

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 13, 2022



Pastor's Corner for November 13-19

Singing a New Song (Psalm 98)

A kind of music is found almost everywhere you turn in the world of nature. When I stop and think about it, there's a kind of "music" in the natural world for almost every chapter of my life. Step outside most any back porch here in North Carolina and you'll hear the birds singing their songs, first thing in the morning. Go to the beach and you'll hear the surf either pound and rumble on shore in the afternoon or gently lapping in the early morning hours. Every year when our family would travel to the mountains in Nagano, Japan to see our friends there, we were serenaded by a babbling brook right outside our friend's front door. And I'll never forget how, as a

kid, I used to love lying on the ground and watching the trees in the forest behind our house rustling and straining with the wind blowing through them. Today, I even have a playlist entitled “wind in trees” that I like falling to sleep to, at night!

We usually conceive of worship as an activity that involves singing familiar music or hearing a melody we love accompanied by instruments. There’s nothing wrong—and everything right— about that because oftentimes that’s exactly what worship is. However, this week’s psalm focuses on worship that not only takes up a familiar melody but sings “a new song,” a human song accompanied by a resounding sea, rivers that clap their hands, and mountains that sing for joy. It’s a picture of humanity and nature joined together in praise to the God of creation for HE has “worked salvation” (98:3)... HE is coming to judge the world with equity (9)! It’s as if the psalmist, overcome with joy because of the gift of a new day or a new beginning in God’s grace can’t help but just look around and see the beauty of the WORLD God created, too. Our voices might go out of tune and our energies be sapped. But the worship of the birds and the rivers and the oceans who sing a “new song” to God day after day can’t help but inspire and rejuvenate.

Of course, you don’t have to hold a tune to sing this sort of “new song.” You just live it out. Every day of our lives the Holy Spirit enables us to start our day with a clean slate as God’s forgiven and renewed people. Our lives are the music that tells the story of the hope we have in Christ! Through our lives others hear the joyful music of what living in relationship with a loving God is all about. And hopefully, they will want to be a part of that music too.

What new song are you singing today? You’re not the only one clapping and making a joyful noise! Let’s all take a moment and listen to the beautiful world God created. Then let’s join in with the psalmist and “shout for joy, before the Lord, our King” (6).

Pledge Cards for Stewardship Weekend 2021 Available This Weekend

Our congregation’s Pledge Weekend event is coming around again: this weekend, November 12-13. We invite you to take part by either picking up a pledge card when you are in church to submit in person, or else [submitting a pledge online here](#) (scroll down on that linked page to the “Pledge Form”). The purpose of your pledge is not for our own church budgeting or fundraising efforts. It is for your own

Christian walk. No matter how you submit your pledge, it will be completely anonymous. I hope and pray that this practice will encourage you to embrace the joy of Christian discipleship that only God can give!

First Communion 2023 Information Sessions for RLC 5th Graders and Their Parents Again This Sunday

Parents of RLC 5th Graders (or 6th Graders who might have missed out last year) are invited to attend information sessions for First Communion instruction (beginning January 4, 2023) this Sunday, November 13 at 1 PM in Room 151 of the Family Life Center. Questions? Please reach out to the church office.

Peace and joy in Him,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

Church Council

Dear RLC Voting Members,

One of the responsibilities of the Church Council is to maintain an active membership composed of nine (9) elected members of the congregation.

Per the **RLC ByLaws**,

- The normal term of office as a member of the Church Council is a two (2) renewable term.

- The Nominating Committee is instructed to seek candidates from RLC's membership.
- Any member of the congregation may propose a candidate for Church Council membership to the Nominating Committee (Officers of the Church Council + Senior Pastor, *ex-officio*).

The names of the nominees (with bios) will be published to the members of the congregation at least twice before the Election Meeting of the Congregation.

Currently, three Council members are coming to the end of their terms; two are not seeking re-election.

Presently, the Nominating Committee of the Church Council is requesting any member of the RLC Congregation to nominate candidates for the Church Council. As soon as you decide, please send your candidate(s) nominations to a member of the Nominating Committee: [Barry Needle](#); [Erika Hulse](#); [Lisa Snyder](#); [Pastor Jonathan Blanke](#).

If you have been nominated before, but were not elected, and would still like to be a candidate, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Thank you very much for your candidate nominations.

Yours in Christ,
Barry J. Needle
Council President



A Prayer for Our Veterans
From the Veterans' Lunch Crew

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage.

