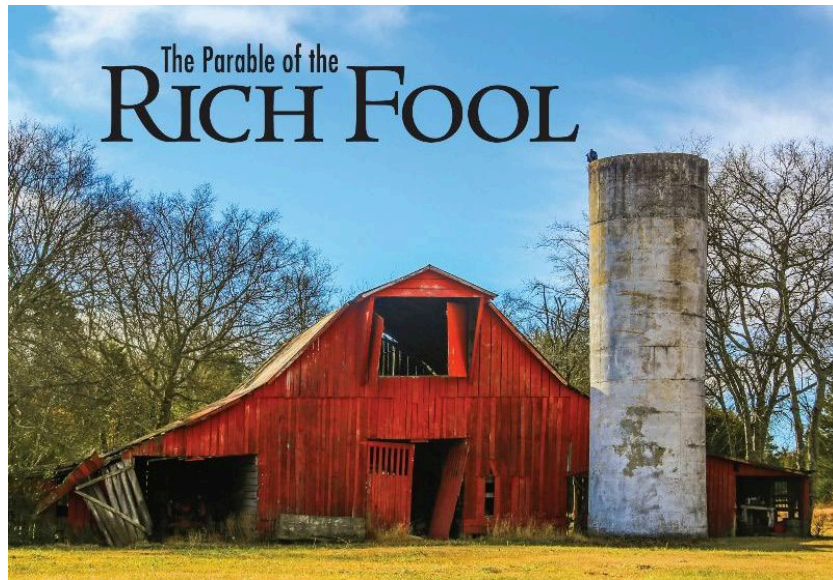


Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2025



Pastor's Corner for August 3-9, 2025

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry

Imagine you're in a crowd listening to Jesus say to not fear those who can kill the body, rather the One who has authority to cast into hell. And if you acknowledge Jesus before others, He will acknowledge you before the angels of God. Heavy topics, but then, out of nowhere, someone shouts out, "*Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.*" Umm... excuse me?

That's where we are in our gospel reading this week, and Jesus takes an opportunity to teach about keeping our priorities straight in the parable of the rich fool. Jesus tells of a rich man whose farmland produced more than he could store so he thought to himself, "tear it all down... build it back bigger and better. I'm set for life. Retirement, here I come. A trip to the Bahamas perhaps."

There is nothing wrong with working hard to save for retirement and provide for your family's future. But where is the rich man's focus? *"And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, and be merry.'"* A Jewish listener may recognize the allusion to Ecclesiastes 8:15, *"...for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful..."*.

But Jesus ties in another Old Testament verse as He continues the story: *"Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"* If the Jewish listener is thinking about Ecclesiastes, they may recall chapter 2:18, *"I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me..."*. But Jesus may also be alluding to a much bigger message from Isaiah 22:13 as God speaks through Isaiah, calling them to repent and turn to God, warning them of Jerusalem's impending destruction and their captivity in Babylonian. But they refuse to repent and celebrate with feasts instead. Isaiah writes, *"In that day the Lord God of hosts called for weeping and mourning, for baldness and wearing sackcloth; and behold, joy and gladness, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine. 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'."* Their focus was on themselves instead of God and they paid the price. The rich man's focus was on himself instead of God and he paid the price. Our focus is on the One who paid the price for us.

This week, we are encouraged in Paul's letter to the Colossians to keep setting our minds on the things above. In our pursuit of success and security, let us not lose sight of the greater treasure that awaits us in heaven. Let us be rich toward God by investing in our relationship with Him, serving others, and living out our faith. As we work hard and save for the future, let us remember that our true security and joy come from Jesus, who provides us with treasures that will never fade.

Pastor Alan

Prayers of the Church




It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **Martin R. Cullen, Jr.**, who was called to rest with Jesus on July 27, 2025. Our prayers remain with his wife, Emmy, and their family. Details related to services for Marty will be shared at a later time.

Sorry, one more week needed!

**11:00 am Praise Worship Service will be held
in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 3
due to continued maintenance in the Family Life Center Gym.**





**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
In Celebration of Our 65th Wedding Anniversary
by Ralph and Carol Klevenow**

**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!](#)

Habitat for Humanity

As a faithful, financial supporter over many years, Habitat Wake is extending a special opportunity to our congregation to sign a door in honor of Habitat Wake's 40th Anniversary and the passing of Habitat's greatest volunteer, President Jimmy Carter. President Carter was a person of deep faith whose decades of service and dedication to Habitat have inspired generations of affordable housing advocates.

Help us celebrate his legacy by decorating this door with messages of inspiration and gratitude.



