020/21: \$24,511.67

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](http://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

Questions? Contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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