

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 10, 2022



Pastor's Corner for July 10-16

Context Is Everything (Luke 10:25-37)

Last week, RLC Middle Schoolers went to Spindale, NC to be a blessing to some of the good folks there. (Pictured above are photos provided by RLC Youth Director Jenny Piontek depicting service projects underway on a local home renovation and a summer activity for children at a Rutherford County YMCA.) By all accounts from Jenny and Pastor Zach, who accompanied the kids on the trip, it was a time to not only serve, but to be blessed in the serving!

Service in all its manifold forms is an appropriate time to consider Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan... our Gospel text for this weekend. It is a familiar story. In fact, "Good Samaritan" is so familiar to most of us that the term has even entered our popular parlance and dictionaries. It's used to describe any person who does charitable work or helps a person facing sudden need.

Today as I read the parable again, I'm reminded of the slogan "context is everything." Taken out of context, Jesus' story of a man helped by a despised foreigner, followed by the command to "go and do likewise," would be little more

than a morality tale. In its original context, much more is going on! First, we see Jesus telling the parable to one who seemed to think he was perfectly fulfilling the Law to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind,” and “your neighbor as yourself” (10:27-28). The man listening to Jesus is unaware of his own need for help and mercy to love others— Jesus’ story is a wakeup call! But there’s also the wider context. Jesus is the only person in all the New Testament gospels who feels the brand of compassion for another person “deep down,” the way we’re told that the Samaritan man feels it (the Greek term is *splangchnizomai*, 10:33). And Jesus doesn’t just tell a story about a compassionate outsider. He lives it out. He lays down His own life for messy people like us, on a cross. Context is everything.

So, this week while we look for opportunities to serve, we also look up for the gift of our heavenly Father’s compassion for us in Christ Jesus, which makes that service possible. In Him we are blessed to be a blessing!

New Sunday Morning Bible Class Opportunity Begins This Sunday (July 10)

This Sunday, we welcome Mr. Larry Cameron as our new adult Bible Class leader for a special summer study. Larry will help us consider various well-known Bible verses in a devotional way, alongside the work of poets who felt joys, fears, frustrations and hopes like those expressed in the Scriptures. Larry is a retired educator and school administrator who recently moved to our area with wife Marina, to be closer to family. We are grateful for this time together that Larry is facilitating and hope you are able to join us for this focus on God’s Word.

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

*Prayers
of the Church*

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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, 4:



Because I Said So

Leviticus 19:9-18



Veterans Lunch Crew

**Wednesday, July 13
at 12:00 pm**

IHOP
1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary

RSVP through RCB

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).

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!



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** (famiestogethernc.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!

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>

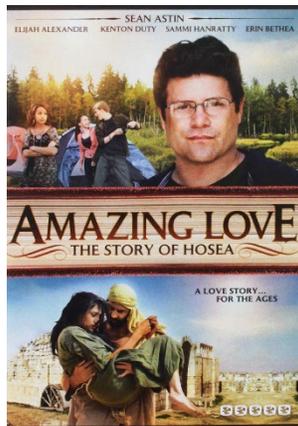
This session will be recorded and available for future viewing. Questions?
Contact Deb Oesterling or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

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 13 ~ **Amazing Love: The Story of Hosea**

Told along with a modern story of a teenage weekend camping trip, we see a story of true commitment and unconditional love, both the biblical story centuries ago and an allegory of this day and age.

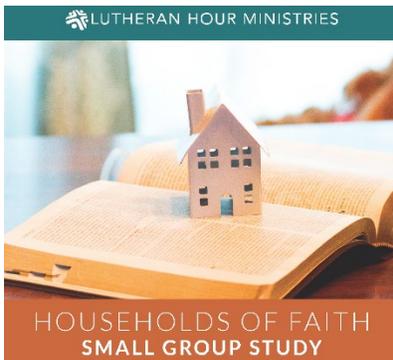


July 20 ~ *Seasons of Gray: A Modern Day Story of Joseph*, based upon Genesis Chapters 37-50

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. (Feel free to join the group at any time!)

Dates: Thursdays, 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](#).

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, July 29 from 5:30-7:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy to learn more and for volunteer needs
or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Student Ministry



And they are off!

Please cover our team of youth participants and adult leaders in prayer
as they travel to Houston, Texas for a week
of LCMS National Youth Gathering (NYG) activities.



Welcome back after a fun-filled week of serving!

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

RLS has been blessed with minimal teacher and staff turnover. However, each year we are presented with new opportunities for passionate educators interested in joining the RLS family. Our leadership team is currently **interviewing qualified candidates** for the following positions:

- Middle School Science Teacher
- Physical Education Teacher (JK-8)
- Teacher Assistant-Lower Elementary (part-time)
- After School Care Director (M-Th)

The goal is to finalize staffing decisions within the next two weeks. Please submit a resume or refer qualified candidates to bobunger@rlscary.org.

Latest Lion's Tale

In-Person Services

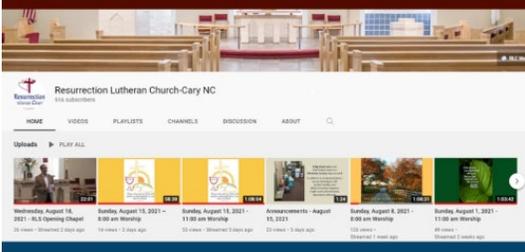


Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Sunday, 8:00 am and 9:30 am

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 July 10

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar



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*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 July 3, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- YouthWorks Servant Event
- Youth and Leaders Preparing for the National Youth Gathering in Houston
- 4th of July Celebrations, Travel, Time with Friends and Family
- Family Reunions
- Baptisms

For Healing

- *Becky Berger
- Carol, Chemotherapy
- *Greta Hervey, Recovery
- *Hope Studt, Recovery
- All Those with COVID, Those Exposed to COVID
- *Pastor Daniel Haertling, Recovery
- Kathy, Randi, Bill, Jane, Pam, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Timmy, Keith, Kevin, Carlton, Carol, Anne,
Anna, Skylar, Carter, Lena, Ken, Donald, Harold, Penny, Eric, Mara, Sue, Connie, Karen, Ann

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Juanita Heinemann (Aunt of *Lecia Cecconi-Roberts)
- Friends and Family of Jeff Alvey, Friend of *Stacy Reed
- Friends and Family of Greg Poole, Friend of *Stacy Reed
- Friends and Family of Steve Meyer, Husband of Bonnie Wyse and Brother-In-Law to *Cynthia Wyse and Marlene Kibler
- Friends and Family of Patricia Williamson, Mother of *Pat Smith
- Friends and Family of Hele, Mother of *Sharon Hahne

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
- *Eric and Jill Hammergren
- *Pam Dickson
- *Bill Xenakis
- Waiting for Rain
- Jackson Buser, Safety and Protection
- Our Nation's Founding Fathers, 1st Amendment Rights
- Gabby, Loss of 13-day old Infant
- Protection for the Pro Life Pregnancy Centers, Staff, and Clients
- Families with Family Members in Hospice

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, and Their Families
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and School 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 – July 10, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, July 2

6:00 pm - 45

Sunday, July 3

8:00 am - 51; 9:30 am - 75; 11:00 am - 82

Total In-Person Worship: 253

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, July 3

8:00 am - 118; 11:00 am - 45

Total Online Views: 163 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: \$21,024.45

Average Weekly Giving for 2021/22: \$24,511.67

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2021/22: \$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

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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