

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



Pastor's Corner for May 11-17, 2025

The Lamb (Revelation 7:9-17)

Have you ever thought of how absurd it is that Jesus chose to be associated with the title “Lamb”? Jesus has a lot of names throughout the Bible, Son of God, Son of Man, the Word, Good Shepherd, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God. In fact, if you give a quick Google search, you will find over 150 different names that Jesus goes by in the Bible. All of them tell us a little more about the awesomeness of who Jesus is as our God. Out of all of them, I find Jesus as the Lamb to be the most out of place, especially when heard in the book of Revelation.

Think about what a Lamb is known for. A lamb is cute and cuddly. It is completely helpless. Pictures of lambs are never intimidating or impressive. They might make you feel warm and fuzzy, but they certainly don't make you feel protected. Looking from a biblical perspective, a lamb was food and/or slaughter. A lamb would never be chosen as a school mascot or an image that would inspire followers. And that is exactly why Jesus chose to be called the Lamb.

Jesus took the route that no one would assume. As He lowered Himself from His heavenly throne to be born as God in the flesh, He knew exactly why He was born. He was born to be slaughtered, just like so many literal lambs before Him, except Jesus would be the final Lamb to be slaughtered. He came to be both our food and our perfect sacrifice. We eat of this Lamb of God when we eat the bread and drink the wine in Communion. In the eating and the drinking, we receive again the gifts that the Lamb accomplished for us in His slaughter on the cross. It is that death on the cross that makes the Lamb so much more than anything we would assume. It is that final sacrificial slaughter on the cross where the Lamb became victorious, and it is that image that we see in Revelation.

Why does Jesus choose to be seen as a Lamb in the victory book of Revelation? Because Jesus won complete victory when He was the slain Lamb on the cross. It is the blood shed from the Lamb that we are washed in, becoming members of the flock. It is because the Lamb gave up everything to die for us, He is now the Lamb who has become our shepherd, knowing all that we live through because He has been here too. The perfect Lamb of God who leads us eternally.

Your following brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

Combined Breakfast (Men & Women)

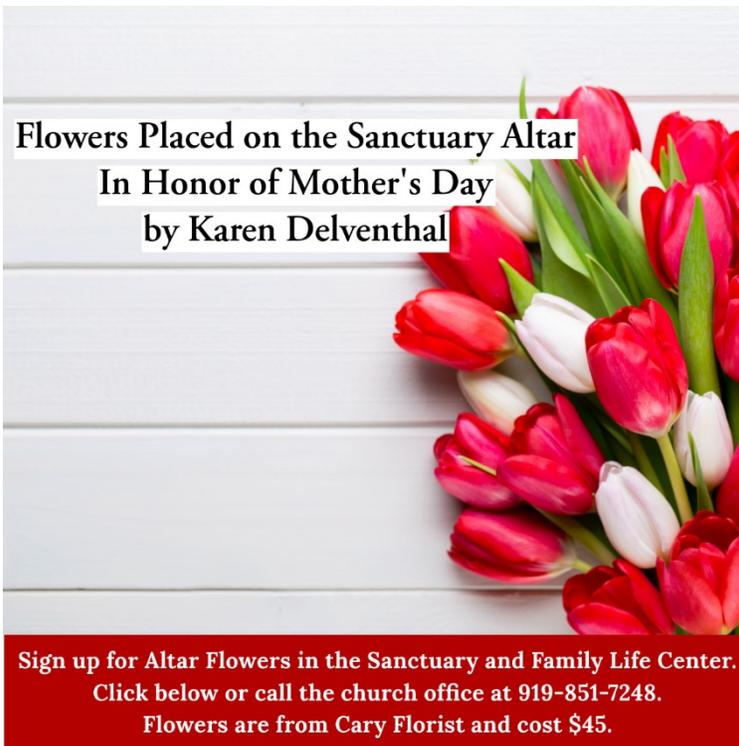


Saturday, May 10
8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Come gather for the **Pastor's Forum**,
plus fellowship, food, and message.