A Bible Verse of Strength

2 Timothy 2:1-3: Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs -- he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.

In honor of Veterans Day, the church office will be closed on Friday, November 11.

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults
Our Last One in 2022!

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without them. 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 last Coffeehouse of 2022 is **Friday, November 11** in the Family Life Center Gym. Our very own *Reign!* band will play for us again - you won't want to miss them! The Coffeehouse is from 7:00-8:30 pm.

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

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Men's Breakfast

Come gather for food, fellowship, and message on **Saturday, November 12 at 8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. All men welcome.

In honor of Veterans Day, we welcome Mike Allen, fellow member of RLC. Mike is a Veteran who served as a Chinook helicopter pilot in Vietnam and will share his experience in serving in the Army during a conflict.

Contact: Tom Gebbia (mens-ministry@rlcary.org)

Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **November 12 and 13**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship. Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518.

The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month. *Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!*

In the Fullness of Time
New Class Starts This Week!



“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son...” (Galatians 4:4).

God sent His Son to earth for a purpose: to accomplish His salvation plan. When we look at the Old Testament, we see that God had been working this plan from the very beginning and the Christmas story is where the plan was finally being fulfilled.

In our new Bible study, we will use Paul L. Maier’s book, *In the Fullness of Time*, to better understand the unfamiliar historical details surrounding the familiar Christmas story as told by the gospel evangelists. In the process, we will see that God’s faithfulness to Joseph and Mary, shepherds and wisemen... all the people who populate the original Christmas story foreshadows His faithfulness to us, too!

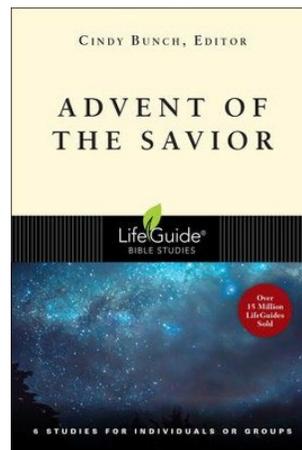
Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, November 13-December 11. Class will be team led by Pastors Jonathan and Zach.

Questions? Contact the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Women's Bible Study ~ Advent of the Savior
Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm from November 14-December 19

Join us for this six-session LifeGuide® Bible Study which will introduce you to the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus, remind you of God's faithfulness and power to fulfill his promises, and draw you more deeply into the love that brought Christ to earth.

We will meet in person and have a Zoom option available. Books are available through Amazon and christianbook.com. A digital version is also available through Amazon. For more information, contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.



Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Help decorate the church for Christmas, order a poinsettia today! Cost is \$18 per plant with a choice of red or white flowers. **Orders are due by November 20.**

Pick up a form at church or download one [here](#). Place your completed order form and check made payable to RLC in the office mailbox of Linda Merrill or mail to 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518.

You may take home a plant after the 10:00 am worship service on Christmas Day. Plants not claimed by January 4 will be donated.



Thanksgiving SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm

We gather for worship on the eve of this national Day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings. God, in His Grace, has given us all that we need for body and soul. We respond with thanksgiving, recognizing that all we have is from His Grace.

Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship and Holy Communion
or view service online at [Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC!](#)

There will be no other Wednesday night activities held.

Christmas Store

There are many families who do not have adequate resources to purchase gifts for their children at Christmastime. They find themselves struggling just to make ends meet for the necessities of life. Following instructions of Jesus, the Christmas Store is designed to help families in the towns and cities of southern Wake County who

are in need during the holidays.

Families are referred to the Christmas Store by Western Wake Crisis Ministry, Dorcas Ministries, Fuquay Varina Emergency Food Pantry, and Holly Springs Food Cupboard. Throughout the year, these organizations work with people who are in crisis situations resulting from a lack of resources. They refer clients with children 14 years of age or younger to register for the Christmas Store. Once items are received and ready, clients are able to “shop” for 3 gifts for each child registered.

So let's help stock the Christmas Store! Here at Resurrection Lutheran Church, we place Christmas trees with gift tags in the Narthex and Family Life Center. Please pick up a tag (or two!), purchase the items, then place the unwrapped toy with tag attached back under the tree.

Another way to help is by purchasing toys online at your favorite retailer and have them delivered directly to United Church, 820 East Williams Street, Apex NC 27502. For gift idea lists by age and gender, [visit their Amazon page here](#).

All toy donations are due by Sunday, November 27.

For more information, visit the Christmas Store's website at ChristmasStoreNC.com or Facebook page at [TheChristmasStore](#).



