Christ the King November 23, 2025



Pastor's Corner for November 23-29, 2025

The Last Day (Malachi 3:13-18)

This is the last Weekend of the Church Year. Why do we remember this? Why does the Church even have a "last day" marked in our calendars? It's there to meditate on and prepare for the Last Day. This is the Day when everything will be made known. When the Book of Remembrance will be read and all the righteous will be welcomed into God's Kingdom. This is the Day when Christ will be revealed in glory, when God will make the righteous His treasured possession, when all things will be made right. The Last Day is the Day that God has promised. Are you ready?

When you think of the Last Day, what comes to mind? Thinking about the Book of Remembrance in Malachi, it can be a scary day. Not exactly one to look

forward to if I'm supposed to be secure in what God remembers about me. The image of God that can come to mind in association with the Last Day is one of anger, violence, vengeance, and condemnation. The Last Day is hardly ever thought of as a good day. That day brings to mind my sin; my rebellion, hate, anger, lust, judgement, jealousy, and all the things I regret and the shame that comes with it. The Last Day can bring fear because on that Day everything is finished.

But what if we remembered that the Last Day has already come? There has already been a Day when Christ was revealed in glory, when God made the righteous His treasured possession, when the righteous were welcomed into God's Kingdom. The Last Day is the Day of Christ's victory over sin, death, and the devil. Even your sin that you fear has been conquered and done away with. On the Last Day, you were made righteous and the Kingdom was given to you.

In the most unexpected place, on a cross, Jesus was revealed in all His glory. On that cross, Jesus accomplished all He came to do. That is the Last Day for all believers when all things were declared finished. If you ever think of the Final Day with fear and trembling, pray the prayer of the criminal on the cross, "remember me when you come into your kingdom." In that little prayer, every prayer is held. No smaller prayer can be uttered that holds so great an impact.

Remember me. That is our prayer to Jesus over and over again. Not because Jesus can forget us, but because we want, and need, Jesus to act for us again and again. In the memory of Jesus, His death and resurrection is made active in our lives for all eternity. The Last Day is one to look forward to for God's people, but it is also a day to look back on because there is where our confidence is found.

Your remembered brother in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

Please note, the church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. Happy Thanksgiving!

Prayers of the Church

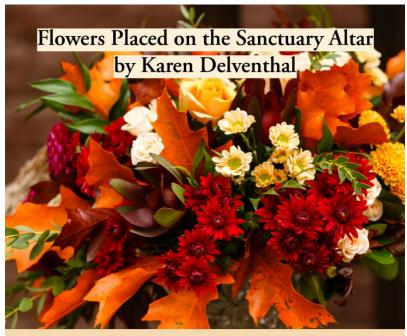
Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **November 22 and 23**. 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 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.

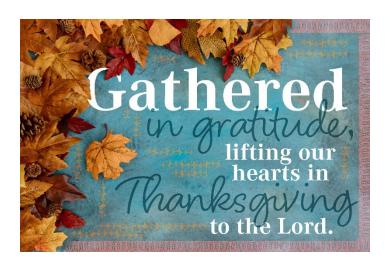


Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!



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 gather for worship on the eve of this national Day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings. God, in His Grace, has given us all that we need for

body and soul. We respond with thanksgiving, recognizing that all we have is from His Grace.

Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship and Holy Communion! Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm

Live stream available on YouTube <u>@ResurrectionLutheranCary</u>.

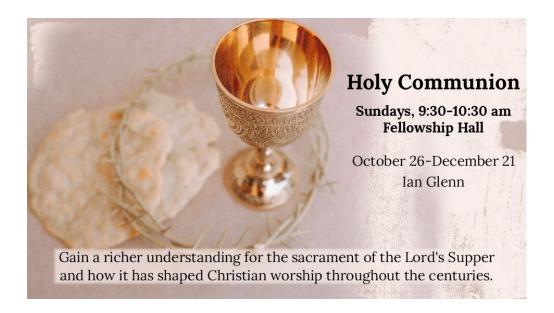
There will be <u>no</u> other Wednesday night activities held.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

Holy Communion
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ October 26-December 21
Fellowship Hall
lan Glenn

Using Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible, this class will be focused on the Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion, where it comes from in the Bible, and what we can learn about it from the early church writers. There will also be discussion on the similarities and differences between the Lutheran understanding of the sacrament with those of other Christian denominations in an effort to help prepare participants for discussions that might arise in day-to-day life. It is hoped that participants will gain a richer understanding and appreciation for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and how it has shaped Christian worship throughout the centuries. Bring your Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. Some will be available.



Tuesday Morning

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am ~ September 2-May 19
Fellowship Hall
Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

God gives His Word to instruct, guide, and bless our lives. The Scripture lessons in worship offer a menu every week to build up the people of God in faith and hope. We will study the lessons for the following Sunday, and as we do, we expect that this Word will enrich and edify our community prayer, faith, and servant life in Christ.