About 20 local church congregations are participating in this project. These doors will be featured at several events throughout Habitat Wake's 40th year, showcasing our community's collective dedication to building homes, communities, and hope in Wake and Johnston Counties. They will then be installed in a Habitat home.



• YOUNG FAMILIES •
gathering



Join us on
Sunday, August 3 at 4:00 pm
at Womble Park Picnic Shelter in Holly Springs
for fun, food, and fellowship!

Please bring a side dish or dessert.
Pizza and drinks will be provided!

RSVP to Jason and Martha Jennings.



Questions or to RSVP, contact Marcia Shaw through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, August 8

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, 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/3VAtWW0

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, August 8** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life

Center. *The Back Porch String Band* will be playing for us.

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



Free Evening Seminar for All to Attend!

TRIANGLE FAITH.ORG

Sunday, August 10, 2025

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Revealing Jesus: Christ's Fulfillment of the Old Testament

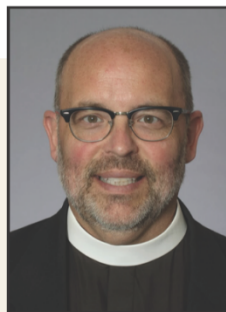
Jesus' words are saturated with the Old Testament. He speaks of Himself and His work as the fulfillment of everything promised by Moses and the prophets. Everything! From Genesis to Malachi, every word drips with Jesus. Let's take a look at how Jesus uses the Old Testament to make His person and work known. We'll examine specific Old Testament texts to understand them in their original context and then see how Christ fulfills them. Not only will our appreciation of the Old Testament grow, but we will have a deepened insight into what the New Testament teaches us of Christ.

- Walking with Jesus to Emmaus: Christ's Self-Reference to the Old Testament
- Reading the Old Testament on Its Own Terms
- How the New Testament Reads the Old Testament

Workshop Location

Hosted by: Jordan Lutheran Church
Location: 309 Holleman St., Apex, NC

TriangleFaith.org is a cooperative effort of congregations in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that seeks to bring the message of forgiveness to the greater Raleigh Triangle community.



Dr. Kevin Golden
Associate Professor of
Exegetical Theology

Dr. Kevin Golden is associate professor of Exegetical Theology, dean of Theological Research and Publication, and director of Resident Field Education at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2021.

Golden's research experience includes Hosea, biblical usage of the divine name, Genesis 6-9, Jonah, the Book of the Twelve (Minor Prophets) and biblical intertextuality.

He is the author of *Blessed Be His Name: Revealing the Sacred Names of God* (Concordia Publishing House, 2021), *God's Own Son Is Born A Child* (Concordia Publishing House, 2019) and *LifeLight: Minor Prophets* (Concordia Publishing House, 2009). He contributed to the festschrift, *The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ: Essays on Mercy in Honor of Glenn Merritt* (LCMS, 2016).



In addition to this free evening seminar, Dr. Kevin Golden is offering a continuing education workshop geared for pastors, church workers, and laity interested in digging into the Scriptures on **August 11-13**.

This workshop will take place at the office of Jordan Lutheran Church, Monday through Wednesday. [Click here](#) to get details on the three-day workshop

entitled, *It Stands Written: The New Testament Appropriation of the Old Testament*.

Men's Ministry ~ Summer Gatherings

During the summer, we are meeting up for casual gatherings. We had a great time at the Cleveland Draft House in Fuquay Varina during our July event!



Plan to attend our next event on **Wednesday, August 20** at Player's Retreat in Raleigh. All men welcome!

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



After a break for the summer, LCMSU @ NCSU is gearing up for a new semester of meetings. LCMSU @ NCSU is the local chapter of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod college outreach program, LCMSU (lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/campus-ministry).

We meet twice each month for fellowship and worship. We understand that “College is tough, you need Jesus.” LCMSU @ NCSU provides the opportunity to join with fellow LCMS college students to support each other and provide a church connection. It is open to any college age student who is attending NC State, Duke, UNC, or another local or online college.

The “Lutheran Pack” will resume their meetings on **Friday, August 22** from 7:00-8:30 pm at the NC State Study Center (201 Brooks Avenue, Raleigh). We will start with a time of fellowship filled with games and snacks before closing the night with Evening Prayer and Holy Communion lead by Pastor Alan Shaw from Resurrection Lutheran Church.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, please reach out to Jonathan Madler, Pastor Alan Shaw, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Job Search Help for RLC Church Member

A member of our community is looking for a help desk IT job that he could do, at least partly, from home. If you or someone you know is hiring, please let me

know so that we can help make that connection happen.

Many thanks!
Pastor Jonathan

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.