Dessert Contest

Last Sunday at the Joint Worship in the Park our 4 illustrious judges, Barry Needle, Alan Shaw, Paul Shaw, and Bill Douglas declared the winners of our Annual Dessert Contest!

Bragging rights go to:

Honorable Mention - Mary Newhouse for her Buttermilk Chocolate Cake

3rd Place - Juli Blanke for her Brownies

2nd Place - Jack Wildey for his Apple Pie

1st Place - (Also) Jack Wildey for his Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Please congratulate our winners! Thank you to all the bakers and judges. We look forward to next year's contest!



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children's Ministry Director,
at erika.hulse@rlcary.org.

Student Ministry

Happy November! We have begun our season of service within the Youth Groups. So many events happen between now and Christmas. If your youth needs service hours or they just want to serve, check out the schedule. I am so grateful to all of the families and youth participants.

RLC Youth Happenings:
Sunday, Nov. 13th

All Youth:
Connection Cafe @ 9:30am

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Middle School
Youth Group
1:30pm-3:00pm

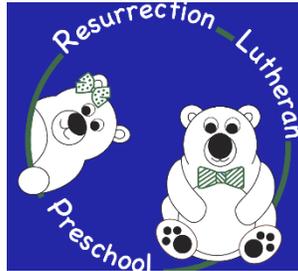
BREAKAWAY
High School
Youth Group
6:30pm-8:00pm

Questions? Contact Jenny Piontek, Youth Director, at jenny.piontek@rlcary.org.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Our program offers opportunities and experiences that will enrich, expand, and develop a child's ever-increasing accumulation of knowledge in a loving Christian atmosphere. We have 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



Please consider scanning
the QR code to
contribute to our
Twenty Years of
Education Annual Fund!

DAY TWO:

Did you know that Resurrection Lutheran School began learning with joy in 2002 with a kindergarten class of 18 students taught by Pat Smith and Hillary Travers?





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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
or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Visual Faith for November 13

Attendance and Giving

Church Calendar

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Prayers of the Church – November 13, 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, Bryan Reilly, Bob

For Expectant Moms

Linka, Laura Bembick

Those Prayed for on October 30, 2022

Thanking God Today

- Safe Travels
- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations, Birthdays, and Time Together
- Our Many Blessings

For Healing

- *Becky Berger; *Kim Goss; *Paul Shaw, Recovery and Rehab
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Judy Dean, Sheila McNair
- Nicholas, *Becky Coyne's Nephew and His Family; *Bob, Procedures and Treatment Plan
- Mark Raines, Son of *Charlotte Raines; Deanna, Aunt of *Terri Nance
- Chase, November 4 Surgery, Grandson of *Glenda Moser
- *Brendan, Awaiting Test Results
- Ellen, Julian, Lil, Shelby, Randi, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Mark, Keith, Carlton, Carol, Anne, Anna, Skylar, Ted, Alices, Carl, Richard, Sally, Paul, Bryan, Dennis, Ken, Donald, Terry, Eric, Mara, Connie, Amy, Steve (hospice), Pastor Teklu, William, Jackson

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Donna Noreen, Mother of *Dave Noreen
- Family and Friends of Wayne Abbott
- Family and Friends of Allan Basala, Friend of *Marie Taylor

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
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Call Committee for DCE
- *Randi and Barry Munns; Annie Ruth Ford, *Dennis Ford's Mother
- *Eric and Jill Hammergren; *Bruce and *Annette Kennedy
- *Jan and Paul Wozniak, Restoration
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- Our RLC Uganda Team Preparing for February 2023 Mission Trip
- Fervent Prayers for Our Country as We Have Elections, Praying for Peace and According to God's Will
- Volunteers for Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Ferro Family, Homeless
- Pastor Frank Kinast

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 – November 13, 2022

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, November 5

6:00 pm - 53

Sunday, November 6

8:00 am - 91; 9:30 am - cancelled; 11:00 am - 142

Total In-Person Worship: 286

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, November 6

8:00 am - 138; 11:00 am - *joint worship in the park (no live stream)*

Total Online Views: 138 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - October 2022

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Receipts	\$ 102,909.98	\$ 403,555.22
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 113,708.91</u>	<u>\$ 413,211.60</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ -10,798.93	\$ -9,656.38

Last Week's Offerings: \$27,436.10

Average Weekly Giving for 2022/23: \$22,419.73

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
- 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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