

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 7, 2026



The Calling of St. Matthew, Caravaggio (1599-1600)

Pastor's Corner for June 7-13, 2026

In Need of a Physician (Matthew 9:9-13)

There's an award-winning TV series these days called *The Pitt* that gives a glimpse into a grueling, 15-hour Emergency Room shift. One aspect of the show I find interesting is how it depicts the importance of Emergency Department acute care for people from all walks of life... regardless of age, race, gender, or even language. The most recent season of the show depicts the heartbreaking reality of a baby abandoned in a hospital bathroom; a burn victim whose PTSD is triggered by fireworks; a young woman putting on false eyelashes who accidentally glues one eye shut; an unhoused man who dies in the ER from liver failure; an elderly nun with a bacterial infection; a construction worker injured on the job, and the list goes on. While the series depicts the limitations of the doctors and medical staff in the face of death and trauma, it nevertheless shows

how they perform heroically and rescue many patients under challenging conditions. Illness and injury are the great equalizers among members of the human race. Everyone is welcome at the Emergency Room door.

That's a good thing, too. Because sooner or later, EVERYONE needs a doctor! Jesus said as much when he was surrounded by tax collectors and "sinners" in today's Gospel reading. Tax collectors were people of ill repute, and Jesus had just called one of them—Matthew—as a disciple. No surprise, then, that Jesus welcomed those considered by others to be people of questionable moral standing who nevertheless recognized His life-giving message and came to Him. Do we ever develop an "us" and "them" perspective when we judge others as somehow less acceptable... when we make our endless comparisons about who is the better parent, or spouse, or child, or neighbor, or friend? Or might we sometimes look around and wonder whether our past actions have put us outside of fellowship with Jesus... whether we truly belong with those who stand in the presence of a holy God? When questioned why He spent time with those deemed morally inferior... somehow less than the status quo... what did Jesus say? He replied, "Those who are well don't need a doctor, but those who are sick.... I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners!" His point was not that there are two groups—good people and bad people. No... with respect to Jesus, there is no one who is well. With respect to Jesus, everyone is sick. That includes you and me. That includes the people judged by others as somehow "outside" the grace of God. But Jesus is the Doctor! Jesus has come for you. He has come for all.

The one who comes for all comes out of mercy. May His mercy for us be our mercy for others today!

Peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

Summer Adult Bible Study Opportunity

Our Singing Faith: God's Word in the Lutheran Service Book

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ June 7-July 5

Fellowship Hall

You're familiar with the parts of the hymnbook that we use on any garden-variety Sunday morning – but are you aware of all the hidden treasures the hymnal contains? No? Then come explore the Lutheran Service Book with us! Over the next five weeks, we will look at the LSB and how it helps shape our worship together as servants of the risen Christ!

Each Sunday morning, we will look in-depth at that week's Hymn of the Day and how it places the very words of the Bible on our lips. Also, we will take a closer look at the parts of the LSB that often go unnoticed. Led by Vicar Chris Reed.

Copies of the LSB will be provided. Please bring something for notetaking and your singing voice!

Our Singing Faith:
God's Word in the
Lutheran Service Book

Led by Vicar Chris Reed

Each Sunday through July 5
from 9:30-10:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall



**Come learn about the great hymns of the faith as we
open the hymnal and lift our voices together!**



**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
In Loving Memory of Judy Lonseth
by Erika Lonseth**

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!*](#)

Voters' Meeting

Sunday, June 7 at 12:30 pm
Sanctuary

- Approval of RLC, RLS, and RLP Budgets

FREE Hands-Only CPR Training



Thank you to the 23 participants who attended!



Men's Summer Fellowship Series

Stay connected over the summer! Join us for our June event on **Tuesday, June 9** from 6:30-8:15 pm at the Tap Station (320 S. Salem Street, Apex).

All men invited. Just show up – you do not have to eat or drink to attend.

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

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, June 12

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to come 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), Serving folks at 6:30 pm, and Cleaner Uppers at 8:30 pm.

