

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



Pastor's Corner for May 10-16, 2026

Jesus-Glasses (John 14:15-21)

When will Jesus come back? The right answer is, "I don't know and neither does anyone else" (Matthew 24:36), but sometimes we want more. A lot of people have tried, and keep trying, to predict Jesus' return. **DON'T LISTEN TO THEM!** It's a waste of time and money to give them even a second of your attention. So, while knowing right answer, but still wanting more, what else can we say? We go back to the Word and see what He says.

Jesus gives long sermon to the disciples after He washes their feet and before He is betrayed. He uses the phrase "little while" several times when talking about the waiting for His return. "Yet a little while and the world will see me know more" (John 14:19). In one sense, Jesus is speaking very literally. He will

literally die, rise, and physically ascend, entering His heavenly kingdom. He will physically be away from our eyes. In this way, no one can see Jesus, but He isn't speaking about everyone here. He's talking about the world, those outside a relationship with Him. Those who don't know Jesus cannot see Him in this "little while" waiting for His return, but you and I do have a relationship with Jesus and we can see Him.

"Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me" (John 14:19). We are given the gift of "Jesus-glasses." We can see Jesus working in our lives and in the world. It is our prayer that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, will open our eyes so that we can recognize where He is working so we can work with Him. Part of seeing Jesus is giving credit where credit is due. We want to see Jesus so we can point others to Jesus, expressing the love we have experienced with Him.

And this is our role as disciples. We help the world see Jesus. We do this through faithful Christian living, living boldly as the Church in mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and grace. In our living, we help people see Jesus. We also point others to Jesus by expressing where He has worked in our life. Instead of saying things like "I've been lucky" or "I've been blessed" we tell others that Jesus has been with us and shown Himself in these ways. After all, luck doesn't exist and the word blessed can be vague. When we talk about Jesus, we are talking about One that does exist and we are not vague about the One who has given us life.

While we wait in this "little while" for Jesus to return, may He open our eyes to see where He is working and give us courage to help others see Him too!

Your waiting brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

Men and Women's Breakfast



Saturday, May 9
8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Come gather for fellowship, food, and message.

All welcome for this Pastor's Forum!

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



[*Sign Up for Altar Flowers!*](#)

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

Echoes of Easter: Living the Resurrection Every Day

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ April 19-May 17

Fellowship Hall

Pastor Jonathan Blanke and Pastor Zach Sarrault

Christian author N. T. Wright once said that because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ the Church is meant to be a "small working model" of God's new creation. That would not be a bad way to approach 1 Peter!

Starting Sunday, April 19 we will begin a 4-week study of St. Peter's first epistle

to discover again the difference Easter makes for our daily lives. Reading verse-by-verse through 1 Peter, who do we find we are, in light of our new birth as the baptized children of God? What does it mean to "live the resurrection" each and every day? We will explore these questions, and many more which God will use to lead us to live in the light of Jesus' Easter Life today and every day.

Resource: 1 Peter, (the Bible), with miscellaneous handouts provided.



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

***Last* Women of the Word (WOW) - Chosen: A Study of Esther**

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm)

January 7-May 13

Fellowship Hall

Jamee Thieme and Study Leader, Shane Jarvis

You're invited to study the Book of Esther. The setting: A lavish feast in the opulent Persian Empire. The event: a beauty contest. The plot: save a nation from annihilation. In this study, see that God's presence is ever abundant in your life, and that God gives you the courage to live fearlessly as Esther did. Learn the historical context of the Book of Esther to enrich your understanding of God's Word.

The book, *Chosen: A Study of Esther* by Donna Pyle is available for self-purchase. A Zoom group version of this will be available on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm.

***Last* Men's Ministry**

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:30 pm)

May 13 Only

Room 240, Family Life Center

Tom Gebbia

Plan on a Potluck Gathering for our last weekly gathering of the season on Wednesday, May 13!

Questions regarding any of our Christian Education offerings can be directed to the leader noted or the church office at office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248.

Following Naomi

The Following Naomi group will be having their end of year meeting on **Thursday, May 14**. This will be a luncheon at Lucky 32 Southern Kitchen (7307 Tryon Road, Cary) at 2:00 pm.

We will meet again on Thursday, September 10.

