Ninth Sunday After Pentecost August 10, 2025



Pastor's Corner for August 10-16, 2025

Children of Abram/Abraham (Hebrews 11:1-16)

Many years back our family and I had the chance to take part in the Christian blessing of a new housing build. We had been living in a staff home for one year on the campus of Japan Lutheran College in Tokyo, Japan where I was teaching at the time. The decision was made to demolish the house we lived in and have us move to a new location. We would move to a home being built that was barely a stone's throw away. As the plot of land for our new home was prepared, a fellow educator (and neighbor) from the college gathered us and the construction crew at the site of the new house for a brief devotion and prayer. A devotion on the topic of God calling Abram to a land Abram had never seen... where he "went out, not knowing where he was going" (Heb 11:8) was shared. A prayer for the faithful work of the construction team was offered up — not

without a meaningful glance in the direction of the workers! And to close out this brief ceremony a Bible was presented. The Bible was buried in the center of the plot of land where our new home would be erected. It was a brief but meaningful reminder that as people who live each day as people of God's promises, we live in a small way as Abram and Sarai did: by faith in God's Word/promises... with a gift that only God can give: the assurance of things hoped for... the conviction of things as yet unseen (11:1). As believers in Christ Jesus, you and I are children of Abraham!

Our "faith" connection to Abram and Sarai reminds me also that these two individuals, like you and me, were never to be understood as the true heroes of the Bible's salvation story. At first, Sarai had laughed at the notion that she would bear a son! Early on, when forced to flee to Egypt during a drought, Abram had doubted God would watch over him and became convinced the Egyptians would take his life! But God was faithful. God did not go back on His promises to Abram and Sarai. Neither does God go back on His promises to love us and care for us — forgiving our sins, as only God can — in Christ Jesus.

Today we give thanks that even when we do not see visible evidence of our salvation... even when the future is in question and there seems to be much to worry about... God is faithful. God guards and protects us. He walks alongside us, as we search for the path forward. And when our faith seems weak and inadequate — He comforts us and turns our attention to the home He has prepared for us, through His own dear Son: our everlasting home, which we only see from afar... our forever home which we see only with the eyes of faith.

Take stock of your worries and concerns this weekend. Then choose one: turn it over to God and let God "worry" about it! After all, you and I - like Abram and Sarai - have nothing to fear. God has, and always will, keep His promises.

Love in Christ, Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church



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!

We're back!

11:00 am Praise Worship Service will be back in the Family Life Center on Sunday, August 10.



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.



Free Evening Seminar for All to Attend!

TRÎANGLE 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

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 Fuguay Varina during our July event!



Plan to attend our next event on **Wednesday**, **August 20**. We will gather at 6:30 pm at Player's Retreat in Raleigh (105 Oberlin Road). Parking is typically in the lot across the street.

All men welcome! You do not have to eat or drink to attend this event.

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.

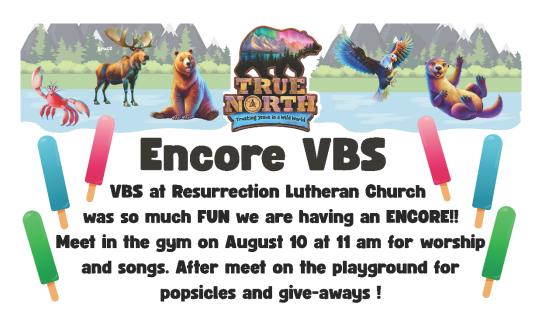
RLC Worship Servants and Training

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:

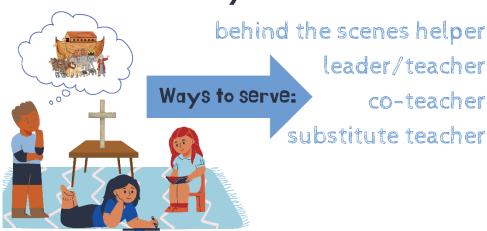
- Saturday, 6:00 pm Lori Jannings
- Sunday, 8:00 am Brenda Peterson
- Sunday, 9:30 am Dara Linn
- Sunday, 11:00 am Suzi Heffner

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

Children and Family Ministry



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







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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



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



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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, August 2 6:00 pm - 49

Sunday, August 3 8:00 am - 65 9:30 am - 155 11:00 am - 77

Total In-Person Worship: 346

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, August 3 8:00 am - 81 11:00 am - 37

Total Online Views: 118

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 10, 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 August 3, 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
- Christmas in July Donations
- Offering of Over \$45,000 for Mountainside Lutheran Church and Camp Linn Haven at the LWML Convention
- Pastor Bob Weidmayer, New Pastor at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Norlina NC
- Healthy Baby Boy for Rhianna
- Jay Foster, Successful Heart Valve Replacement
- Baptism of Amelia

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
- *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
- Tim, Healing, Brother of *Faith Shaw
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Recovery, Mother of *Sue Campau
- Jay Foster, Healing
- Cynthia, Pam, Betty, Doug, Alice, Melissa, Stephen, Lois, Williette, Jim, Richard, Rosemary, Pat, Jo Lynn, Bruce, Ken, Harold, Jeri, Dave, Joe, Carrie, Virginia, Darlene, Sandy, Shim

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of *Martin Cullen, Husband of *Emmy Cullen
- Family and Friends of Peter Thompson, Friend of *Bill Douglas

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
- Resurrection Lutheran School, Start of School Year
- The Monroe Family on the One Year Anniversary of Angela's Death

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

<u>Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!</u>

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 8/7/25