Sign Up: bit.ly/3VAatWW0

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, June 12** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center. *Ricky Tew* will be playing for us.



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

• **YOUNG FAMILIES** •
gathering



Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on
Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 pm
at the home of Elliot and Holly Canupp
(1404 Leanne Court, Raleigh).

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

RSVP to Pastor Zach Sarrault or Elliot and Holly.

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.

Job Opportunity

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Durham, NC) is seeking an organized, welcoming, and detail-oriented Parish Administrator to support the daily operations and ministry of the congregation. This full-time position provides administrative, communication, scheduling, and office support for the Pastor, staff, ministry leaders, and congregation.

Responsibilities include managing office operations and reception; coordinating church communications, website updates, social media, and e-newsletters; preparing worship materials and meeting packets; maintaining membership records, calendars, and schedules; supporting church events, livestreams, and ministry activities; and coordinating facility and vendor-related needs.

Ideal candidates will possess strong organizational and communication skills, maintain confidentiality, work well independently and collaboratively, and demonstrate a heart for serving within a church environment.

Preferred Skills are Microsoft Office, Canva, Constant Contact, Zoom, website and social media management, and Google Docs/Drive experience.

This role plays an important part in helping Grace Lutheran Church create a welcoming, organized, and mission-focused ministry environment.

Reply along with resume to: hr@gracedurham.org.

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, toucan), a monkey, a cheetah, and a sloth. The text is arranged as follows: 'Resurrection Lutheran Church' and 'Vacation Bible School' at the top right; 'June 22-26' and '9 am - 12 noon' below that; '4 year olds to 5th graders' and '\$10 per child' in the middle; 'Questions? erika.hulse@rlcary.org' at the bottom right; 'RAINFOREST FALLS' in large, stylized letters on the left; 'Exploring the Nature of God' in a banner below the title; and 'Register to participate or volunteer here' with a QR code and an arrow pointing to it at the bottom left.

Resurrection Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School

June 22-26
9 am - 12 noon

4 year olds to 5th graders
\$10 per child

Questions?
erika.hulse@rlcary.org

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

Register to participate
or volunteer here → 

Register for VBS (Participants and Volunteers): 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