Wednesday Evening ~ Supper & Scripture

No Christian Parenting
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm
Room 240, Family Life Center
Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, and Pastor Zach Sarrault

No Women of the Word (WOW)

Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm) September 3-December 10 Fellowship Hall Jamee Thieme

All women are invited to this discussion-based study using the book, *Everlasting: Peaks*, *Valleys*, *and Grace in the Psalms* by Christina Hergenrader. Feel free to jump in, even though we already started!

Anxious. Worthy. Ashamed. Nostalgic. Lonely. Secure. This is just a handful of emotions we observe in the Psalms – and in our day-to-day lives, too. In this women's Bible study, you'll be guided through 25 psalms, digging into their genres, perplex emotions, glimpses of Jesus, and more.

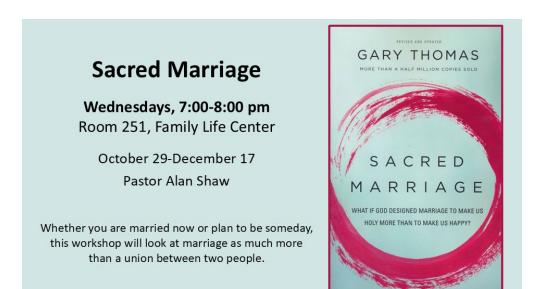
No Men's Ministry
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:30 pm)
Tom Gebbia

No Sacred Marriage
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ October 29-December 17
Room 251, Family Life Center
Pastor Alan Shaw

Whether you are married now or plan to be someday, this workshop will look at marriage as much more than a union between two people. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. *Sacred Marriage* shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more.

Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God. Everything about your marriage — from the history you and your spouse create, to the love you share, to the forgiveness you both offer and seek — is filled with the capacity to help you grow in Christ's character.

Books will be provided.



View the Christian Education Booklet, Fall 2025, Session 2

The Christmas trees are here!

The Christmas Store is an outreach of United Church at 820 East Williams Street (Hwy. 55) in Apex, NC and exists to provide gifts at Christmas to children in low-income families by engaging volunteers in meaningful community service.

The Christmas trees are in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby. Please take a tag, purchase your item(s), and return them unwrapped with their tags by **Sunday**, **November 30**. All toys collected will go to the Christmas Store. New this year, cards on the trees have a QR code you can scan to order toys to be delivered directly to United Church.



The Christmas Store will be open on December 13 for families to shop. Volunteers are needed at United Church to help with parking, greeting, gift wrapping, shopping, and more. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to work at the Christmas Store, please go to this link: christmasstorenc.com/volunteers

Contact the Human Care Committee (Jan Boyer or Dara Linn) through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

A big thank you and all the Glory to God for another year of the Coffeehouse at Resurrection! We do not have a Coffeehouse in December, so our next event will be on **Friday**, **January 9** in the Family Life Center when we will be starting our 24th year. Come join us as a volunteer.



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



Surviving the Holidays

Join us for a Surviving the Holidays seminar and discover helpful ways to deal with the hurt of divorce and separation during the holiday season.

Resurrection Lutheran Church

100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518

Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Room 151 in Family Life Center

Register here: find.divorcecare.org/ministries/178938



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Contact Sue Campau through RCB 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.



Stephen Ministry is a listening ministry focused on confidential care for those struggling with any number of life issues from grief to depression to loneliness to anxiety. We are there to walk alongside and support.

And we need you to prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. If you are up for the challenge, the next class starts **January 4, 2026**.

Ask the pastors to link you up with a Stephen Leader or email us at stephenministry@rlcary.org. We'll see you in class!

Children and Family Ministry



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, at erika.hulse@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.





Register: bit.ly/47q9s92

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School



November 23:

Sunday School for Middle and High School Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

High School Youth Group - *Friendsgiving!* Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm

The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

November 30:

No Sunday School for Middle and High School Happy Thanksgiving!

Service Project ~ Decorating the Church for Christmas Sunday, November 30 at 12:30-2:30 pm Open to all Middle School and High School Youth



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool (RLP)

Announcement

As some of you may know, I became a grandma in September and I am excited to take on this new role! It is a blessing to have my daughter, Emily, and her family close by in Raleigh.

After many amazing years at RLP, I have decided to retire at the end of the preschool year in June of 2026. This decision was both difficult and easy. As my daughter transitions back into her job as a nurse, I will be taking care of my grandson, James. RLP families and the RLP staff are family to me. The Preschool has been a huge part of my life over the past 26 years - as a parent, a teacher, Assistant Director, and as the Director for the past nine years. So, this decision was not an easy one.

