

# Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2026

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*Pastor's Corner for June 28-July 4, 2026*

## **The Gift of Hospitality (Matthew 10:40-42)**

Jesus sent His disciples out not with wealth or education or worldly wisdom but with one tunic and the instructions to wait for the welcome of others (Matt. 10:9-11). Over the years I have found myself—richly blessed though I already am—too often wanting to complain to God about NOT having one thing or another. But I've learned a lot about the mission of God that originated with Jesus' apostles and extends to those the church still sends into the world today...a "sending" that includes every one of us. One thing I've learned is this: when those Jesus sends ask for help, approach the world with an attitude of humility and quiet assurance of God's care, and when they are honest about something they need...perhaps as simple as a drink of water on a hot day or along a dusty road...God provides a welcome. God lends a helping hand. And the

HELPER is blessed, in the process!

If you're like me you've been on both sides of that exchange of grace, though our stories are each a little different. As a Christian English teacher in Japan back in the early 80s, I'll never forget being received by the artist Sadao Watanabe and his family into their home and studio not long after arriving in the country. Neither I nor my other co-workers at that time fully appreciated the status of the artist. His prints, many of which depict events from the life of Jesus, are beloved today by people the world over. Lowly, inexperienced foreign missionaries though we were, we were treated like royalty by Mr. Watanabe and his wife Harue. In the years since, Juli and I have had the privilege of welcoming the "sent" people of God into our home, too. The hospitality industry in the United States has supplanted some of the need to care for others. It can never take the place of the personal warm welcome that comes from caring for another person in that place we call home. And even if we can't host people for a visit in the places where we live, we can encourage them in their ministry, hold their needs in our hearts through prayer, and serve them, as God allows.

Jesus, the One who went away to Calvary's cross to prepare a place for us and welcome us to our Father's house, tells His first disciples and all of us: "Whoever receives you, receives me." Jesus promised the Twelve they would need rest and encouragement along the way of a life lived in ministry to others. We need the same. So isn't it a privilege not only to have the chance to assist one another along life's way...we even have the privilege of standing in for Christ as those who are to be welcomed and cared for?

God's blessing to each one of us on the journey!

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!

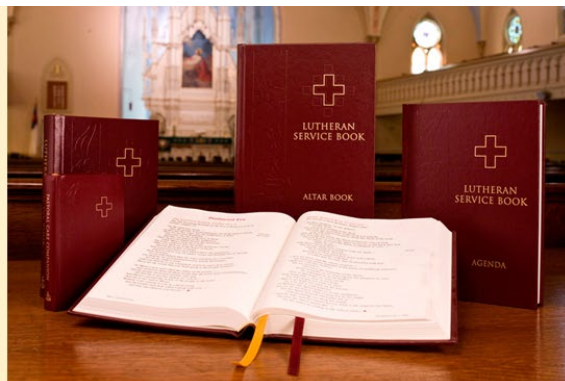
Each Sunday morning, we will look in-depth at that week's Hymn of the Day and how it places the very words of the Bible on our lips. Also, we will take a closer look at the parts of the LSB that often go unnoticed. Led by Vicar Chris Reed.

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***

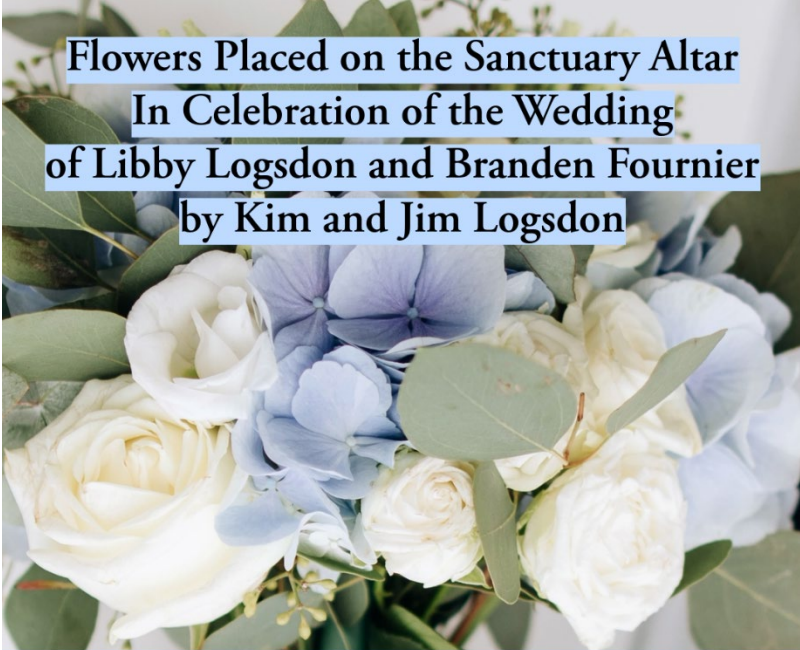
Led by Vicar Chris Reed

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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Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar  
In Celebration of the Wedding  
of Libby Logsdon and Branden Fournier  
by Kim and Jim Logsdon

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!](#)

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The Crandall Family would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, support, and many acts of kindness after Van's recent emergency triple bypass surgery and initial recovery.

