

## Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### September 11, 2022

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*Pastor's Corner for September 11-17*

#### **Lost, But Found**

**(Luke 15:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)**

Can you be lost, but found, at the same time? I don't mean "I once was lost, but now am found" as if that meant we've crossed over to a perfect state where we're no longer apt to go wandering again. (That's not what the hymn "Amazing Grace" is saying, but it could give that impression to some). I'm talking "lost" when left to our own devices but "found" because of God's mercy to us in Christ, and so "lost but found, AT THE SAME TIME." I'm referring to a sheep that has just wandered into a thicket or a coin that has just rolled behind a dresser yet knows the joy of its owner who celebrates upon finding it and holding it close.

Several years ago, when I was doing that thing pastors do from time to time —you know, going through the church directory and looking up people who hadn't been at church in a while—a gentleman from the church got word of what I was doing and let it slip that the church must be in hot water if it needed money and was going after people as a result! At the time my first thought was: Is that really what people think this is all about...money? That led me to consider at that time how important Jesus' parable of the lost sheep truly is. Is it the DUTY of "the found" to go after those who appear to have lost their way? In a way, I suppose so. But notice: Jesus' parables don't have anything to say about duty or responsibility... nothing whatsoever about the grim work of the shepherd or the woman of the house. Doesn't the logic of Jesus' parables tell us instead that the shepherd goes after the sheep and the woman goes after the coin because even ONE sheep and ONE coin is of great worth? Isn't the shepherd compelled to go after the sheep... doesn't the woman naturally search carefully for the coin...because when that lost sheep and lost coin are regained there is a celebration in store? No longer allowing us to separate humanity into two tiers, the lost and the found, does this parable not teach us to live as the lost who are, at the same time, now found...people who know the joy of being so valuable to their Savior, that He (through no merit of their own!) would pursue them, go after them, and upon finding them hold them close and host a party in their honor?

St. Paul talks about being lost but found like this: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:15-16).

When the Holy Spirit teaches us that we are lost but found we can't help but also discover just how God treasures us. We are so important to God that it took the death of God's own Son to rescue and redeem us. From one lost sheep to another: thank heaven for God's amazing grace! We all have treasure to look for...treasure to celebrate over "finding," that we might work together on behalf of God's valuable people everywhere!

## Recognition and Thanksgiving of All Teachers and Sunday School Kick Off This Weekend

If you are a teacher of any kind (public, private, home school or a Sunday School/Bible class facilitator), a coach, professor, or instructor we invite you to stand together with those we give thanks to God for this weekend in all worship services. You can also join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM this Sunday for time with RLC High School youth as they recap their time at the Youth Gathering in Houston and present their story of God's work in their lives.

## Wednesday Night Workshop and KICKS (Kids In Christ Keep Shining..Grades 3-5) Event September 14

This coming Wednesday is a very special evening for the RLC community! You're invited to join us for the usual Wednesday Night Workshop events (see below) plus pizza and special activities for children in grades 3-5. The pizza dinner gets underway at 5:45 PM, with the Bible classes, Confirmation, youth and children's events to follow. [If you'd like to join us for pizza, you can sign up by clicking here.](#) (The deadline for pizza orders is Tuesday, September 13).

Peace and joy in Him,  
Pastor Jonathan

### MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday,  
September 10  
at 8:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Come gather for fellowship, food, and message.  
All men welcome.

Contact Tom Gebbia or [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).





**Plan to stay in the Fellowship Hall  
for a Mission and Ministry Presentation!**

Join us as we kick off Sunday School with a **Youth Gathering Presentation on September 11 from 9:30-10:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Start the year by hearing the STORIES (student ministry's theme for the year) and experiences of those who attended the Youth Gathering in Houston this summer in their own words.

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

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**Altar Care**

We are having an organizational meeting on **Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping and serving your church and the Lord. Come join us! Contact Linda Merrill in the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## Men's Ministry

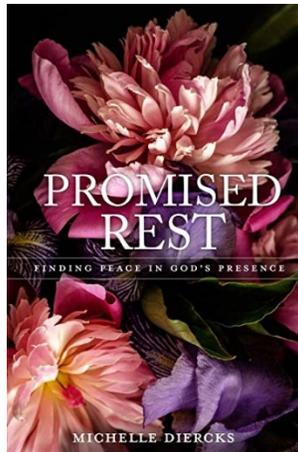
- **Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship** begins **Monday, September 12** at 6:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center, with a **potluck!** Our initial study will on *The End Times* and led by Mark Otten.
- **Men with Kids** started again on September 7 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center. This Wednesday night group will follow the Confirmation class schedule. Initial study is *Be a Godly Man*.

