

# Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2026

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*Pastor's Corner for June 21-27, 2026*

## **Of More Value than Many Sparrows (Matthew 10:5a, 21-33)**

Jesus often gave His followers an unvarnished true picture of what the future would hold. In our Gospel reading today, He tells them what the life of following Him would look like...what it would cost.

On this Father's Day, I can't help remembering my dad. I like to tell people that one of the most vivid memories I have of Dad that started when we were kids and extended into our adult years was how he would pull out the Bible and have a devotion at the end of the day every day...no matter who was gathered around the dinner table. Dad was not a pastor. He was not a Bible-thumping "fundy" who talked religion every chance he got. Mom and Dad would sometimes host parties for friends in the evenings that were ordinary events

anyone, Christian or not, would have enjoyed attending. But when it was dinner time, all who had eaten were gathered around the table, and the dishes were cleared, Dad would pull out a Bible and a devotion booklet. It didn't matter if our parents had friends around the table with us. It didn't matter if WE had friends around the table with us. If you were in the Blanke household sharing the last meal of the day, you got the bread of life together with your daily bread. That's just how it was.

This is why this year's Father's Day Gospel reading causes me to ponder the vocation of being a father. As Christian dads we are called to confess Christ in our homes, teach the faith to our children, stand firm when the world pushes back on us, and model repentance and forgiveness to our families. In other words, being a dad is costly. Being a dad will mean sometimes being unpopular. Being a dad may feel like you've been placed in the middle of a spiritual battleground. It will certainly feel at times like you're inadequate. There will definitely be times when you fail.

But Jesus has a word of promise for his first disciples and for all of us who strive to disciple our families as parents: Our heavenly Father who sees and cares for even the sparrows sees us and those we care for! Jesus knows the pressures we face. He knows the fears we carry. His promise to acknowledge us before the Father despite our imperfect acknowledging of Him before others turns Father's Day from a celebration of perfection into a celebration of grace and courage in Christ Jesus.

So this weekend as we celebrate Father's Day, we have a chance not only to give thanks to God for dads...but to celebrate being children of our Father in heaven who loves us so. What comfort that we are of such value to Him. Thanks be to God!

## Giving Thanks to God for Diane Hooper



This month we offer up the prayers of grateful hearts for our very own Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Director Diane Hooper who will be retiring after 28 years at RLP! Anyone who knows Diane knows that she loved the children of our preschool and always strove to do what was best for them and their families. We will miss her but pray she will enjoy her much-deserved time spent with her family (especially grandbaby James!) Well done, good and faithful servant!

Peace and joy,  
Pastor Jonathan

**Prayers of the Church**

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## 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

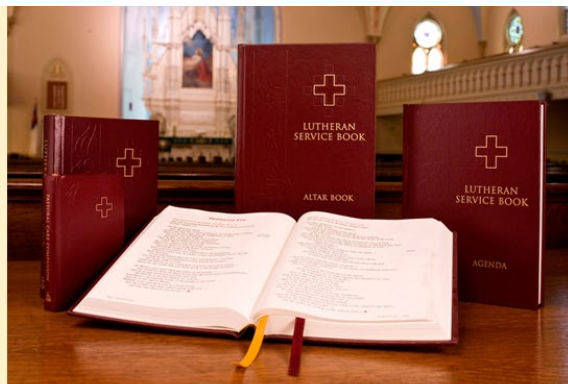
You're familiar with the parts of the hymnbook that we use on any garden-variety Sunday morning – but are you aware of all the hidden treasures the hymnal contains? No? Then come explore the Lutheran Service Book with us! Over the next five weeks, we will look at the LSB and how it helps shape our worship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

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[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)

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### Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **June 20 and 21**. 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!*

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## **Food & Fellowship for the Blind**