All welcome!

Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org for more information.



Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
In Honor of Mother's Day
by Karen Delventhal

Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.
Click below or call the church office at 919-851-7248.
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **Paul Wozniak**, was called to rest with Jesus on April 8. Our prayers remain with his wife, Jan, and their family.

A Celebration of Life in Christ and Committal will be held at Resurrection on **Saturday, May 24** at 11:00 am. Service will be followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

The Pastoral Epistles: Paul's Last Letters

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

March 30-May 18

Larry Cameron

MONDAY

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Meant for Good by Donna Snow

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 151, Family Life Center, and Online via Zoom

January 6-May 19

Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship

Various Topics

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

May 5-19

Tom Gebbia

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Ongoing

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault, Pastor Alan Shaw

Look for detailed class offerings [on our website](#).

Any questions can be directed to the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

Prayer Cards

Visual Faith® Ministry has provided prayer cards by the prayer sheets in the Narthex and the Family Life Center.

We invite you to take a few cards home and add prayer notes for your family and friends for whom you are praying.

As you pray for those concerns, color the card, and then send it to the person with a note that says, "You've been in my prayers this week."

If you have questions, please contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are changing the time we meet but not location, starting this Sunday, May 11. Our new schedule is the **2nd Sunday** of the month from 4:00-5:30 pm and the **4th Tuesday** of the month from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will stay in Room 240, Family Life Center.

Questions? Contact Betsy Moll through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Bagel Bunch for Men

We meet **Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 am** for coffee and fellowship. All men are welcome, come when you can!

Reminder, we have moved to the outside of Java Jive (2425 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary, across from RLC) for the warmer months.

Questions? Contact Lyle Malotky through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

WEDNESDAYS

at One

A MONTHLY SERIES OF
SPEAKERS AND EVENTS
WITH LUNCH



Guest speaker
**BEATRICE
PARKER**

IT'S NOT OPTIONAL,
IT'S ESSENTIAL

Bea Well Counseling & Therapy

Grace Lutheran Church, Durham
824 N Buchanan Blvd

MAY | 14th | 1:00PM

Beatrice's life's mission is to create moments of joy.
She embraces the meaning of her name:
one who brings joy, happiness and blessings.

AGAPÉ + KURE BEACH MINISTRIES

GOLF Outing

JOIN US MAY 19TH

AT LOCHMERE GOLF CLUB

AGAPÉ KURE BEACH MINISTRIES

HELP SEND KIDS TO CAMP!

SUPPORT CAMPERSHIP FUNDS & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT!

REGISTER TODAY!
bit.ly/3SQwLS5

Support a great cause while enjoying the fun and fellowship of a day on the Lochmere Golf Club course on **May 19!** Why? Help us bring kids to camp this summer. Funds raised in this Golf Event will be used to provide camperships to attend camp and for program development. It is our policy that no one be turned away from camp programs due to lack of funds.

Our goal is to have 80 golfers. Please help us to reach our goal. Bring some friends for a great day of fun, fellowship and raising funds to make a difference in a camper's life. Please share this information with others and gather a foursome to join us.

Format: 4 Person Scramble

Registration Fee:

Individual: \$100.00

Foursome: \$380.00

12 Team Mulligans: \$400.00

We request that all golfers pay in advance.

Outing Schedule:

8:00 AM Check-in opens

8:00 AM Coffee, Donuts & Biscuits

8:45 AM "Putt for All" Event

9:10 AM Tee Off (Shot gun)

(Boxed lunch served on the course)

When your round is done, head home!

For additional details, please visit agapekurebeach.org or bit.ly/3SQwLS5.

Men's Ministry

As our weekly studies come to an end, we will shift to periodic (monthly) casual gatherings during the summer.