Please RSVP to Eydee Persson or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

• **YOUNG FAMILIES** •
gathering



Join us on
Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 pm
at the home of Pastor Zach and Kelsey Sarrault
(7529 Faith Haven Court, Willow Spring)
for food and fun for everyone!

Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

RSVP to Pastor Zach or Kelsey Sarrault.

Blind Ministry

Once again, we thank **Enrigo's Italian Restaurant** in Waverly Place for so generously providing the food for 60 guests and volunteers for our previous Blind Ministry dinner. We appreciate their generosity and yes, the food was delicious!

Please consider them when you like to go out to eat and enjoy a good meal in a very nice atmosphere. Tell them that you are from our church!

Graduating?

Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information **by Wednesday, May 27**. We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter. We request the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33.

High School Graduates, please mark your calendars for the weekend of June 7-8. We will be recognizing our high school graduates in all services.

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.

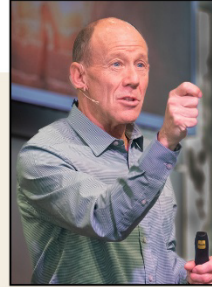
TRIANGLE FAITH.ORG

Tuesday, June 9 & Wednesday, June 10, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

309 Holleman St., Apex, NC

Genesis: From Creation to Chaos, to God's Plan to Restore All Things

The Book of Genesis takes us from Creation to chaos to God's plan to renew all things in Christ. This workshop will help participants read the rest of the Bible more missionally and Christologically.



Dr. Reed Lessing

Professor of Theology and Ministry,
and Director of The Center of
Biblical Studies at Concordia
University, St. Paul, Minn.

LCMSU

Our last meeting this semester was a wonderful time as we joined in a very competitive game of Spoons, sent our seniors off with a blessing, and joined together in worship.



Even though we are starting the summer, it is never too early to start thinking about next semester.

I am excited to announce that Joseph Steiner will be taking the reins and leading LMCSU @ NCSU this fall. This will allow the group to continue providing the fellowship and worship that any student needs. As of now, LCMSU will still be meeting at the NC State Study Center though we are waiting for final confirmation. And as always, the group is open to college students from NCSU, Duke, UNC, and other local colleges, as well as young adults in the area.

Save the date for the first meeting of the 2026 Fall semester on **Friday, August 21!** There will be food and games before the evening closes with "Evening Prayer" and Holy Communion. We will also be installing Joseph Steiner at this meeting. Look for more details as we get closer to the date from Joseph.

Thank you all again for making LCMSU a part of your college life!

- Jonathan Madler

Children and Family Ministry

A colorful poster for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) event. The background is a lush green rainforest with a waterfall, various tropical birds (parrots, toucans), a monkey, a cheetah, and a sloth. The title "RAINFOREST FALLS" is written in large, stylized letters. Below the title is the subtitle "Exploring the Nature of God". The event details are listed on the right: "Resurrection Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School", "June 22-26", "9 am - 12 noon", "4 year olds to 5th graders", and "\$10 per child". At the bottom left, it says "Register to participate or volunteer here" with an arrow pointing to a QR code. At the bottom right, it says "Questions? erika.hulse@rlcary.org".

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

**Resurrection Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School**

June 22-26
9 am - 12 noon

4 year olds to 5th graders

\$10 per child

Register to participate
or volunteer here →

Questions?
erika.hulse@rlcary.org

Register for VBS: bit.ly/3NapWKZ

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

Sunday, May 10:

Sunday School for Middle and High School, 9:30-10:30 am

No High School Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm



Just a reminder...

- **5/10 - Only Sunday School is happening
Celebrate your Mommas**
- **5/17 - Last Sunday School @
9:30-10:30 & High School Youth
Group with Guest Speaker @
6:30-8:00pm**



All events, unless noted, held in The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center.

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

**3-year-olds to
Rising kindergarteners**

(children in our 2's classes can come!)
(ALL Ages MUST be toilet-trained)

June 1 – 4 [9:15-12:30]
June 8 – 11 [9:15-12:30]
June 15 – 18 [9:15-12:30]

RLChurch VBS June 22-26

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

REGISTER NOW!



