

# Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## September 25, 2022

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*Pastor's Corner for September 25-October 1*

### **“Helped by God”** **(Luke 16:19-31)**

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells a story about one poor man and one rich man. They have the “usual” lives on this side of eternity for the social standing each represents. The rich man lives in luxury while the poor man, who is sick and homeless, longs to eat any scraps from the rich man's table... but can't. In the hereafter, outcomes for the poor man and the rich man are reversed. The poor man goes to heaven while the rich man languishes in hell.

What I've noticed about Jesus' parable is that while it does have something to say about poverty and riches, illness and health, it also says something about human relationships. Though Jesus' story depicts both a rich man and a poor man the guy with the name is the POOR man, Lazarus. We expect that having enough money that a person could eat, sleep, and live securely would bring with it a name, or at least a permanent address. In Jesus' story it's the poor and wound-infested man,

the one who (for whatever reason) was overlooked by the man of means throughout both their earthly lives whom we come to know by name. Could there be a message for us in that?

Years ago, I volunteered at a Food Bank that operated under the premise that all guests coming for help would be treated with the respect and dignity any child of God deserved. You might think such treatment would be automatic. But you'd be surprised by the number of people who verbally thanked the Food Bank volunteers for something as simple as responding "Yes, sir" or "No ma'am." What really made a difference for those who came to the Food Bank was when the volunteers got to know them by name and friendships were formed.

The poor man in Jesus' story has a name. The name "Lazarus" in English comes from the Latin form of the name which originates in Hebrew: "El-azar." It means "helped by God." We cannot conclude from Jesus' story that the way to heaven is to be financially poor... any more than we can assume that only the rich are selfish and uncaring. The message for both rich and poor and everyone in-between is that we and others are people "helped by God." God loves us unconditionally and with no strings attached. In Christ Jesus we are people with sins forgiven. God knows each of us by name. He gives us, according to our prayer, daily bread.

Truly, you don't have to be "rich" to be neighborly. With hearts made generous by God's mercy, let's share out of our abundance again this week!

### **Support for Families During 11 AM Worship Hour**

Many thanks to Diana Rogers for volunteering to serve as RLC nursery attendant during the 11 AM worship hour every first Sunday of the month, starting in October. Diana will be providing this service to our very youngest worshippers – children 4-years old and younger– in the nursery (Room 115, between the church offices and the preschool wing). Children's Ministry Director Erika Hulse will prepare Children's Church for the 11 AM services on October 2, 9, and 16.

RLC children are always, always welcome to be in our worship spaces with their families while worship services are underway. However, we invite you to avail yourself of these options if they are right for your family. Also, if you would like to

volunteer to help either as a nursery volunteer or a Children's Church facilitator, please reach out to Erika at [Erika.Hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:Erika.Hulse@rlcary.org).

Peace and joy in Him,  
Pastor Jonathan

## Prayers of the Church

### Update on Pastor Jonathan and Anniversary Celebration

Pastor Jonathan and Juli will not be at church this weekend due to Pastor Jonathan testing positive for COVID Thursday evening. He is not experiencing any COVID-like symptoms (temperature, cough, shortness of breath) at this time.

As you can imagine, he and Juli are very disappointed in this turn of events. They are so grateful for the efforts of those who have planned and prepared for the anniversary party on Saturday evening. Unfortunately, this celebration will have to be postponed.

Pastor Jonathan asks for your prayers for a speedy COVID recovery. Many, many thanks!

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## Saturday, September 24

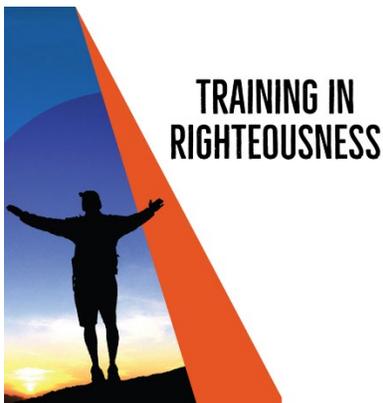
We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

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.



