

# Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 31, 2022

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*Pastor's Corner for July 31-August 6*

## **Wisdom Regarding Riches (Luke 12:13-21)**

This past week I ran across an article from data cruncher HomeSnacks.com that our town of Cary, NC is, according to recent Census Bureau information, the “richest city in the United States” ([to see the article, click here](#)). You may or may not agree with that statement. You may not feel especially rich, yourself. But the argument could certainly be made that if there were a community in the United States likely to benefit from a conversation about wisdom and riches, we would be one of them.

Reread and meditate on Jesus' parable in Luke 12 this week. It's pretty straightforward and relatable. A guy who is on the receiving end of bumper crops (a gift from God's hand) has so much he doesn't know what to do with it all. So, he

finds a place to store it all. Thinking this spells sweet success for the day he can retire and enjoy it, he socks it all away but dies before he can cash in. Jesus doesn't define what He means when He talks about being "rich toward God." But the dispute between two brothers over an inheritance, a dispute that occasions His telling of the parable, suggests that letting wealth and possessions get in the way of our relationships is what constitutes true poverty. Can it be that the real tragedy of this parable is not so much the inevitability that the rich man died... but that he never truly lived?

True wisdom regarding riches comes from the Spirit-gifted awareness that all good things— especially the gift of our rescue in Christ, is purely a gift to us. St. Paul writes, "Though [Jesus] was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that through His poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). God has been generous toward us! We give thanks this week for all that we have been gifted by God. Made wise to use what we have for others, let's live life to the full.

#### **Nursery Support Available This Weekend in the 9:30 AM Service**

We welcome and encourage parents to bring children of all ages, including infants, into the sanctuary during worship. However, for those who find they can worship more easily with a little extra help, the nursery will be staffed this Sunday (July 31) during the 9:30 service.

#### **RLC Bids Farewell to Called Teacher Jenny Hundertmark and Family**

Jenny Hundertmark, our called and commissioned RLC teacher serving in the Resurrection Lutheran School Middle School, has received and accepted a Divine Call from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stuart, Florida. ([To read her letter, click here.](#)) We will miss her and her family dearly! We pray God's continued blessing on Jenny's ministry as she makes this change and begins a new life chapter.

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, 7:



### **Life is Meaningless!**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26



## Saturday, July 30

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.

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAITHMAIL PROJECT

**A Way to Bless Others!**  
with Jamee Thieme  
Visual Faith® Coach

August 4, 2022  
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Visual Faith® Ministry Jamee Thieme

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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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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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**.

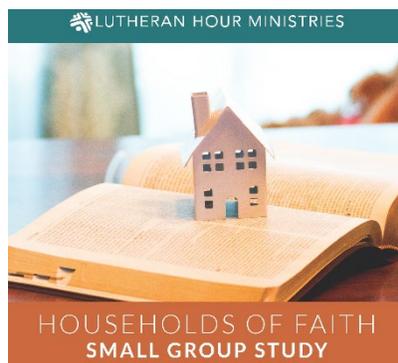
Gift cards can be put in the boxes under the tree or left in the church office.

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

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

**Dates:** Thursday, 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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**CAROLINAS DISTRICT LWML/  
Lutheran Women in Mission RETREAT**

**Mountaintop Journeys with Jesus**

CAMP RETREAT WEEKEND

DATE: August 19-21, 2022

LOCATION: Camp Linn Haven – Linville, N.C.

The Western Zone invites you to join them at this year's Carolinas District LWML Retreat for fellowship, Bible study, great food, and loads of fun!

**Please register by August 6, 2022,** so we may plan accordingly.

Retreat Registration, \$10

Camp Fees, \$100 (payable upon arrival)

For more information about how to register, contact Carol Bostick through RCB.



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**The Coffeehouse  
for Special Needs Adults**

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse on July 8! 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.

Next Coffeehouse is Friday, August 12 in the Family Life Center gym. The Engraved Band will play for us.

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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**August 1-August 21**

**Place items in bins located in the Narthex  
and Family Life Center Lobby.**



Tools4Schools is a program of WakeEd Partnership that allows Wake County public school teachers to "shop" for school supplies for their classrooms.

Most-Needed Items:

- ✓ Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pens, Sharpies, Highlighters, Markers
- ✓ Pocket Folders, Binders, Spiral Notebooks, Composition Books
- ✓ Construction Paper, Post-It Notes, Easel Pads, Index Cards
- ✓ Clorox Wipes, Scissors, Glue Sticks, Pencil Sharpeners, Tissues

[Click Here for Full Wish List](#)

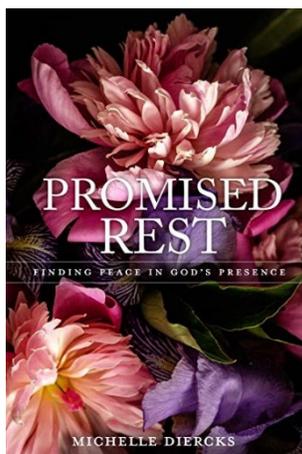
You can also order from the [Tools4Schools Amazon Wish List](#) and have it delivered directly to them!

