

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2025



Pastor's Corner for August 24-30, 2025

The Father's Discipline (Hebrews 12:4-24)

Being disciplined is not always fun. When I was growing up, I remember when I was punished for not doing what my parents told me to. Whatever the punishment was, the discipline that they put down, it was never fun. I'm learning, as a new and very flawed parent, that giving discipline is not always fun either, because a child is not always willing to receive their parent's discipline. When Kelsey and I are trying to discipline our child (I'll let you discern which one...) for not going potty or throwing food on the floor or throwing her toys at the dog or running through the house naked and wet, she is not always ready to listen to us. At its worst, discipline turns into us chasing the child while she is screaming through tears because she doesn't want to be disciplined. Discipline isn't always fun, so why do we do it?

Often, I associate discipline with punishment, but punishment is not the main goal of discipline. If punishment were the main goal, then discipline would always be bad. There wouldn't be any point! Instead, the point of discipline is learning how to live well, safely, and joyously. Is punishment involved? Sometimes, yes, but it isn't the end goal.

The same is true in the relationship we have with our Father-God. Because He is our Father, He also disciplines us. He wants to teach us how to live well, safely, and joyously. He wants us to live the Good Life according to His will. How do you react to your Father's discipline? Do you sit quietly and listen to Him or do you react like a toddler and run screaming from the Word He tries to speak. When we run from our Father's discipline, we find ourselves living in the punishment of that discipline. Running from our Father's presence is running into our sin, telling the Father that we don't need Him and we can do it better on our own. This only leads to our own hurt and destruction. If I were to let our kid run around the house wet and naked every night, sooner or later she would get hurt. The same is true if we run from the Father (don't go too far with this imagery...), we will get hurt.

Your Father-God knows what you need, and He wants to discipline you, to teach you how to live well. He does this when we read His Word, live in the community of His Church (both in weekly worship and daily family living), and through consistent conversation with Him. Through it all, we learn to live well, safely, and joyously according to the Father's will.

This weekend at Resurrection, you will receive a Christian Education Booklet of all the Bible Studies for the coming season. Think of this as ways your Father can discipline you, teach you how to live well, safely, and joyously. I would encourage you, as children of the heavenly Father, to consider where your Father is guiding you to grow in His Word at your Church in the coming season.

Your learning-to-live brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



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.



**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
In Honor of
Their 54th Wedding Anniversary
by Terry and Sandy Brummeyer**

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!](#)



**Youth Gathering
Presentation**

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

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

Bible Study Opportunities

[View the Christian Education Booklet, Fall 2025](#)

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

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).

Men's Ministry ~ Summer Gatherings

Over the summer, we enjoyed meeting up for casual gatherings. We had an enjoyable time at the Player's Retreat in Raleigh during our August event!



There is an interest to continuing these gatherings throughout the year. Check the announcements for future dates.

All men welcome! You do not have to eat or drink to attend these events. Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@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.

Wednesday Evening Dinners

Join us for dinner on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Gym starting September 3!

Dinners are prepared for all ages with a buffet style setup including dessert. There can be a vegetarian option upon request. Excellent opportunity to bond with family and friends, new and old, over a sit-down meal!

All are welcome! Online reservations at rlcary.org requested by 12:00 pm on Monday each week.

Suggested donation of \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Cash, check, or card payable at door. Note: If you plan to attend multiple dinners, you may reserve and pay in advance.

Menu for September

September 3: Danny's Bar-B-Que Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Salad, Fruit, and Banana Pudding

September 10: Baked Ziti with Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Cake

September 17: Roasted Chicken with Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Fruit, and Pie

September 24: Jersey Mike's Sandwiches (Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Italian, Veggie), Chips, Fruit, and Cookies

Interested in volunteering to help with set up, serving, and cleaning? [Sign up today!](#)

Questions? Contact Kim Simpson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org). We look forward to seeing you!