Our first one is right around the corner, join us on **Wednesday, May 21** at 6:30 pm. We will meet at VPizza on Kildaire Farm Road, Cary. All men welcome!

Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Graduating?

Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by Tuesday, May 26. We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter.

We request the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33.



High School Graduates, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 8**. We will be recognizing our high school graduates during the 11:00 am worship service.

Voters' Meeting

Sunday, June 1

Save the date! The next Resurrection Lutheran Church Voters' Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 1** at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

RLC Worship Servants and Training

There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in all of our worship services. Please consider being a greeter or usher, a worship assistant or lay reader, a slide tech or live stream team member. Feel free to reach out directly to the following for more information:

- Saturday, 6:00 pm - Lori Jannings
- Sunday, 8:00 am - Brenda Peterson
- Sunday, 9:30 am - Dara Linn
- Sunday, 11:00 am - Suzi Heffner

You may also contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org for assistance.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is held in Family Life Center
Sundays, 9:30-10:30

May 4

Lesson - The Proof

May 11 - Mother's Day

Lesson - Families

May 18

Last Sunday School
Celebration!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs and/or candy to the Eggstravaganza!

It was an amazing event.
We are thankful for your generosity.



RLC Day of Service



Vacation Bible School

Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Join us on June 23-27 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm!

[Register today!](#) Cost is \$10 per participant. Payments can be made through [Online Giving](#) or by cash/check to the church office.



**Help kids discover God's love!
Volunteer for VBS!**

Spotlight Volunteer Opportunities:

- Crew Leader** - leads a small group of children to stations - form a relationship with the crew!
Sticky Scripture Leader - lead 4 identical Sticky Scripture sessions each day for the crews.

Two volunteer meetings to bond, learn, and pray (choose one):

Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 pm

OR

Sunday, June 8 at Noon

We will meet in Room 151, Family Life Center.

If you are only able to volunteer a few days, that is ok. You are needed!

Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director,
at erika.hulse@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Calendar

Sunday, May 11

Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am

No High School Youth Group

Sunday, May 18 - Water Day!

Middle School, 3:00-4:15 pm

High School, 4:30-6:00 pm



We meet in The Warehouse (Room 253) or the Gym in the Family Life Center.

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Enrollment for 2025-26

at Resurrection Lutheran
PRESCHOOL

*Our program provides a balance of
academic and social opportunities by
'learning through play'
in a loving Christian atmosphere.*

+ Classes for children 2-years-old
thru 5-years-old +



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

**3-year-olds
to Rising kindergarteners**
(children currently in our 2's classes can come!)
(ALL Ages MUST be toilet-trained)

June 2 - 5 [9:15-12:30]

June 9 - 12 [9:15-12:30]

June 16 - 19 [9:15-12:30]

RLChurch VBS June 23-27

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

Email for Brochure & Registration forms

REGISTER NOW!

rlpcary.org | 919-851-7270 | office@rlpcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran School

Summer Camps 2025



8th Grade Class Trip to Williamsburg!



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

rlscary.org | 919-851-7271 | contact@rlscary.org

Latest Lion's Tale



For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC
or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, May 3
6:00 pm - 47

Sunday, May 4
8:00 am - 85

9:30 am - 158
11:00 am - 123

Total In-Person Worship: 413

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, May 4
8:00 am - 95
11:00 am - 38

Total Online Views: 133

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

March 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,112,875.00
Actual Giving to Date: \$1,059,123.00
Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(53,752.00)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,087,500.00
Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,055,868.00
Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$31,632.00

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – May 11, 2025

*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, *Anne Altieri, *Charlotte Raines, *Eric Hammergren, *Anita Moore, *John Shaeffer,
*Vern Ebert, *Aaron, Marcus, Malcolm, *Sandy Douglas, Henry Otten, Michael Flannery,
*Helen Campbell, Paul Batt, *Geoffrey Wiggins, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai,
Alex Fernandez, Cheri Spitz

