

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 22, 2025



Pastor's Corner for June 22-28, 2025

Prayer Life (Isaiah 65:1-9)

When was the last time you asked for help? Maybe it was a small thing, your spouse to pick something up from the store. Maybe it was bigger, your parents to give you a loan. There are many things we need help with, but we don't like to ask for it! We don't like to ask for help because it says something about us. If I ask for help, it means that I lack some ability, skill, strength, willingness, or knowledge on my own. Asking for help is saying, "I'm not good enough by myself" and no one wants to admit that.

This is our struggle from the very beginning. This is why Adam and Eve ate the fruit in the garden. They thought they were enough on their own. They thought they could live without God. This is where we fall into sin, when we think we

don't need God's help. This is God's great lament, working with a people that think they don't need Him.

"I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices" (Isaiah 65:1-2)

God wants us to ask Him for help. His great desire is for us to talk with Him about our needs and joys. In these two verses we see that it saddens God when His people don't talk to Him, when we don't ask Him for help.

This is why God gives us His name. The 2nd Commandment tells us not to misuse God's name, which we usually understand to mean, don't use God's name as a curse word, but there is more to it. Luther says that instead of just avoiding the misuse of God's name we should "call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." In other words, ask God for help. His greatest desire is for us to talk with Him about anything and everything that is on our hearts. Whether you have a quiet time set aside to talk with God or whisper small prayers at moments of need and joy our prayer life is simply a constant conversation with God because we need Him. We can't do life on our own and God doesn't expect us to, so His ear is always bending down to us to listen to our every prayer. It is an awesome thing to have a such a relationship with the powerful God that we can actually talk with Him!

I leave you with a quote from John Kleinig's *Grace Upon Grace* (a great book for devotional life!), "More than anything else, I would like to be good at praying. That's what I have been called to do as a disciple of Christ; that's my basic task as a member of God's holy priesthood. I truly believe that much more is accomplished by prayer than by anything else I do."

Your needy brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **John Philip Healey**, who was called to rest with Jesus on April 14, 2025. Our prayers remain with his family.

John and his wife Ruth were active, early members of Resurrection Lutheran Church. John held numerous roles within the church, including serving as congregation president and building committee chairperson. His leadership was instrumental in the construction of both the original church building and the new location at 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary.

A Celebration of Life in Christ will be held at RLC on **Saturday, June 21** at 1:00 pm. Service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
In Honor of Rachel's Graduation
by Jennifer Shaltanis**

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!](#)

Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **June 21 and 22**. 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!

Men's Ministry

During the summer, we are meeting up for casual gatherings. Plan to join us for our next event on **Wednesday, June 25** at 6:30 pm. We'll meet at the Tap Station, 320 S. Salem Street, Apex.

All men welcome! Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, June 27

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).



Saturday, June 28

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.

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.



During the month of July, the 11:00 am Praise Worship Service will be held in the Sanctuary due to maintenance in the Family Life Center Gym.

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, July 11

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to attend these events and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. We thank God for this ministry among us!

We need Setter Uppers at 5:30 pm (both food and room), Servers at 6:30 pm, and Cleaner Uppers at 8:30 pm. Sign Up: bit.ly/3VAtWWO



The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, July 11** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. Olliver Harper Fultz will be singing and playing for us.

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

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 and Family Ministry



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!

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



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 **+**



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Resurrection Lutheran School

RLS has an opening for a part-time, two days per week **Front Desk/Administrative Assistant**. Inquiries reach out to contact@rlscary.org.



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Latest Lion's Tale

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship in Sanctuary	Praise Worship in Family Life Center
Saturday, 6:00 pm	Sunday, *11:00 am
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am	

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

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, June 14

6:00 pm - 52

Sunday, June 15

8:00 am - 119

9:30 am - 181

11:00 am - 73

Total In-Person Worship: 425

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, June 15

8:00 am - 86

11:00 am - 32

Total Online Views: 118

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

May 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,337,625

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,313,090

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(24,535)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,329,167

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,290,792

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$38,375

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – June 22, 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, Lyn Becksford

For Expectant Moms

*Melody Gerdes, *Christina Benson, *Emily Hooper Evans

Those Prayed for on June 15, 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
- College Graduates, High School Graduates
- Vacation Bible School Leaders, Volunteers, and Participants
- Coffeehouse Guests and Volunteers on June 13
- Becca Cottle's 20th 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, 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 from Brain Injury
- 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
- *Carol Klevenow, Recovery
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- Cynthia Wyse
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident
- *Cecelia Brown, Recovery from Accident
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, *Pam Dickson's sister
- Dale, Graydon, Jean, Ricky, Karl, Linda, Jessica, Cathy, Olevia, Jocelyn, Sam, Dana, Charlotte, Lisa, Doug, Alice, Lois, Richard, Rosemary, James, Gary, Gene and Lois, Jay, Jim, Alan, Denise, John, Clinton, Shelby, Noreen, Sylvia, Dan, Joann, Harold, Ken, Kelly, Carrie, Virginia, David, Catherine, Mark, Paul, Ruby, Joe, Dave, Kris

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Michael Collins
- Family and Friends of John Healey
- Family and Friends of Sandra Neels, College Professor of *Lily Moore
- Family and Friends of Kim, Sister of *Lynne Hoffman

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
- Dorothy Conners and Her Family
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore and Family
- Rundel Family
- Our Government and Leaders, Safety for Elected Officials
- End of School Year Events, Exams, Graduations
- Families of Air India Crash
- Good Test Results for Daughter
- Successful Surgery for AJ
- Resolution to Ongoing Health Concerns
- Our Military and First Responders

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
- Pastor Alan Shaw, Intentional Interim Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Goldsboro NC
- SMP Vicar Christopher Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage, and His Family
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Ministry of Presence

For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts

- 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
- Eastern NC Lutheran Via de Cristo

For Our Missionaries

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

*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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