Heavenly Handbells

Interested in learning how to ring with the Heavenly Handbells? Open to adults and high school age.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary. We start up again on **Wednesday, September 3.**



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

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/3VAtWWO

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

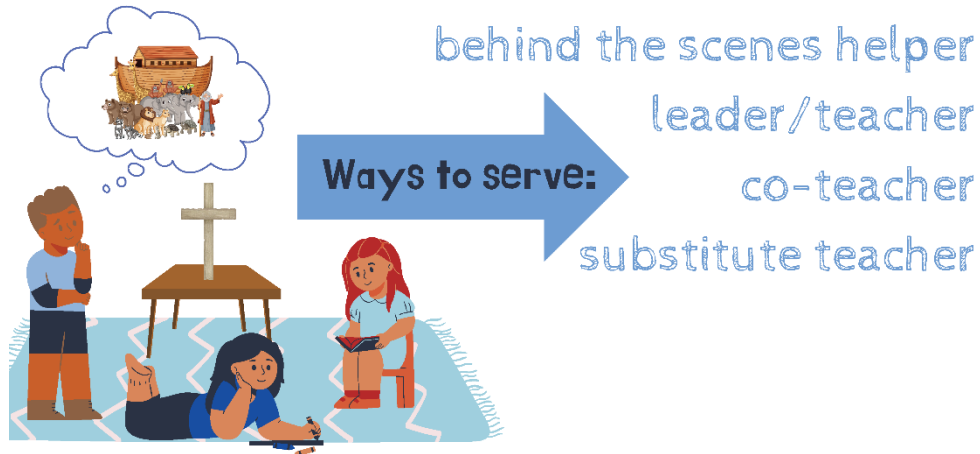
There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in all of our worship services. Please consider being a greeter or usher, a worship assistant or lay reader, a slide tech or live stream team member. Feel free to reach out directly to the following for more information:

- 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

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

MIDDLE
SCHOOL
6TH - 8TH
GRADE

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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



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

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship
in Sanctuary

Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am

Praise Worship
in Family Life Center

Sunday, *11:00 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, August 16
6:00 pm - 36

Sunday, August 17
8:00 am - 93
9:30 am - 197
11:00 am - 148

Total In-Person Worship: 474

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, August 17
8:00 am - 81
11:00 am - 36

Total Online Views: 117

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



Prayers of the Church – August 24, 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

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

Those Prayed for on August 17, 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
- Healthy Baby Boy for Rhianna
- Skye's 1st Birthday
- Baby Rosemary Gerdes, Born August 5th, Proud Parents Karl and Melody Gerdes
- Resurrection Lutheran School Beginning of New School Year, Students, Families, and Our Wonderful Staff
- Bob Hoffmeister and Other RLC Choir Members Participation in a Choir Workshop
- New Families in Worship
- Jay Foster, Healing and Recovery
- Mark Zimmerman, Recovery at Home
- Jim, Cancer Free
- Jacob's Baptismal Birthday
- Bill's Successful Surgery
- Husband's Successful Surgery

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
- *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
- *Charlotte Raines
- 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
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Recovery, Mother of *Sue Campau
- Brother-In-Law Curt, Open Heart Surgery and Recovery
- Jackie, Knox, Nove, Matt, Brianne, Fran, Barb, Jim, Sharon, Carly, Bernadette, Ashley, Kathy, Dale, Graydon, Ricky, Joan, Karl, Linda, Baby Stanley, John, Joe, Jeff, James, Gary, Gene and Lois, Walter, Denise, Pete, Karla, Harold, Ken, Mark, Paul, Kelly, Carole, Steve, Jeri, Barbara, Fatma, Jadis, Carrie, Virginia Darlene, Dave, Jack, Marie, Fran

For Comfort

- 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
- Family and Friends of Hadassah Lerner
- Family and Friends of Alice Loeffler, Neighbor/Friend of *Sue Sanders
- Family and Friends of Lee Frank Sr., Father of Friend of *Eric Heise

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
- Doug Gill, Ongoing Cancer Treatment and Move to Oregon
- College Students Returning to Classes
- Sister Finds Employment
- Beginning of School Year - Bless Students, Teachers, Staff, and Volunteers
- Firefighters Out West
- VdC Mixed 111
- Upcoming Surgeries

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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