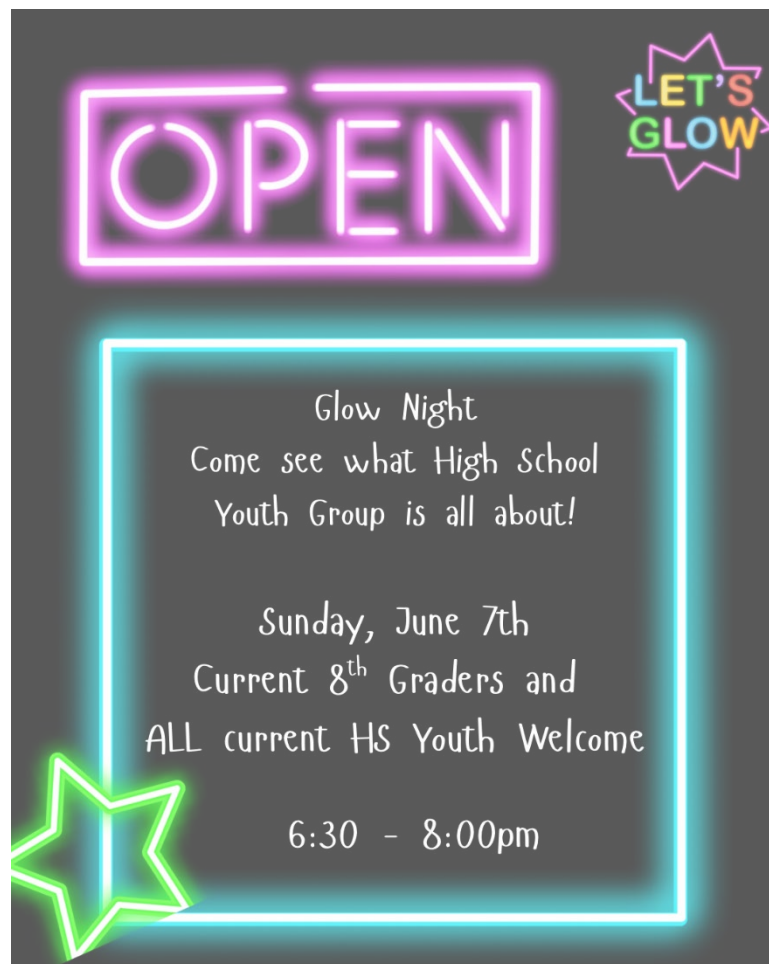
Middle School and High School

Sunday, June 7:

Recognition of High School Graduates in Sunday Services

Last High School Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm

GLOW NIGHT! All current high schoolers and current 8th graders are invited.




Congratulations

CLASS OF 2026



Cameron, Lilia, Matthew



**RLC YOUTH
GROUP GRADS!**



**RLC
High School
Youth Group**

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

Last weekend, May 30/31, Robin Hester was Installed and Commissioned as a LCMS Called Teacher and Principal for Resurrection Lutheran School.

Congratulations and thank you for your faithful service!



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

rlscary.org | 919-851-7271 | contact@rlscary.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 - Lynne Hoffman

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 30
6:00 pm - 68

Sunday, May 31
8:00 am - 113
9:30 am - 191

11:00 am - 93

Total In-Person Worship: 465

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, May 31

8:00 am - 143

11:00 am - 44

Total Online Views: 187

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

May 2026

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,402,200

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,459,583

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$57,383

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,393,333.33

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,313,771

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$79,562.33

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518

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Prayers of the Church – June 7, 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, 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

Those Prayed for on May 31, 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
- End of the Academic Year for Resurrection Lutheran School and Preschool
- College Graduates and Their Families
- Baby Sienna, Recovery from Cancer
- Birth of Kennedy Aiello on May 16, Parents *Nick and *Alison Aiello
- Commissioning and Installation of Resurrection Lutheran School Principal *Robin Hester
- New Baby on the Way
- For New Job
- VdC Team Mixed 112

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Who Have Illnesses - COVID, RSV, Flu, Viruses

- Blind Ministry Guests - Helen Rice-Lyles, Daria Radford, Mary Williams, Judy Dean, Kathy Stegall, Norma McCord
- *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
- 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, Pancreatic Cancer Treatment
- Dave Koester, ALS, and Wife, Ruth
- *Trudy Haertling, Physical Therapy
- *Dennis Merrill
- *Cecilia Brown, Rehab and Recovery
- *Sue Sanders
- Carolyn, Continued Healing
- Evelyn Bloom
- *Jamee Thieme, Healing from Accident; Also Prayer of Thanksgiving
- DeAnn, Bree Ann, Trudy, Van, Gary, Kim, Don, Karen, Carly, Grayson, Paul, Linda, Ricky, Gaylon, Sonny, Catherine, David, Everett, Madi, Kathy, Pam, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Carlton, Kevin, Keith, Sam, Timmy, Anne, Jewel, Anna, Brittany, Pastor Robert, Kim, Addison, Lily, Chris, Katie, Jim, Mary, Mike, Carolyn, Arja, Alison, Gabby, Mike, George, Trudy, Jamee, Gordon, Gene, Lois, Walter, Sharon, Elaine, Ashley, Clint, John, Leland, Stephanie, Kelly, Mark, Denise, Joe, Jeri, Herbie, Eric, Julie, Kale, Jake, Bill, Julie, Jack, Sandy, Graham

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Larry Reed, Uncle of *Chris Reed

- Family and Friends of Margaret Orlando, Grandmother of Ralph Ercolino
- Family and Friends of Melissa Christian
- Family and Friends of Georgianna Bowling, Mother of *Randy Bowling
- Family and Friends of Pastor Herbert Martin Gerken, Father of *Miriam Davis

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, Lori
- 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
- Kathy Siemon and Her Family
- College Students with Summer Internships

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
- Our Capital Campaign Process

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
- 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.*