

# Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 2022

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*Pastor's Corner for September 4-10*

## **Flavorful People**

**(Luke 14:25-35; Psalm 34:8)**

When I was a kid, I remember Mom and Dad putting salt on melon. I remember at the time thinking it was weird. (They were from Chicago. Was this a Midwestern thing? I wondered.) I liked the taste of the watermelon just as it was. Since then, I've learned that putting salt on melon DOES enhance the flavor. By sprinkling a little salt on the surface of your melon you encourage water to be drawn up into the area where you bite. That brings flavor along with it. As long as you add no more than a light sprinkling of salt, your melon won't actually taste salty... it will be a little sweeter! Don't believe me? Try it and see for yourself.

Salt is still a powerful image for expressing the difference Jesus expects for us in a world made bland and uninteresting by hopelessness, cynicism, and despair. “Salt is good,” Jesus says, “but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?” In other words, live to be flavorful people— people who make a difference in the world. But how do we do that? When Jesus introduces His words about salt by speaking about carrying crosses and counting the cost of discipleship, He is NOT saying our own personal sacrifice is a prerequisite for our eternal salvation. Jesus has ALREADY taken care of all that. Following Jesus and making a real difference in the world means living by the love of God first offered up for us in Christ. Counting the cost and living as disciples of Christ is nothing less than savoring life with the difference Jesus has already made!

Want to make a difference and add a little more flavor to the world? The Psalmist encourages us, “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Ps 34:8)! On this Labor Day weekend, may the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for you and me inspire us to rest in God’s forgiveness and love for us... even as we work ever harder on behalf of God’s priorities for the world!

### **Troy Hirt Commissioned as Stephen Ministry Leader This Weekend**

We extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Troy Hirt this weekend as he is commissioned for service at RLC as a Stephen Ministry Leader. We invite you to greet Troy in person at any of our weekend worship services or between services on Sunday morning. [For more information about Stephen Ministry and to discover how you can become a Stephen Minister or receive care as a care receiver at RLC, click here.](#)

### **Wednesday Night Workshop Begins This Wednesday**

Please join us Wednesday evenings in September for a time of fellowship around God’s Word. Wednesday night workshop activities begin this Wednesday, September 7. We also invite you to join us for a time of fellowship on September 14 beginning at 5:45 PM for a pizza dinner. Details to follow in this edition of the RLC Weekly Announcements.

Peace and joy in Him,  
Pastor Jonathan

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

## Prayers of the Church



## Wednesday Night Workshop Starts September 7

### Adult Christian Education

#### **The Thread**

6:30-7:30 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center

Led by Pastor Jonathan Blanke

#### **Men with Kids**

6:30-7:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center

*Be a Godly Man*, Led by Tom Gebbia

### Confirmation Classes

**Confirmation 1** with Pastor Zach Sarrault  
6:30-7:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center

**Confirmation 2** with Pastor Alan Shaw  
6:30-7:30 pm in Room 251, Family Life Center

**Student Ministry in The Warehouse**

**Open Warehouse** for Grades 6-8  
6:00-6:30 pm in The Warehouse (Room 253)

**Study Group** for Grades 6-12  
6:30-7:30 pm in The Warehouse (Room 253)

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner**



**Join us *one* Wednesday night per month  
from 5:45-6:15 pm in the Family Life Center for pizza!**

Everyone is invited. Pizza night will be held on September 14, October 12, November 2, and December 7. Cost is \$2 per slice. You can pay at the door but must have order placed *prior* to date. Click [HERE](#) to make your reservation.

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## The Thread



The Holy Scriptures are rich and varied in content. Not only do we have two testaments (both Old and New), but the people God used to bring us the Word used poems, songs, historical narrative, letters, and parables to do so. What is the one common thread that holds this rich tapestry together? What difference will tracing this thread throughout the Scriptures make—not only for our understanding of God’s Word but our Spirit-enabled efforts to live it out?

Join us as we look at various Old and New Testament passages where the most prominent themes of the Scriptures as a whole are in evidence. Edified by the message God brings us there, we will see how the Holy Spirit uses these messages in our worship to bless us, enabling us to care for one another and serve our community. We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center, **beginning September 7**. Led by Pastor Jonathan Blanke. *Hope you can join us!*

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## Music Ministry

**Resurrection Lutheran Church’s Music Ministry** includes people of all ages, and all levels of musical ability and background. Together we give glory to God and serve as a blessing and inspiration to others through the use of our God-given talents in musical offerings. This year is full of exciting, inspirational festivals, and musical events.



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## Men's Ministry

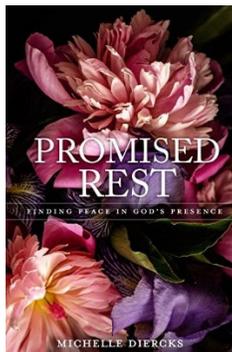
- **Men with Kids** officially starts back up on **September 7** from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center. This Wednesday night group will follow the Confirmation class schedule. Initial study is *Be a Godly Man*.
- **Men's Monthly Breakfast** returns **Saturday, September 10** at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship** begins **Monday, September 12** at 6:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center, with a **potluck!** Our initial study will be on *The End Times* and led by Mark Otten.