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

Resurrection Lutheran School



rls Cary.org | 919-851-7271 | contact@rls Cary.org

Latest Lion's Tale

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship in Sanctuary	Praise Worship in Family Life Center
Saturday, 6:00 pm	Sunday, *11:00 am
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am	

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary

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

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, May 2
6:00 pm - 45

Sunday, May 3
8:00 am - 109

9:30 am - 294

11:00 am - 99

Total In-Person Worship: 547

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, May 3

9:30 am - 89

11:00 am - 39

Total Online Views: 128

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

March 2026

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,166,600

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,187,800

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$21,200

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,140,000

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,087,912

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$ 52,088

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – May 10, 2026

*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, Lyn Becksford

For Expectant Moms

Sarah Hulse, Alison Aiello

Those Prayed for on May 3, 2026

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, and Those Who Serve
- Call Process for *Robin Hester as Resurrection Lutheran School Principal
- RLC Day of Service (Operation Inasmuch) Success on Saturday, April 25,
Including 600 lbs. of Donated Food to *With Love From Jesus*
- Resurrection Lutheran School 8th Grade Trip to Williamsburg
- Youth Sunday on April 26 at 11:00 am Worship
- *Harrison and Sarah Hulse, Vicarage Placement at Grace Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida
- Barbara's Birthday

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Who Have Illnesses - COVID, RSV, Flu, Viruses
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Linda Jones, Judy Dean, Miriam Delgado, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner, Kathy Stegall

- *Greta Nelson
- Pastor William Otto
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Betty, and Others with Dementia
- *Mindy Stephani, Healing and Restoration
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- Bryon, Recovery from Brain Injury
- Clare Roberts, Recovery, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Charlotte Raines
- Cynthia Wyse
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Tyler, Recovering from Burns, and His Family Supporting Him
- Hayes, Belle, Childhood Cancer
- *Clinton Peterson
- Khari Otten
- Henry, Grandson of *Mark and *Pat Otten
- Tommi
- Lorrie Muller, Cancer Treatment
- *Cheryl Roth
- Addison
- Mike Hodgkin
- *Carol Klevenow, Pain Support
- Justin Shellaway, Brain Tumor Surgery
- Carli, Recovery from Addiction
- Heather Whitehurst
- Donna Day
- Dave Koester and Wife, Ruth
- *Trudy Haertling, Physical Therapy
- *Dennis Merrill
- *Cecilia Brown
- *Sue Sanders
- Carolyn, Cecelia, Carol, Knox, Kathy, Sharon, Fran, Nove, Matt, Brianne, Ros, Bob, Greta, Lee, Lois, William, Breann, DeAnn, Ethan, Karen, Carly, Grayson, Heather, George, Gary, Trudy, Sue, Addison, Linda, Donna, Pam, Adrienne, Jim, Ruth, Cindy, Belle, Gordon, James, Gene, Walter, Kelly, Areeg, Mark, Sharon, Ashley, Shelby, Elaine, Noreen, Erica, Julia, Jadis, Virginia, Bill, Darlene, Jeff, Eric, Joe, Corey, Herbi, Jeri, Jack, Sandy, Lyda, Marty

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Clarence Williams

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- World Peace

- 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 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, Especially Doug
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Dorothy Conners
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore
- *Rundle Family
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- Those in the Process of Selling Homes for Aging Parents, Plus Related Family Matters
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Mother of *Sue Campau, Managing Mental Decline and Guidance for Her Family
- Resolution of Discord in Families
- Peaceful Resolution to War with Iran, People of the Middle East
- Safety for *Daisy Morris' Son, Daughter-In-Law, and Grandson in Dubai
- That We Trust the Lord is Working for Our Good in Our World Today
- Dick Huffman and Family
- Jack Simpson and His Family, Father-In-Law of *Kim Simpson
- Heather Whitehurst
- For Much Needed Rain
- Carolyn, Return Home and Continued Progress

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
- 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 Caring Presence Ministry
- DivorceCare Program, Completion of Class
- Our Capital Campaign Process

- US Military and Leadership
- Andres and Jessie

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
- Thanksgiving for Recent Mission Trips to Cambodia, Especially for Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Paul Brandt, and Erika Hulse
- Discernment for Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team for Future Mission Trips
- Kairos Prison Ministry

For Our Missionaries

- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click Here for the Latest 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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