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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 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 (started September 18), 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 and no book to buy. **We meet in Room 151, Family Life Center, on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am.** Led by Mindy Stephani.

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### Other Adult Bible Study Opportunities:

- **Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship**  
**Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm** in Room 240, Family Life Center  
Current study is *The End Times* and led by Mark Otten.

- **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**  
Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center  
Eight-Week Study of *Promised Rest* by Michelle Diercks started September 12. Zoom option available.
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship**  
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am in Room 151, Family Life Center  
We will study the lessons for the following Sunday, and as we do, we expect that this Word will enrich and edify our community prayer, faith, and servant life in Christ.
- **Men with Kids**  
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center  
Current study is *Be a Godly Man*.
- **The Thread**  
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall *\*note room change*  
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? We will look at various Old and New Testament passages where the most prominent themes of the Scriptures as a whole are in evidence. Led by Pastor Jonathan.

Click for the [FALL 2022 Christian Education Sheet](#).

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## Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for  
the Visually Impaired meets

**Friday, September 30 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](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## LWML Eastern Zone Rally

**Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm**  
**80th Anniversary Celebration ~ 1942-2022 80 Years of God's Grace**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
2920 Hwy. 42 East, Clayton NC

Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10.  
Gifts of the Heart: iChoose Pregnancy Support Services

RSVP by September 24 at <https://bit.ly/3QMWCqy>

Contact: [Val Feick](#)



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## Life For Uganda

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

Make plans to join us for an afternoon cook-out at Bond Park in Cary, (Kiwanis Shelter), on Sunday, October 2nd, where Life For Uganda will host a Reverse Raffle Fundraiser. 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!! Each raffle ticket includes two meals at the cook-out. Additional meals will be available for \$7/each.

Your support will help support EDUCATION AND CLEAN WATER PROJECTS in Uganda. Please visit [www.LifeForUganda.org](http://www.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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## Men's Breakfast and Pastor's Forum

*Mark your calendars for this must attend event!*

# MEN'S BREAKFAST & PASTOR'S FORUM



Saturday, October 8  
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).

We are combining two of our most popular events into one: Men's Breakfast and Pastor's Forum on **Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a full breakfast, fellowship, and a relaxed conversation with the Pastors.

Do you have a question you would like to ask the Pastor but haven't? We will submit questions to the Pastors in advance to get the conversation started. You can submit questions to Tom Gebbia via email, phone, drop it in his church mailbox, or send it directly to the pastor.

Please use this event to invite your friend, neighbor, or church member you haven't seen lately.

Contact Tom Gebbia at [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org), if you are interested in helping.

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## The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

We thank all our volunteers who helped us to have a wonderful Coffeehouse on September 9! There were 116 in attendance. 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, October 14** in the Family Life Center gym. Our very own *Reign!* band will play for us. Questions: [Brenda Peterson](#)

Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN>

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## Lutherans For Life

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, October 15 from 8:30 am-Noon**

On that date, a Lutherans for Life representative will lead us through an informative presentation that addresses the nine facets of a Gospel-motivated Life Team; Unity, Consistence, Multi-faceted, Trusted, Resourced, Interfaced, Careful, Multiplied, and most important, Gospel-motivated. Come that Saturday morning to learn how a Life Team can bless our Church and community.

As you leave the Services this weekend, you will find a table with brochures explaining Lutherans for Life. At the same table, you will also find a sign-up sheet for attending the presentation on the 15th. Please register so that we will know how many tables to set up and how much food to prepare. Registration and the event are free. A light breakfast will be available from 8:30-9:00 am and it will be followed by the presentations.

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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/WCFLehmNrGpSJtt5>

## 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 for Breakaway (High School) and Ignite (Middle School):

- **Join us for Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am!**  
*Connection Café for 6th-12th Grade* is led by Jenny Piontek in The Warehouse (Room 253), Family Life Center.