All men are invited to any of these events. Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia at [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

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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.



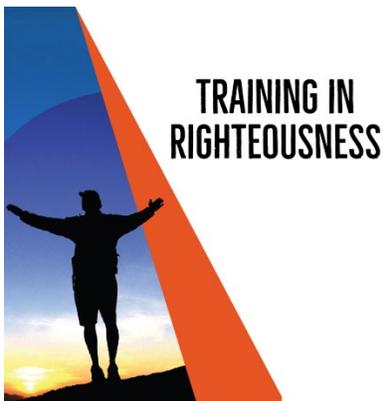
Each week of this eight-week study will feature a new name or characteristic of God along with its pronunciation and a biblical fact about it. Learn from author Michelle Dierck's personal anecdotes and biblical examples of how you can, and should, cling to God's names during times of anxiety and hardship.

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)).

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## Sunday Morning Adult Christian Ed



First and Second Timothy are two of the most beloved and controversial of Paul's letters, giving us a great opportunity to grow in our faith through a discussion-based study of these two letters. How to pray for our leaders, identifying bad doctrine, what to wear in church, who should serve in church, the love of Christ, baptism, the Word, and even the end times it's all here in Paul's letters to a beginning pastor! Among all of this, it was Paul's desire to instruct and encourage young Timothy to be grounded in the Gospel, setting a good example for all believers in his Gospel ministry.

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, **starting September 18**, as we walk with Paul and Timothy in the life-saving, life-transforming, Gospel ministry of Jesus! This class will be team led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach.



David (of the Old Testament) and the Psalms are forever linked. In this 10-week class, we will explore the life of David, whether boy or King, as well as the Psalms. Scholars are divided about how many of the Psalms David wrote but he wrote at least 46 of them - sometimes laments or of praise.

David -Shepherd, Warrior, King, Husband, and Father- he certainly had many roles in his life. The Psalms - written over a span of many years, speak of his personal triumphs and sometimes tragedies, are intricately linked with his life, his triumphs and tragedies. We'll explore the life of David, as well as reading some wonderful psalms and how they applied to the writer as well as to our lives today.

Bring a Bible with an Old Testament to class. There is no cost, no book to buy, but please register with the church (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)). We will meet in Room 151, Family Life Center, from 9:30-10:30 am, starting on **Sunday, September 18**. Led by Mindy Stephani. *Hope you will join us!*

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You are cordially invited to attend a celebration  
**in honor of Pastor Jonathan A. Blanke,**  
as he reaches the 30th Anniversary of his ordination  
in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Setting will be casual, with hors d'oeuvres and cake,  
including some of Pastor Jonathan's favorites.

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

6:00 pm - Worship and Special Recognition in the Sanctuary  
7:00 pm - Hors d'oeuvres and Cake in the Family Life Center

Please mark your calendars so you won't miss this momentous occasion!

For planning purposes, please RSVP by September 18  
to [Brenda Peterson](#).

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Have you thought about joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry? Did you know that we make more than just prayer shawls? We also make hats from preemie to adult sized, scarves for kids to adults, and blankets! Interested but don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We even have supplies you can borrow to learn on.

We meet the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of each month from 4:00-5:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center. This month, we will meet on September 4 and 18. Do you know someone who needs a prayer shawl? Just call or email [Betsy Moll](#) and I'll arrange a day and time to meet in Room 240 for you to get one. *Hope to see you Sunday!*

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# Children's Ministry at RLC



## You are invited to Sunday School!

Children's Sunday School for students age 3 through 5th grade begins September 11, 2022. Our amazing teachers are looking forward to welcoming you to their classrooms.

## Sunday School Classrooms:

- Pre-K -Room 132
- K & 1st grade -Room 134
- 2nd & 3rd grade -Room 131
- 4th & 5th grade Room 133

## Reminder! Please register for Sunday School!

We are planning now to welcome your children! Please register so we can have all supplies ready on the first day!

Click here to register:

<https://forms.gle/WCFLehmNrGpSJ1tt5>

## Toddler Bibles

Resurrection Lutheran Church will distribute Toddler Bibles in all services the weekend of September 17th.



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## KICKS! Kids in Christ Keep Shining Grades 3 to 5



Mark your calendar for 2 KICKS events this fall! September 14th and October 12th beginning at 6:15 p.m. Fun, games, friends and devotional. From 6:15-7:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

Please contact Erika Hulse at [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org) for more information!

**Sunday School Registration Link:**

<https://forms.gle/WCFLehmNrGpSJ1tt5>

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## Student Ministry

### **Welcome to Breakaway (High School) and Ignite (Middle School)!**

The goals of our Youth Ministry here at Resurrection is to build strong relationships with each other, with our church, and with Christ while having fun with our faith. Some of you are continuing on and some are just getting started. I am so excited to get the new year underway! Our calendar is set, and I am so excited. We also have mission trips to look forward to in Summer of 2023.