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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## **Veterans Lunch Crew**

**Wednesday, September 14  
at 12:00 pm**

**IHOP**  
1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary

RSVP through RCB

As we approach 11 September with all the memories this one day invokes, we stop to pray for those who sacrifice each day in their occupations: our first responders.

*Dear Lord, please help us to remember the sacrifices of the first responders in our communities who step out every day in uniform to ensure our safety and health. Help us to remember to thank those who serve as police, firefighters, and EMTs, and to thank their families, too. In His Name, Amen.*

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## Wednesday Night Workshop

### Pizza Night This Week!



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 by Tuesday, September 13. Click [HERE](#) to make your reservation.

**Wednesday  
Night  
Workshop**

**Starts  
September 7**

All classes are held in  
the Family Life Center.

### Adult Christian Education

#### **The Thread**

6:30-7:30 pm Room 151  
Led by Pastor Jonathan Blanke

#### **Men with Kids**

6:30-7:30 pm Room 247  
*Be a Godly Man*, Led by Tom Gebbia

### Confirmation Classes

**Confirmation 1** with Pastor Zach Sarrault  
6:30-7:30 pm Room 240

**Confirmation 2** with Pastor Alan Shaw  
6:30-7:30 pm Room 251

### 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)

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## The Thread

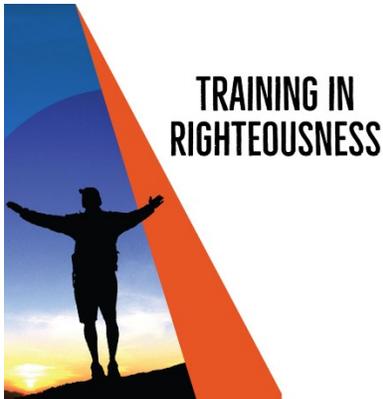


The Holy Scriptures are rich and varied in content. Not only do we have two testaments (both Old and New), but the people God used to bring us the Word used poems, songs, historical narrative, letters, and parables to do so. What is the one common thread that holds this rich tapestry together? What difference 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, began September 7. Led by Pastor Jonathan Blanke. *Hope you can join us!*

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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.

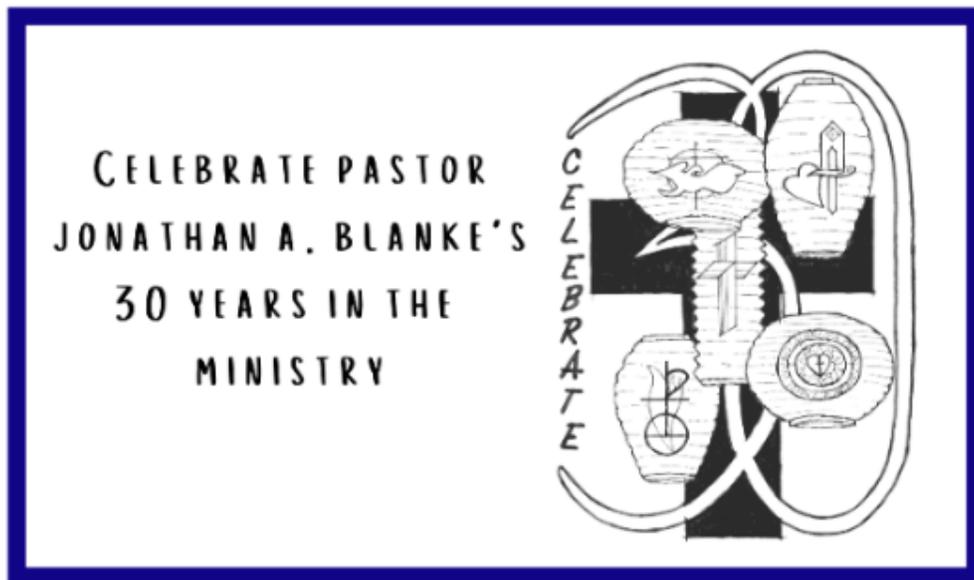


David (of the Old Testament) and the Psalms are forever linked. In this 10-week class, we will explore the life of David, whether boy or King, as well as the Psalms. Scholars are divided about how many of the Psalms David wrote but he wrote at least 46 of them - sometimes laments or of praise.

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 - W orship 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](#).