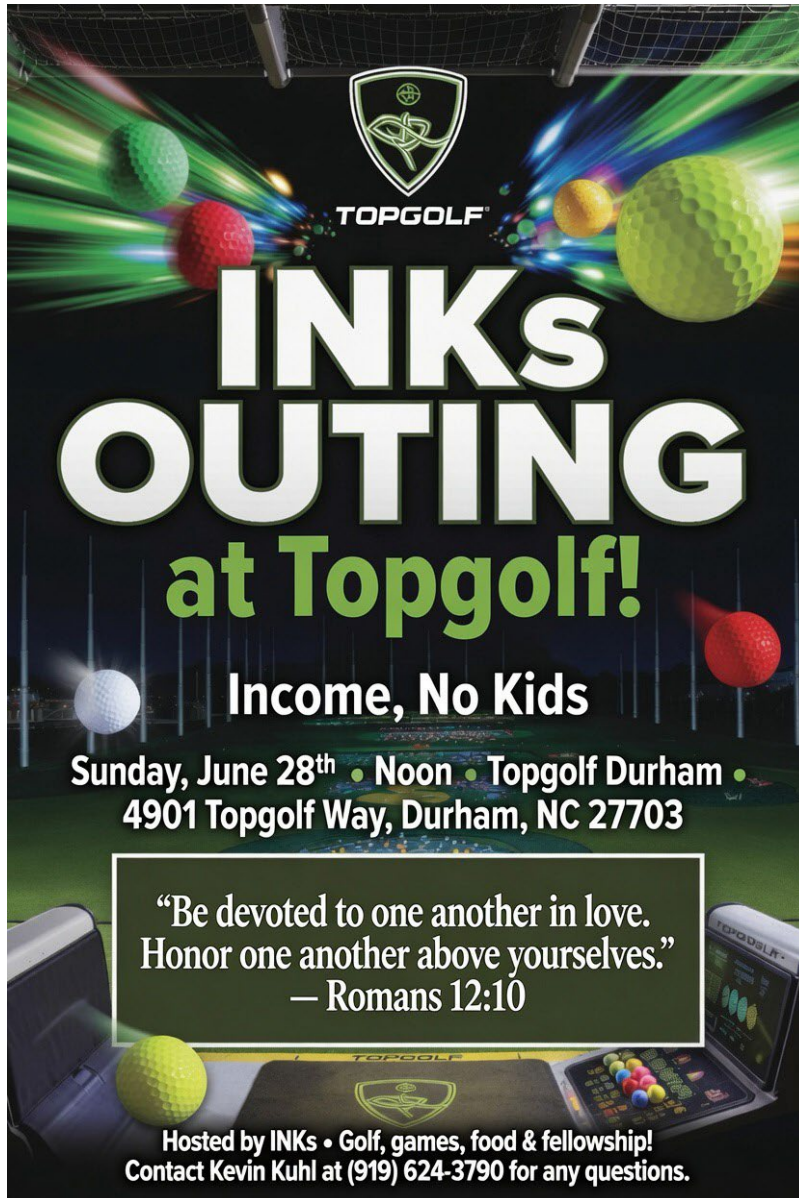
Resurrection's Ministry  
for the Visually Impaired meets

**Friday, June 26**

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](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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A promotional poster for a Topgolf event. The background is dark with colorful light trails and several golf balls in motion. At the top center is the Topgolf logo, a shield with a golf ball and a club. Below it, the word "TOPGOLF" is written in a stylized font. The main title "INKs OUTING" is in large, bold, white letters, with "at Topgolf!" in green below it. Underneath, "Income, No Kids" is written in white. The event details "Sunday, June 28th • Noon • Topgolf Durham • 4901 Topgolf Way, Durham, NC 27703" are listed in white. A central white box contains a quote: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." — Romans 12:10. At the bottom, it says "Hosted by INKs • Golf, games, food & fellowship! Contact Kevin Kuhl at (919) 624-3790 for any questions." The bottom of the poster shows a Topgolf simulator console with a laptop and a golf ball.

**TOPGOLF**

# INKs OUTING

at Topgolf!

**Income, No Kids**

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4901 Topgolf Way, Durham, NC 27703

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## 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.

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## The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, July 10

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 with us! Our special needs guests love to attend, 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. The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, July 10** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The *Kudzu Ramblers* will be playing for us. Sign Up: [bit.ly/3VAatWWO](http://bit.ly/3VAatWWO)



Contact Brenda Peterson through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## Men's Summer Fellowship Series



Fun time on June 9th at the Tap Station!

Mark your calendar for our next event on **Wednesday, July 22!** Join us at Aviator Brewery (688 Brewery Drive) in Fuquay Varina starting at 6:30 pm.

Stay connected over the summer! All men invited. Just show up – you do not have to eat or drink to attend.

Contact Tom Gebbia at [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

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## Seeking Job

A member of the RLC Community with 5+ years as a technical writer at Oracle is in the middle of a job search and would like either to connect with potential employers or network with anyone with knowledge of employment prospects.

