

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 17, 2025



Pastor's Corner for August 17-23, 2025

The One Who Started It All (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Words are marvelous things. Ever noticed that sometimes in the Bible the same word can be translated from the original Greek language into the English language in many different ways? We know this is true because at times we find so many different English-language Bible translations of the same Greek word or words. That's how language works. There isn't always a one-to-one correlation between words. And in our Epistle reading for this weekend, that's what happens with the words describing Jesus.

Hebrews contains a very long section describing many Old Testament heroes of the faith. Noah. Abraham. Sarah. Moses. Rahab. They endured hardships. Yet they had all received God's promises... so that they lived by faith, "the confidence of what we hope for," and "the assurance of what we do not see."

That's a similar set of circumstances to what people of every age have done. Yet something distinguishes us from them. We have Jesus. Jesus is the "Author" (KJV), the "Pioneer" (NIV), the "Originator" (NASB), the "Founder" (ESV) of our faith! And the mysterious Greek word that can be translated four different ways is paired with another word in this text that means "to complete" or to "perfect." In other words, Jesus is our faith beginner and completer! And His work as such is centered for us on His suffering and death on a cross. Not only did Jesus Himself live as the Faithful Son of Man in the face of the shame of a cross. In carrying our sins on a cross and taking them away from us forever by His death, Jesus, God's Son, has also accomplished all that needed to be done for you and me to live by God's promises! Now, no matter what we may face in life, no matter what sort of "race" we are given to run, God gives us all we need to fix our eyes on Jesus.

Words are marvelous things. The Word of God is richer still. In the weeks ahead, as small groups and Bible studies at RLC reconvene, take advantage of the opportunities provided to immerse yourself in it. We have Jesus, after all! Let's encourage one another to look to Him as we run the race of life together.

RLC Office Assistant Linda Merrill Announces Her Retirement

Linda Merrill, faithful member of RLC's support staff for the last seven years, recently announced her upcoming retirement to begin at the end of this month. Linda has been a familiar morning face behind the desk in the Church Office, faithfully assembling all of our service bulletins, providing assistance over the phone, and being the unofficial greeter to visitors throughout the week. Linda's presence and contributions will be dearly missed! We extend our warmest wishes to her as she embarks on her new chapter while continuing to serve in a volunteer capacity at RLC as one of our co-leaders for Altar Guild and heads up our Quilters' (The Piecemakers) group.

We encourage you to send your own well-wishes with her as we give thanks to God for her service!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church



Baptized on Sunday, August 17 at 8:00 am

Jackson Joseph Henry Lonseth

born May 16, 2025,
son of Matthew George Lonseth and Erika Rae Lonseth.

*May God's blessing be upon Jackson Joseph Henry
as he grows in his baptismal grace.*

**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
In Loving Memory of Bill
by the Xenakis Family**



**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, **August 16 and 17**. 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!

With Gratitude

Dear Friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Asheville,

It is hard to fathom that we are so many months removed now from the impact of hurricane Helene - that so suddenly and unpredictably devastated many areas in the mountains of Western North Carolina. In the early days following the storm, the media shared with you some of the horrible destruction that this hurricane caused in our beautiful mountain community - flooding, mud slides, road collapses, bridge failures, trees uprooted, significant power outages, and the loss of potable water. Needless to say, this mountain community was simply not equipped for the water and wind that arrived in and around Asheville.

The list of needs and assistance within our church and community remain - but due to your generous contribution of \$6,000, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School have continued to distribute funds towards helping people get back on their feet. YOU have witnessed to us the abiding love of Jesus and you have reminded us that we are never alone when storm or crisis arises.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and please know that we are lifting you up in prayer as you, also, strive to be "On the Road with Jesus" in the community where you are planted!

In His Peace,
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey E. Skopak, Senior Pastor

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**. 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).



Saturday, August 23

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.

Employment Opportunity

Our church is seeking a dedicated and organized individual to fill the role of **Church Office Assistant**. This vital position supports the overall operations of our church, ensuring smooth administrative functions, and a welcoming environment for all who interact with our ministries.

The work would be part-time, approximately 20 hours per week, and is scheduled to begin September 2.

Interested parties are asked to reach out to Pastor Jonathan for more information.



Sanctuary Choir

Interested in joining the Sanctuary Choir? Open to adults and high school age vocalists.

Our mission is to encourage and support congregational singing, and serve worshipers with Christ-filled music in the rich heritage of Lutheran liturgy.

Rehearsals are **Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00 pm**, in the Sanctuary. We will begin again on Wednesday, **August 27**.



If interested, plan to attend any of the rehearsals or contact Bob Unger at robert.unger@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248 x 25.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, August 29

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).

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.

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, September 12

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses. We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers! Please consider joining us. 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/3VAtWW0

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, September 12** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. *Bona Fide Brass* will be playing for us.