**Then, the celebration continues on Sunday, September 25, 2022, with a cookie fellowship following every Sunday morning service!**

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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/WCFLehmNrGpSJttt5>

## Toddler Bibles

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



*shine!*

## 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!

## Student Ministry

Youth happenings this week for Breakaway (High School) and Ignite (Middle School):

- **Middle School Lock In**  
For all 6th-8th Graders: **Friday, September 9-Saturday, September 10**  
Drop Off at 5:00 pm, Pick Up between 7:00-8:00 am
- **Sunday School Opening - Sunday, September 11**  
Our Youth Gathering participants will be sharing what they learned!  
Come, see and support our youth as they lead the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 am) in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Youth Group Family Style**  
Sunday, September 11 from 2:00-3:30 pm  
All 6th-12th Graders and their parents are invited!

That's right, we are kicking off the new school year with something new! Parents are encouraged to come play with their youth. We will have games and prizes, a very special devotion, as well as a **Parents Meeting from 3:00-3:30 pm** led by Ms. Jenny. High School Leadership, please show up at 1:30 pm to help set up.

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)

Everyone's invited!

**IN ALL THINGS**  
**The Youth Gathering:**  
**Our Story**

**September 11th @ 9:30am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

*Come hear the stories, see the pictures, learn the lessons and be inspired by the word that God is IN ALL THINGS! Presented by the RLC Youth Gathering Teens.*



**YOUTH GROUP**  
**Family Day!**

September 11  
 2:00 - 3:30pm

All 6th - 12th grade youth and parents are invited to come have some fun together! We will have snacks, games, prizes, devotion time and parents will have a separate meeting with Ms. Jenny from 3:00 - 3:30. This year's Mission Trips will also be announced!

**Attn: RLC College Students or Families of College Students!**

Student Ministry would like our first service project of the year to be Care Packages for our College Crew. And we need addresses! Please send package mailing addresses directly to [jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org). Thanks!

College Crew

♥ Praying for an awesome new school year ♥

Send me your address @ school. We have a fun surprise for you!

Your RLC friends ♥ you



## Life For Uganda

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**  
**At Bond Park from 4:00-6:00 pm**

Life For Uganda will host a Reverse Raffle Fundraiser on Sunday, October 2 at Bond Park in Cary. The Grand Prize winner will receive 50% of proceeds from ticket sales. Tickets are \$100/each and only 100 will be sold – so don't wait to purchase! You could win up to \$5,000! Your support will help support EDUCATION AND CLEAN WATER PROJECTS in Uganda.

Please visit [LifeForUganda.org](http://LifeForUganda.org) or email [info@lifeforuganda.org](mailto:info@lifeforuganda.org) for more information about our Uganda mission, purchase tickets, and find details about the raffle. While visiting the website, please consider making an ongoing donation to Life For Uganda.



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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.

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Resurrection Lutheran School

## RLS Shines Bright!



[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 11

## Attendance and Giving

## Church Calendar



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## Prayers of the Church – September 11, 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 September 4, 2022

#### Thanking God Today

- Safe Travel
- Our RLC Family
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Staff, Students, and Families
- Javed, Cancer Free
- \*Mary Newhouse, Recovering at Home
- Answered Prayers
- Our Many Blessings
- Zack and Emily's Wedding
- Bill and Jan's 37th Anniversary
- Pastor Elliott Robertson's Retirement and Gratitude for His Ministry
- Wedding Anniversaries
- Mom's 73rd Birthday

#### For Healing

- \*Becky Berger
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering From COVID
- Brian Reilly; Philip Flood
- Jan Bloom
- Carol, Cancer Surgery September 8

- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Judy Dean, Sheila McNair
- \*Greta Hervey; \*Mel Talenski; \*Paul Wozniak
- \*Kim Goss
- \*Paul Shaw, Knee Injury
- Kevin Kuhl, \*Katy Johnson, \*Doug Spitz
- Paul, Richard, James, Sheila, Hannah, Esther, Jacque, Ken, Harold, Donald, Doug, Carol, Toni, Parker, Eric, Sue, Mara, Connie, Karen

#### **For Comfort**

- Connie, Close to End of Life, and Her Family Especially Husband Glenn
- Family and Friends of Bill Drake, Friend of \*Jan Boyer
- Family and Friends of Jameson, Parents Josh and Kate

#### **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
- \*Randi and Barry Munns
- Annie Ruth Ford, \*Dennis Ford's Mother
- \*Eric and Jill Hammergren
- \*Pam Dickson
- \*Bruce and \*Annette Kennedy
- All Students and Teachers Beginning the New School Year
- Healthy Pregnancy
- All Who Travel

#### **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 11, 2022

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, September 3

6:00 pm - 55

#### Sunday, September 4

8:00 am - 65; 9:30 am - 104; 11:00 am - 62

**Total In-Person Worship: 286**

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

#### Sunday, September 4

8:00 am - 126; 11:00 am - 55

**Total Online Views: 181 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: \$20,647.66

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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