- If you missed our **Youth Gathering Presentation** by the Youth Participants, click this link to view the video that was shown: [youtu.be/Z2byy1mLQxk](https://youtu.be/Z2byy1mLQxk)



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



**IGNITE**  
**Middle School**  
 Youth Group Monthly Meetings

☀️ **October 9th**  
 1:00 - 2:30pm

☀️ **November 13**  
 1:00 - 2:30pm

☀️ **December 11**  
 1:00 - 2:30pm

## Bed Available

We have a like new, Twin XL adjustable bed that we would like to donate to someone who can use it. The head and foot both raise and lower independently via a plug-in motor attached to the underside of the bed. The entire bed height DOES NOT elevate like a hospital bed. It also has a vibrate feature. The box spring mattress is attached to the frame for full support and adjustability. The top XL twin mattress has been in a waterproof, bedbug proof encaser the entire time we have owned the bed (except to take the pictures). We used the bed in a spare bedroom and it was rarely used so we're getting rid of it and hoping to make better use of the space. The headboard is removable so it could be replaced with a headboard to fit any décor. This bed is great for inclined sleeping, surgery recovery, for someone who needs help to sit up or get into bed, etc.

Here's a [link to the pictures of the bed](#) so that you can see what it does/doesn't do. Thanks for helping us find a good home for this bed so that it can avoid the dump. For questions or other donation suggestions, please contact Susan Harrell or the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).

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## Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

**Openings are still available for this 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.



### Preschool Punchlines:

Transitional-Kindergarten Student: "Do you know what my mom's name is?"

Teacher: "Yes, I do."

T-K Student: "I'll give you a guess. It starts with Rachel!"

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## Resurrection Lutheran School

Join us for a **School Spirit Night** at Goodberry's Frozen Custard on **Tuesday, September 27** from 6:00-8:00 pm! Grab a delicious frozen custard anytime 11:00 am and 10:00 pm. Mention RLS to give back 30% of sales to our school!



*Collaboration is key. It takes practice!*



**rlscary.org**

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

## Latest Lion's Tale

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## 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](http://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

## Visual Faith for September 25

## Attendance and Giving

# Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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## Prayers of the Church – September 25, 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, Scott Brinkley, \*Bill Xenakis, Linda, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Glenn Wagner, Pamm Haley, Judy Dean, Brian Reilly

#### For Expectant Moms

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#### Those Prayed for on September 18, 2022

#### Thanking God Today

- Safe Travel
- Our RLC Family
- For Fall Bible Studies
- Hannah Peterson, Healing
- Peace Corps Visit - \*Glenda Moser
- Carol, Successful Surgery
- Praise of Via de Cristo Weekend
- \*Lorraine Kieffer's 95th Birthday
- Birth of Lionel Robert Blanford, Son of Courtney and Griffin,  
First Grandchild of \*Bob and \*Diane Hoffmeister

#### For Healing

- \*Becky Berger
- \*Kim Goss
- \*Paul Wozniak
- \*Greta Hervey

- \*Mel Talenski
- Jan Bloom
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID - Jason
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Judy Dean, Sheila McNair
- Kevin Kuhl
- \*Doug Spitz
- Randi, Decklin, Bill, Kathy, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Mark, Keith, Weston, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Bob, Carter, Ali, Ken, Donald, Nancy, Eric, Connie, Mara, Sue, Karen, Sue, Kevin

#### **For Comfort**

- Connie, Close to End of Life, and Her Family Especially Husband Glenn

#### **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
- \*Bob, Upcoming Appointment
- Our Church and Nation - 9/11 Remembrances
- Healthy Pregnancy

#### **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 25, 2022

### In-Person Worship Attendance

#### Saturday, September 17

6:00 pm - 40

#### Sunday, September 18

8:00 am - 87; 9:30 am - 95; 11:00 am - 95

**Total In-Person Worship: 317**

### Youth Sunday School

#### Sunday, September 18

9:30 am - 40

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

#### Sunday, September 18

8:00 am - 124; 11:00 am - 84

**Total Online Views: 208 views**

### General Fund Giving and Spending - August 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 100,671.57	\$ 203,543.39
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 99,630.38</u>	<u>\$ 199,693.16</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 1,041.19	\$ 3,850.23

Last Week's Offerings: \$32,832.86

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$22,615.93

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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