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen, Anne Price, Angie Price, Alison Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, Jackie, Kathy Siemon,
Scott Brinkley, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Bob,
Michael Murphy, *Greta Nelson, *Marina de Moura Torres, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily, *Alison Whatley,
Joe Huley

For Expectant Moms

*Lauren Unger, *Erika Lonseth, *Melody Gerdes, *Christina Benson, *Emily Hooper Evans

Those Prayed for on May 11, 2025

Thanking God Today

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings, Births, Baptisms
- Our Many Blessings
- Safe Travels
- Caring Organizations Serving Our Local Communities
- Birth of *Amelia Willow Sarrault
- RLC's Day of Service (Operation Inasmuch) Leaders and Participants
- Choir and Bell Choir Members for Their Hard Work
- Mike Heffner's Birthday
- Jack Hammell's Birthday
- Ryan's 1st Birthday

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID

- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Linda Jones, Judy Dean, Ruby Franklin, Miriam Delgado, Betty Oglesby, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner, Debbie Guice
- *Greta Nelson
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Ongoing Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- Bryon, Recovery
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Dave, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- Clare Roberts, Cancer Treatment, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Alan Sullivan
- *Charlie Shiel
- Rhianna, Healthy Pregnancy
- *Kathy Rihani
- Debbie, Sister of *Lynne Hoffman
- Donna LaMagna
- Michael Collins
- *Carol Klevenow, Recovery
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- Larry, Recovery
- *Phil Gresens, Recovery
- Cynthia Wyse, Recovery
- Maralyn, Cynthia, Pam, Mike, Fran, Knox, Olevia, Trina, Jessica, Matt, Hove, James, Jan, Rich, Gene, Lois, Clint, Rachel, Jean, Billy, Susan Janice, Tim, Joe, Lynda, Doug, Brian, Anne, Alice, Alan, Lois, Richard, Rosemary, Ruby, Jim, Sonia, Bob, June, Ken, Harold, Mark, Paul, Kelly, Paige, Eric, Mara, Carrie, Virginia, Suzie, Debbie, Dave

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Paul Wozniak, Husband of *Jan Wozniak
- Family and Friends of John Healey
- Family and Friends of Samantha Mele, Apex High School Student Killed in Car Accident
- Family and Friends of Marge Gallagher, Mother of Pat Gallagher (Brother-In-Law of *Bob Unger)

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters and Weather Events, Especially People of Western NC, SC

- Weather Events, Heavy Rain, and Flooding, Especially KY, OH, IN, TN, AR
- Families and Businesses Recovering in Western NC
- Mountainside Lutheran Church and Camp Linn Haven
- Safety and Thanksgiving for People Helping with Recovery Efforts
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Israel and People of Gaza, Peace in the Middle East
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Safe Travels
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan Wozniak and Her Family
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- *Meredith A.
- *Fran Xenakis
- *Ron and *Carol Mitchell
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, and Federal Workers
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Wayne and Dorothy Conners, and Their Family
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore and Family
- Sale of Homes
- Our Government and Leaders
- Renee, Guidance and Direction
- Mothers and Fathers Awaiting Birth of New Babies, For Safe Deliveries
- College Students, Discernment, and End of Year Exams

For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, Strength for the Health and Well-Being of the People They Serve

- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Associate Pastor Zach and Kelsey, Assistant Pastor Alan and Faith, and Their Families
- Pastor Jon Richter, Serving St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norlina NC, and Ellen
- Vicar Christopher Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Ministry of Presence

For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts

- Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, Stan and Dana Stigdon
- RLC's The Coffeehouse
- RLC's Blind Ministry
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Safe Families for Children
- Families Together/PLM
- Camp Agape Ministries

- Read-a-Book at Reedy Creek Elementary School and Our RLC Volunteers
- Orphan Grain Train
- *Ilea Kuo, Southeast Asia Mission Trip

For Our Missionaries

- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)
- 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.*

***RLC Members**

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