*Join us in supporting the teachers of Wake County!*

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## Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Join us in person on **Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm, starting September 12** through October 31 in Room 151, Family Life Center, for a new study of *Promised Rest* by Michelle Diercks. We will also have a Zoom group available at the same time on Monday evenings.



Each week of this eight-week study will feature a new name or characteristic of God along with its pronunciation and a biblical fact about it. Learn from author Michelle Dierck's personal anecdotes and biblical examples of how you can, and should, cling to God's names during times of anxiety and hardship.

Books are available through [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com), [cph.org](http://cph.org), or Amazon. Amazon also has the book available in the Kindle store.

Questions? Contact Jamee Thieme through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

### Save the Date!

Pastor Jonathan's Ordination Anniversary Celebration will be held on **Saturday, September 24** at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Details to follow in the near future.

### Mission Opportunity!

Have a heart for short-term mission work? Life For Uganda is forming a mission team to visit Uganda in February 2023.

If you're interested in joining the team, or simply want more information, please contact Cheryl Fike, Ron Bostick, or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).



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### Children and Family Ministry

Erika Hulse has been appointed to serve as the **Children's Ministry Director** at Resurrection Lutheran Church. She will be installed to this new, part-time position during the weekend of **July 30/31** at all services.

## Nursery for Infants and Toddlers

Nursery room will be staffed on Sunday, July 31  
from 9:15-10:45 am.

The room is open to use (unattended)  
on all Sundays, 7:45-10:45 am.

It is located in Room 115,  
near the restrooms by Fellowship Hall,  
next door down the hall.



Sundays during 11:00 am Service  
**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



Thank you, RLC, for your prayers over our Youth Gathering participants. We truly got to experience God In All Things.

[Check out this Thank You video filmed before the trip!](#)

Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, September 11**, we will host a Mission and Ministry Presentation in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30 am. We are so excited to share our experiences with you, so be ready to come with questions and help us to share all the ways God worked through our group!

Jenny Piontek, Youth Director, [jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org)

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

## Resurrection Lutheran School



We are **interviewing qualified candidates** for:

- Middle School Science Teacher
- After School Care Director (Mon.-Thu.)

Please submit a resume or refer candidates to [bobunger@rlscary.org](mailto:bobunger@rlscary.org).



**rlscary.org**

Junior Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

**Visual Faith for July 31**

**Attendance and Giving**

**Church Calendar**



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## Prayers of the Church – July 31, 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, Glenn Wagner, Pamm Haley

#### **For Expectant Moms**

Molly, Kelsey, Linka

#### **Those Prayed for on July 24, 2022**

#### **Thanking God Today**

- Our Many Blessings
- Our RLC Family
- Youth and Leaders at National Youth Gathering in Houston - Safe Return
- Safe Travels
- \*Bob Wiley's First Grandchild, Nora Lemm, born July 16, 8 lbs. 13 oz., 20 in.
- Mekane Yesus Conference and Combined Church Service and Fellowship
- Wedding, July 30
- Rain
- One Year Anniversary
- Jacob's Birthday

#### **For Healing**

- \*Becky Berger
- Carol, Chemotherapy
- \*Greta Hervey, Recovery; \*Hope Studt, Recovery
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering From COVID

- \*Pastor Daniel Haertling, Recovery
- Brian Reilly; Philip Flood
- \*John Heilman; \*Bill Xenakis
- Laura, Jacque, Gordon, Jenny, Kathy, Randi, Bill, Jane, Justin, Tim, Red, Brian, Franz, Mark, Wenson, Keith, Carlton, Anne, Anna, Carol, Skylar, Lena, Hope, Marcus and Janeth, Bryan, Shirley, Jim, Ken, Donald, Harold, Eric, Marty

#### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Helen, Mother of \*Sharon Hahne
- Friends and Family of Chuck Dietz, Cousin of \*Jan Boyer
- Friends and Family of Joey Fister

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

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- Work of Call Committee for Resurrection Lutheran School Principal
- Filling Teaching Positions at Resurrection Lutheran School
- \*Randi and Barry Munns; \*Eric and Jill Hammergren
- \*Pam Dickson
- \*Bill Xenakis
- Jackson Buser, Safety and Protection
- Mother Awaiting Test Results
- Passing Premature Baby
- Friend Peter Undergoing Medical Tests

#### **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 31, 2022

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, July 23

6:00 pm - 44

#### Sunday, July 24

8:00 am - 68; 9:30 am - cancelled

Joint Worship with Mekane Yesus Conference, 11:00 am - 220

**Total In-Person Worship: 332**

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

#### Sunday, July 24

8:00 am - 250

Joint Worship with Mekane Yesus Conference, 11:00 am - 187

**Total Online Views: 437 views**

### General Fund Giving and Spending - June 2022 (Year End)

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 93,326.80	\$ 1,269,887.13
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 123,465.64</u>	<u>\$ 1,285,071.06</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -30,138.84	\$ -15,183.93

Last Week's Offerings: \$14,771.29

Average Weekly Giving for 2021/22: \$24,420.91

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](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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