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



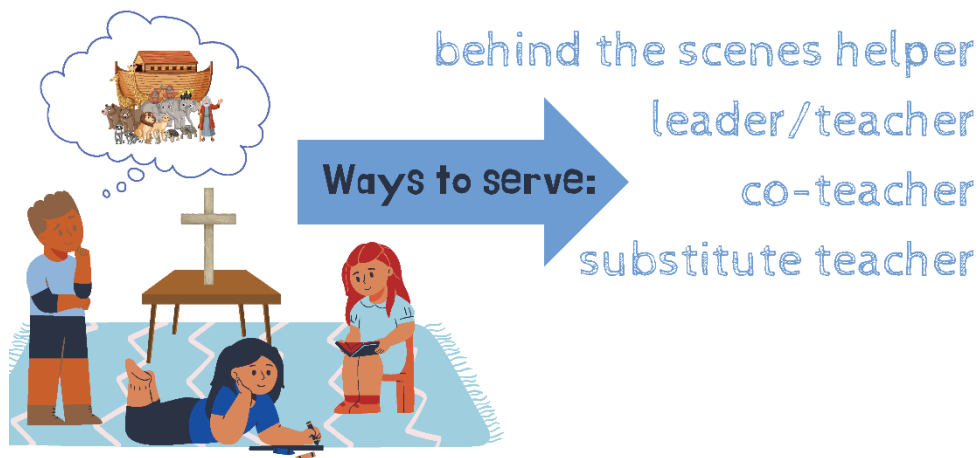
Encore VBS

VBS at Resurrection Lutheran Church

was so much FUN we are having an ENCORE!!

**Meet in the gym on August 10 at 11 am for worship
and songs. After meet on the playground for
popsicles and give-aways !**

Children's Ministry Volunteers 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

LCMS Youth Gathering



ENDURE
2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING
HEBREWS 12:1-3

Questions? Contact Jenny Piontek, Youth
Director, at 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

Resurrection Lutheran School
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Because we all
need some extras!



2025

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UNIFORM & SPIRIT WEAR SALE

TUES. 8/12, 12-2 pm

WED. 8/13 12-2 pm
& 5-8 pm

(Before and during Parent Orientation)

100% of Proceeds go to the PSO

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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, July 26
6:00 pm - 41

Sunday, July 27
8:00 am - 53

9:30 am - 160
11:00 am - 103

Total In-Person Worship: 357

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, July 27
8:00 am - 84
11:00 am - 42

Total Online Views: 126

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

June 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,450,000
Actual Giving to Date: \$1,508,046
Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$58,046

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,450,000
Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,406,962
Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$43,038

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – August 3, 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, 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, *Emily Hooper Evans, *Shannon Dawe, *Renee Guerin, *Alyssa Shaw, Ally Brown

Those Prayed for on July 27, 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 Alexander Paul Benson, Parents *Christina and *Anders Benson
- Christmas in July Donations
- Our LCMS Youth Gathering Team as They Participate in the Gathering and as They Travel Home
- Safety During Tropical Storm Chantal, and Recent Rainstorms

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
- *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
- *Charlie Shiel
- Rhianna, Healthy Pregnancy
- *Kathy Rihani
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- Cynthia Wyse
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Tyler, Recovering from Burns, and His Family Supporting Him
- Belle, Cancer Return, Healing
- *Jackson Lonseth
- Tim, Healing, Brother of *Faith Shaw
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Recovery, Mother of *Sue Campau
- Don, Jordan, Linda, Karl, Ricky, Jean, Dale, Graydon, Stacy, Jennifer, Olevia, Cathy, Jessica, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Sam, Patty, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Joan, James, Gary, Gene, Lois, Doug, Alice, Melissa, Williette, Stephen, Walter, Cindy, Richard, Rosemary, Clinton, Noreen, Sylvia, Ben, Shelby, Paul, Joann, Kelly, Ken, Harold, Peter, Sandy, Jeri, Joe, Dave, Barbara, Terry, Jadis

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Roger Haerther, Uncle of *Juli Blanke
- Family and Friends of Jackie Lindsey, Mother of *Leslie Hiteshew
- Family and Friends of Karen Tomczyk, Friend of *Sue Sanders and *Jan Boyer
- Family and Friends of *Martin Cullen, Husband of *Emmy Cullen

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 TX and NC
- Families and Businesses Recovering in Western NC

- Mountainside Lutheran Church and Camp Linn Haven (Reopened for Summer)
- 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
- Job Search - Kyle, Malcolm
- Caitlyn's Wisdom Teeth Surgery
- Upcoming Open-Heart Surgery for Brother-In-Law

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

- 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**

Updated 7/31/25