

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 3, 2022



Pastor's Corner for July 3-9

Proper 9: Independence and Interdependence (Isaiah 66:10-14)

Fireworks, picnics, and family get-togethers are on the minds of many this weekend. We celebrate the independence and birth of our nation! At the same time that we mark this national holiday, our appointed Old Testament reading highlights our dependence on God and interdependence on one another. According to Isaiah, the people of God are comforted by God as a tiny infant is comforted by his mother. God comforts them... and continues to comfort a shattered world through them. It's a timely message, no matter the holiday or time of year.

Ever been to Colonial Williamsburg (CW) and watched the orientation movie “The Story of a Patriot”? The film was quite a production in its day and starred Jack Lord, who most of us kids recognized from the original Hawaii Five-O series. Growing up in Virginia, I well remember taking relatives to Williamsburg and seeing the opening shots of that movie while experiencing the wonderful cold blast of air conditioning you got inside the CW Welcome Center. If you’ve watched the film, you know the main turning point in the fictional lead character’s transformation from British citizen to American patriot was a Day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer established by the House of Burgesses on June 1, 1774. There was an underlying political purpose in declaring that Day of Prayer, to be sure. But the unknowns surrounding the unjust actions of the British government brought the people of that time to seek comfort in God’s promises and to find collaboration, cooperation, and mutual sacrifice (in other words, interdependence) with one another which such comfort made possible.

Not much has changed in 250 years. Our hungry hearts are still nourished by God’s Word. We still find comfort in our loving God who hears our prayers and relieves our burdens. We still don’t do this discipleship thing alone, but together. As a truly free and independent yet interdependent people... let’s all enjoy a safe and happy July 4th holiday again this year!

Well-Wishes for Pastor Elliott Robertson

We have been notified that Pastor Elliott Robertson, pastor at RLC from February 1992 to February 1997, will be retiring from his current pastorate at Martini Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Maryland on August 28. Pastor Robertson’s retirement caps 37 years of fruitful ministry. If you know Pastor Robertson and would like to send a card, you may send greetings and well-wishes to the following address:

Rev. Elliott Robertson
Martini Lutheran Church
100 W. Henrietta Street
Baltimore, MD 21230

Erika Hulse to Begin Service at RLC as Director of Children's Ministry

I am grateful to Erika Hulse for stepping up and serving as our interim Director of Children's Ministry while RLC undergoes the divine call process for a fulltime Director of Christian Education/Family Life Ministry. Erika, already a fulltime educator and member of RLC's Church Council, will have limited hours each week to dedicate to the task. But we are so blessed to have her heading up RLC's Sunday School for 2022-2023 as she leads us to bring the love of Jesus to RLC children in our church's programming this year. A service of installation for Erika in this part-time staff position will take place in all services on the weekend of July 30 and 31.

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



*Prayers
of the Church*

Worship Bulletins

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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, 3:



I Will Comfort You

Isaiah 66:10-14



Baptized on Sunday, July 3 at 11:00 am is

Emily Jordan Alladin

born October 11, 2013

and

Avery Payton Alladin

born January 23, 2009

daughters of Christopher F. Alladin and Gina M. Alladin.

Godparents are Adam and Erin Metzger.

*May God's blessing be upon
Emily Jordan and Avery Payton
as they grow in their baptismal grace.*

Celebrate Christmas in July and Help Local Charities!

Christmas trees have been placed outside the Sanctuary and Family Life Center with "ornaments" highlighting specific needs requested by the following organizations:

* **Families Together** (famielstogethernc.org)

We believe every family deserves a home, and children should never have to wonder where they're going to sleep at night. This is why we connect families to stable homes as quickly as possible - and why we remain connected with them to ensure that they begin the process of bettering their lives.

* **Raleigh Rescue Mission** (raleighrescue.org)

Through the love of Jesus Christ, Raleigh Rescue Mission transforms lives of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness by ministering to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

* **Safe Families for Children** (safe-families.org)

SFFC hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like supports for families facing a crisis through a community of compassionate volunteers to keep children safe and families together.

* **Gateway Women's Care** (gatewaywomens.care)

We are committed to serving women and men in the community by providing medical, educational, and support services and resources related to pregnancy and

sexual health without condemnation or manipulation.

Please take an ornament (or two!) and place the unwrapped gifts with the tag attached under the trees anytime between now and **the weekend of July 30-31**.

Gift cards can be put in the boxes under the tree or left in the church office.

Thank you for helping us serve people in need in our community!

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.

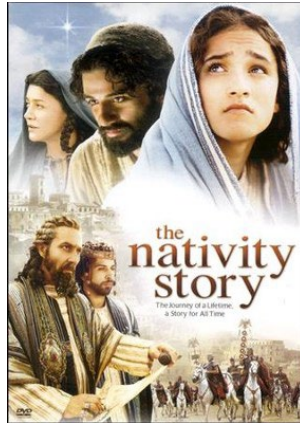
Questions? Contact Larry Cameron or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

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:

July 6 ~ Christmas in July! *The Nativity*

Mary and Joseph take an incredible journey of hope and discovery. In the cruelest of times under Herod's torturous reign, families struggle to survive. In this familiar but beautiful re-telling of the familiar story, we are once again reminded of God's amazing grace.



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).

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 or 919-851-7248. Questions can be directed to [Pastor Zach Sarrault](#).

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).

Journey of the Quilt



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

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.

Zoom Link: <https://corusinternational-org.zoom.us/j/81012575655>

This session will be recorded and available for future viewing. Questions?

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

Children and Family Ministry



Sundays during 11:00 am Service

July 10, July 31, August 7

Children, ages 3-6, invited for Bible lesson
with crafts and songs during sermon.

Helps to Grow Their Faith!



Student Ministry

Breakaway

We had so many exciting things happen at the end of our school year! I am so grateful for all of the amazing youth leaders, college crew helpers, and parents that made it possible. I want to throw out a couple of really quick thanks to wrap up this year:

- **Breakaway Leadership Team**
The end of the year is always the busiest and y'all shined with committing extra time, lots of set up and even some really hot temperatures.
- **Shaw and Key Families**
Thank you so much for donating the pizza for our water day! It was so much fun to have some extra time and not have to worry about food
- **Just Jump Inflatables**
Seriously, this company worked with this crazy idea we came up with 5 days before our event. They are a small family-owned business right down the road from the church. Highly recommend!
- **Seniors**
Thanks for making Breakaway a priority and sharing your special accomplishments with us. This is not goodbye but see you soon! We truly wish you well and know your journey will be blessed.

It was so awesome to stop in and see SO MANY youth volunteering at VBS! You blew me away with your commitment to our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. Those littles had so much fun and walked away knowing Jesus loves them. Job well done!

It is officially summer! We will kick off in AUGUST! Yep, you read that right. Mid-August (after the NYG dust has settled) we will start our programming and kick off another great school year.

[Click here to see WHY BREAKAWAY?!](#)

Joyfully His,
Ms. Jenny, Youth Director
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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



Contact admissions@rlscary.org for more information.

In-Person Services

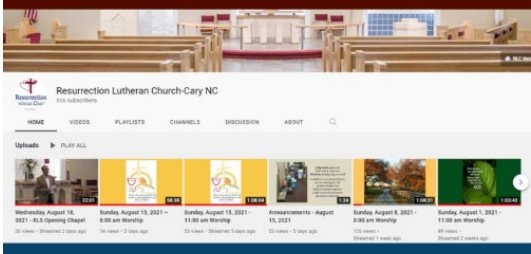


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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 July 3

Visual Faith for Independence Day

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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