### **Coming Up...**

- **Wednesdays in The Warehouse Starting September 7!**  
6:00-6:30 pm    Open Warehouse (Grades 6-8)  
6:30-7:30 pm    Study Group (Grades 6-12)
- **Ignite - Service Lock-In - September 9/10**  
Our big kick off for the new school year!
- **Connection Cafe (Sunday School for Grades 6-12)**  
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am - Begins **September 11**

I look forward to another year and another opportunity for the youth to get connected and continue on their faith walk.

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



**IGNITE Middle School Ministry**

**LOCK IN Sept 9th & 10th**

**Wednesday Warehouse**  
6 - 6:30pm  
9/7  
9/14  
9/21  
9/28

**BIG DAY! Sept. 11:**  
9:30am Youth Gathering Presentation  
2:00 - 3:30 ALL Youth Celebration  
3:30 - 4:00 Parent Presentation



**Breakaway High School Ministry**

**Youth Group**  
6:30 - 8pm  
9/18  
9/25

**Connection Cafe**  
Sundays @ 9:30am  
Study Group  
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

**Sept. 11th BIG DAY!**  
9:30 Youth Gathering Presentation  
2:00-3:30 ALL Youth Celebration  
3:30-4:00 Parent presentation

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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

**Sixth Grade Scientists Examine Soil  
as They Learn to Collect and Analyze Data**



[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org)

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

Latest Lion's Tale

# WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship  
in Sanctuary

Saturday, 6:00 pm  
Sunday, \*8:00 & 9:30 am

Praise Worship  
in Family Life Center

Sunday, \*11:00 am

*\*Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

## Online Worship Bulletins

For online services, 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 September 4

## Attendance and Giving

## Church Calendar



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## Prayers of the Church – September 4, 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, \*Geoffrey Wiggins, Marc and Elizabeth Langefeld's Baby Adoption, 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, Sue, Kathy, Glenn Wagner, Pamm Haley, Judy Dean

#### For Expectant Moms

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#### Those Prayed for on August 28, 2022

#### Thanking God Today

- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Reunions
- Fall Bible Studies and New Christian Education Opportunities
- \*Bruce Kennedy, New Treatment
- Birth and Safe Arrival of Baby Sophia Sarrault, and For Her Parents \*Pastor Zach and \*Kelsey
- Installation of Tyler Timm as a Called Lutheran School Teacher at RLS
- \*Bob Unger, Interim Principal, and RLS Board for Their Leadership
- First Full Week of Resurrection Lutheran School
- Delivery of Gifts for Christmas in July Ministries
- Our Many Blessings
- Larry's Birthday This Weekend

#### For Healing

- \*Becky Berger
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering From COVID

- Brian Reilly; Philip Flood
- \*Teri McCarty's Mother, Renea Bunkelman
- \*Eric Hammergren, Recovery from Surgery
- Jan Bloom
- Chris Rogers, Diagnosed with Breast Cancer
- Blind Ministry Guests, Judy Dean and Maria Barker
- \*Dawn Leister's Brother, Glenn Wagner, with Cancer
- \*Greta Hervey, Recovery; \*Mel Talenski, Recovery; \*Paul Wozniak, Recovery
- Chris, Stacy, Cordell, James, Richard, Michael, Sheila, Jenny, Randi, Mary, Justin, Red, Brian, Keith, Tim, Mark, Timmy, Kevin, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Carter, Sheila, Michael, Lena, Glenn, Eve, Ken, Harold, Donald, Bryan, Eric, Mara, Sue, Karen, Jaime, Toni, Carol, Rose

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

- People of Ukraine, And All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- Persecuted Christians
- Uganda Lutheran Church
- Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Candidates and Ongoing Call Process
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Beginning of the New School Year
- \*Randi and Barry Munns
- Annie Ruth Ford, \*Dennis Ford's Mother
- \*Eric and \*Jill Hammergren; \*Pam Dickson; \*Bruce and \*Annette Kennedy
- All Teachers and Students and Beginning of Grade Testing 3rd Graders
- New Job Opportunity
- Perseverance, Fortitude, and Determination for Students Reaching the End of School Careers
- For Worship Servants to be Raised Up to Fill Positions
- Daniel, Job

#### **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 – September 4, 2022

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, August 27

6:00 pm - 77

#### Sunday, August 28

8:00 am - 75; 9:30 am - 106; 11:00 am - 121

**Total In-Person Worship: 379**

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

#### Sunday, August 28

8:00 am - 153; 11:00 am - 42

**Total Online Views: 195 views**

### General Fund Giving and Spending - July 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 102,871.82	\$ 102,871.82
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 100,123.69</u>	<u>\$ 100,123.69</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 2,748.13	\$ 2,748.13

Last Week's Offerings: \$22,810.96

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$20,574.36

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2022/23: \$26,908.65

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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