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

RLC Worship Servants and Training

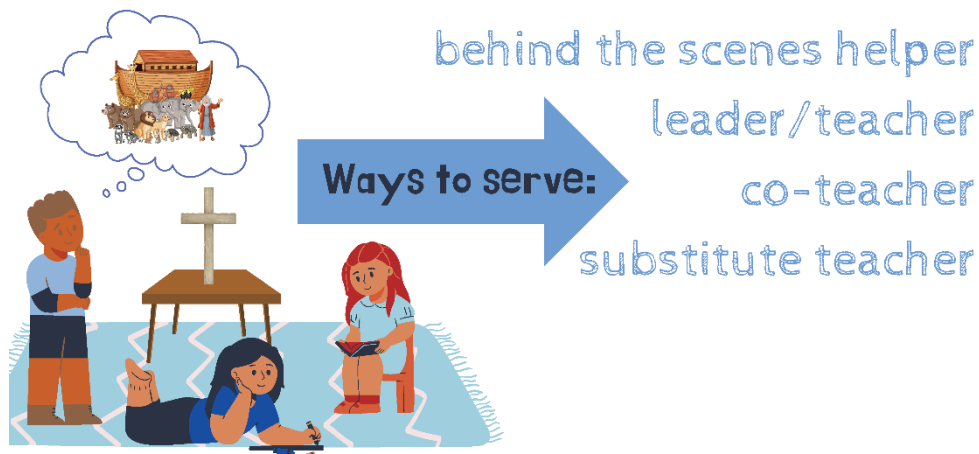
There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in all of our worship services. Please consider being a greeter or usher, a worship assistant or lay reader, a slide tech or live stream team member. Feel free to reach out directly to the following for more information:

- 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

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed



If interested in teaching (or assisting) a Sunday School class, there will be a Sunday School Teacher Meeting on **Sunday, August 24** from 12:00-2:00 pm in

Room 151, Family Life Center. Plan to attend!

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

**RLC Middle School
Youth Group & Confirmation**



Parent Meetings:

Sunday, August 17 @ 12:30pm

OR

Wednesday, August 20 @ 6 pm

*Jesus
loves
you*

We will be going over Youth Group Info, Health/Participation Forms, Camp Sign Up, and Confirmation
7-8th Graders parents plan on an hour
6th grade parents plan on 30 minutes

**Youth Gathering
Presentation**

Come hear about the youth's
experience in New Orleans!

**Sunday, August 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
RETREAT**

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**SEPT. 12 - 14, 2025
@ CAMP AGAPE**

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ACTIVITIES:

- Zipline
- Hiking
- Bible Study
- Games
- Team building
- Low ropes
- Firepit and smores
- Confirmation specific activities
- Enjoying God's creation

*Register by August 29th!
\$125 for the weekend*

**MIDDLE
SCHOOL
6TH - 8TH
GRADE**



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Community Care Event

Wednesday, August 27
5:00-9:00 pm

Come join the community for food and fun and a portion of sales will be donated to **Resurrection Lutheran Preschool**.

Place a mobile order and select "Support Community Care Event" when prompted.



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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



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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 9

6:00 pm - 53

Sunday, August 10

8:00 am - 57

9:30 am - 174

11:00 am - 126

Total In-Person Worship: 410

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, August 10

8:00 am - 114

11:00 am - 40

Total Online Views: 154

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

July 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$117,889

Actual Giving to Date: \$137,066

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$19,177

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$124,413

Actual Expenses to Date: \$122,259

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$2,154

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayer of the Church – August 17, 2024

*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

*Emily Hooper Evans, *Shannon Dawe, *Renee Guerin, *Alyssa Shaw, Ally Brown

Those Prayed for on August 10, 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
- 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
- Skye's 1st Birthday
- William in His Travels
- Baby Rosemary Gerdes, Born August 5th, Proud Parents Karl and Melody Gerdes

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
- Doug, Lois, Melissa, Stephen, Ricky, Karl, Linda, Baby Staney, Dale, Graydon, Emily, Bev, John, Gabe, Kim, Jean, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Timmy, Mark, Sam, Patty, Anna, Anne, Skylar, Carlton, James, Tina, Rebecca, Alice, Joe, Walter, James, Gene, Gary, Mark, Walter, Curt, Harold, Ken, Kelly, Savannah, Paul, Lee, Jeri, Dave, Paula, Melissa, Al, Michelle, Patricia, Tom, Charlie, Carrie, Rick, Mara, Eric, Connie, Virginia, Darlene, Bill

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of *Martin Cullen, Husband of *Emmy Cullen
- Family and Friends of Alice DeSilvia
- Family and Friends of Steve Kilburn
- Family and Friends of Maralyn Kilpatrick, Grandmother of *Lisa McCorkle
- Family and Friends of Rayma Hyatt-Solis, Mother-In-Law of Margaret Hyatt

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
- Carly, Tough Life Period

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 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**

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