If you have information to share, please reach out to the church office at [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org).

Many thanks!

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## 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](mailto:hr@gracedurham.org).

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## Children and Family Ministry

***Last chance to register!***

A colorful graphic for a Vacation Bible School event. On the left, a sign reads "RAINFOREST FALLS" in large, stylized letters, with "Exploring the Nature of God" written below it. The background features a lush rainforest scene with a waterfall, various tropical birds (parrots, toucan), a monkey, a frog, a toucan, a jaguar, and a sloth. Text on the right provides event details: "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, it says "Register to participate or volunteer here" with a green arrow pointing to a QR code. Contact information "Questions? erika.hulse@rlcary.org" is also present.

**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God

**Resurrection Lutheran Church  
Vacation Bible School**

**June 22-26  
9 am - 12 noon**

**4 year olds to 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

**\$10 per child**

**Register to participate  
or volunteer here**

**Questions?  
erika.hulse@rlcary.org**

Register for VBS (Participants and Volunteers): [bit.ly/3NapWKZ](https://bit.ly/3NapWKZ)

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

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## Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

What an amazing year of youth activities and events!  
It has been a blessing.

Glow Night was super fun!



Welcome  
to  
Glow Night !!!





**RLC  
High School  
Youth Group**

Questions? Contact Jenny Piontek, Youth Director,  
at [jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

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Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



# RLPreschool is NOW Enrolling for 2026-27!

Enroll your child in a nurturing preschool focused on learning through play, igniting a love of learning as they launch their educational journey!

**JOIN NOW**

[rlpcary.org](http://rlpcary.org) | 919-851-7270 | [office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org)

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## Resurrection Lutheran School



[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org)  
Junior Kindergarten-  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org) | 919-851-7271 | [contact@rlscary.org](mailto:contact@rlscary.org)

**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/@ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary)  
or through our website at [rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](https://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](mailto:office@rlcary.org) for assistance.

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## This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

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### Weekly Attendance

#### In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, June 20  
6:00 pm - 49

Sunday, June 21

8:00 am - 84

9:30 am - 146

11:00 am - 98

**Total In-Person Worship: 377**

**Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:**

Sunday, June 21

8:00 am - 94

11:00 am - 45

**Total Online Views: 139**

## **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](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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**Church Calendar**



100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518

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## Prayers of the Church – June 21, 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

### Those Prayed for on June 14, 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
- Commissioning and Installation of Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Robin Hester
- \*Moya Shaw, Completion of 2nd year of Dental School
- Vacation Bible School Director and Volunteers
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Summer Camps
- Safe Delivery of Odessa Xochitl on June 3rd, Thankful for Mom and Baby's Good Health, Parents Kolina and Brandon, Proud Grandparents \*Kim and \*Cleve Simpson
- Voters' Meeting
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Financial Health
- \*Diane Hooper's Retirement as Director of Resurrection Lutheran Preschool
- Birth of Henry Hulse, Parents Harrison and Sarah Hulse, Grandmother \*Erika Hulse

#### 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 Hodgin
- \*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
- Alison, Cancer Treatment
- Kale, Stomach Cancer Treatment
- Brayden, Healing and Recovery
- BreeAnn, DeeAnn, Ethan, Karen, Carly, Grayson, Paul, Ricky, Gaylon, Jean, Fran, Kathy, Matt, Brianne, Carol, Knox, Nove, Barb, Jim, Libby, Lee, Greta, Cecilia, Johnny, Jake, Gary, George, Gene, Trudy, Mindy, Alison, Carolyn, Robbie, Addison, Lily, Jeff, Jim, Amanda, Gabby, James, Lois, Walter, Denise, Gloria, Don, Virginia, Bill, Darlene, Lisa, Caroline, Shelby, Sharon, Ashley, Ron, Clinton, Noreen, Mark, Kelly, Bob, Joe, Herbi, Jeri, Julie, Jack, Sandy, Eric, Shim, Michelle, Melissa, Lydia, Gigi, Rich, Brenda, Natalie

### **For Comfort**

- 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
- 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, Resolutions
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- 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
- Help for Drug Addicts
- Teenagers Struggling with Their Mental Health
- For All Visiting Teams and Their Safety

## **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.*

**\*RLC Members**

*Updated 6/18/26*