This being said, the Preschool Board and I have begun the search for the next Preschool Director. The Board and I will be thoughtful and collaborative in this process. The staff and I remain dedicated to providing the same high level of care and education to our families as we have over the past 40+ years. RLP will continue fulfilling its mission of providing a loving, safe, enriching, and Christian environment for children and their families.

- Diane Hooper



Employment Opportunity

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool (RLP) Board is seeking an individual to fill the position of Preschool Director. They will carry on RLP's mission of providing a loving, safe, enriching, and Christian environment for children and their families.

This person should have the following:

- a passion for working with and experience associated with preschool age children and families,
- 3-5 years minimum experience associated with preschool children and families
- Bachelors or Associates with an Early Childhood Education focus (preferred but not required)
- the ability and desire to lead and work within a team environment
- strong organizational and delegation skills
- leadership and administration skills
- computer and technology skills
- membership at Resurrection Lutheran Church or become member

Application deadline is December 1, 2025.

If interested, please contact the RLP Board at rlpboard2526@rlpcary.org or Diane Hooper at director@rlpcary.org.

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







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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.

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.

This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

Visual Faith for Thanksgiving

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, November 15 6:00 pm - 73

Sunday, November 16 8:00 am - 123 9:30 am - 180 11:00 am - 95

Total In-Person Worship: 471

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, November 16 8:00 am - 117 11:00 am - 32 **Total Online Views: 149**

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

September 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$353,400 Actual Giving to Date: \$369,181

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$15,781

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$380,000 Actual Expenses to Date: \$359,812 Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$ 20,188

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar





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Prayers of the Church – November 23, 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, Paul Batt,
- *Geoffrey Wiggins, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai, Alex Fernandez

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, Emily, *Alison Whatley, Joe Huley, Lyn Becksford

For Expectant Moms

*Renee Guerin, *Alyssa Shaw, Ally Brown, *Melaney Unger Campos, Hannah Peterson, Sarah Hulse

Those Prayed for on November 16, 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
- For *Janet Bowling, 18 years of Bookkeeping Volunteering
- For Margaret Hyatt, 30 years of Service at RLC
- For Veterans
- Thanksgiving for Healing
- Malcolm, New Job
- God's Love
- Angel's 18th Birthday
- New Baby, Sullivan Edward Champion, Son of Leah and Justin Champion, Grandson of *Bob and *MaryAnn Unger

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, Kathy Stegall
- *Greta Nelson
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Betty, and Others with Dementia
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery and Restoration
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- Bryon, Recovery from Brain Injury
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Dave, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- Clare Roberts, Recovery, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Charlie Shiel
- *Charlotte Raines
- Cynthia Wyse, Recovery
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident at Home
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Tyler, Recovering from Burns, and His Family Supporting Him
- Belle and Hayes, Childhood Cancer
- *Clinton Peterson
- Kathy Mitchell
- Khari Otten
- Tommi
- Ryan
- Henry, Grandson of *Mark and *Pat Otten
- Makayla
- *Sandy Eckstein, Recovery
- Carli
- Kyler
- Dee Dee Morris, Recovery at Home
- *Yvette Crawley, Healing and Recovery
- Lorrie Muller, Cancer Treatment
- *Cheryl Roth, Healing
- *Ron Bostick, Healing and Recovery
- *Lois Haertling, Comfort and Healing
- Dee Dee, Carly, Karen, Sheila, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Olevia, Larry, Tina Marie, Brittany, James, Susan, Benji, Wheeler, Gary, James, Mark, Gene, Lois, Walter, John, Gabby, Melissa, Marcus, Yvette, Ron, Mark, Carrie, Bill, Virginia, Mel, Barbara, Ruby, Joe, Herbie, Jeri, Julie, Jake, Fatma, Sandy, Billy, June, Dorothy

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Pat Schelin, Lifetime Friend of *Anne and *Ed Altieri
- Family and Friends of Robert Steele, Cousin of *Kathy Rihani
- Family and Friends of *Helen Campbell, Mother of *Cheryl Roth

- Family and Friends of Kristy Snead, Kids' Teacher, *Kalyn
- Family and Friends of Wake Med Officer Roger Smith

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters and Weather Events
- Families and Businesses Recovering in Western NC
- Safety and Thanksgiving for People Helping with Recovery Efforts
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Israel and the People of Gaza, Peace in the Middle East
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- *Meredith A.
- *Fran Xenakis
- *Carol Mitchell
- Our Government and Leaders
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, and Federal Workers, Especially Rose, Jamie
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Dorothy Conners
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore
- *Rundle Family
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- *Kathy Rihani
- Those in Process of Selling and Purchasing Homes
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Mother of *Sue Campau, Recovery and Guidance for Her Family
- For Hiring an Office Assistant at RLC
- Brian, Surgery

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
- Pastor Jon Richter, Discernment in Serving
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Caring Presence Ministry

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 11/20/25