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**TOPGOLF**

# INKs OUTING

at Topgolf!

**Income, No Kids**

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> • Noon • Topgolf Durham •  
4901 Topgolf Way, Durham, NC 27703**

**“Be devoted to one another in love.  
Honor one another above yourselves.”  
— Romans 12:10**

**Hosted by INKs • Golf, games, food & fellowship!  
Contact Kevin Kuhl at (919) 624-3790 for any questions.**

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## Emmaus Way Walkers

The Emmaus Way Walkers will start their summer hours beginning Wednesday, July 1. Meet at **8:30 am** in the Java Jive parking lot (across from the church).

All are welcome! Bring your kids and dogs for light exercise, coffee, and conversation.

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

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RSVP to Marcia Shaw through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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### **Celebrate Christmas in July and Help Local Charities!**

Christmas trees will be outside the Sanctuary and Family Life Center starting July 4th weekend with "ornaments" highlighting specific needs requested by the following organizations:

**Families Together** ([famielstogethernc.org](http://famielstogethernc.org))

Mission Statement: We believe every family deserves a home, and children should never have to wonder where they're going to sleep at night. This is why we connect families to stable homes as quickly as possible - and why we remain connected with them to ensure that they begin the process of bettering their lives.

**Safe Families for Children (SFFC)** ([safe-families.org](http://safe-families.org))

Mission Statement: SFFC hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like support for families facing a crisis through a community of compassionate volunteers to keep children safe and families together.

**Gateway Women's Care** ([gatewaywomens.care](http://gatewaywomens.care))

Mission Statement: We are committed to serving women and men in the community by providing medical, educational, and support services and resources related to pregnancy and sexual health without condemnation or manipulation.

Below is a link for those who might want to shop via Amazon for Gateway Women's Care. We ask that you do NOT send your purchase directly to Gateway but send the order to your home, and then bring it to church and place it under one of the trees.

[Amazon List for Gateway Women's Care](#)

Please take an ornament (or two!) and place the unwrapped gifts with the tag attached under the trees any weekend in July. The last collection weekend will be August 1-2.

Gift cards can be put in the boxes under the tree, in the offering plates, or dropped off in the church office.

Thank you for helping us serve people in need in our community!

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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/3VAtWWO](http://bit.ly/3VAtWWO)



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

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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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## 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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## LCMS U

Check out this article from the LCMS Southeastern District highlighting the start of the college ministry at NC State.

[A Place to Gather for College Students - Southeastern District, LCMS](#)

Mark your calendars for their first meeting of the 2026 Fall semester on **Friday, August 21!** Open to all area college students, not just NC State.



Questions? Contact Joe Steiner through RCB, or Pastor Alan Shaw at [alan.shaw@rlcary.org](mailto:alan.shaw@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



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



Thank you to all the youth that served at Vacation Bible School!

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

Thank you, **Diane Hooper**, for your 28 years of faithful service at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool! Wishing you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.

**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 - 55

Sunday, June 21

8:00 am - 87

9:30 am - 143

11:00 am - 105

**Total In-Person Worship: 390**

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

Sunday, June 21

8:00 am - 92

11:00 am - 48

**Total Online Views: 140**

## **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

[rlcary.org](http://rlcary.org)

919-851-7248 | [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)

## Prayers of the Church – June 28, 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 21, 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
- Vacation Bible School Director and Volunteers
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Summer Camps
- Birth of Odessa Xochitl, born June 3rd, 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 Parker Hulse, Parents Harrison and Sarah Hulse, Grandmother \*Erika Hulse,  
Uncle \*Spencer Hulse
- Fathers!

#### 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 Treatment
- Carli, Recovery from Addiction
- 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
- Carol, Roz, Bob, Fran, Kathy, Mike, Robyn, Knox, Matt, Brianne, Nove, Breann, Ethan, DeAnn, Anita, Megan, Ben, Gaylon, Ricky, Jean, Sonny, Libby, Lee, Greta, Cecilia, Johnny, George, Trudy, David, Catherine, Everett, Britany, Gary, Addison, Bobie, Katie, Mike, Jeff, Lily, Jessie, Dave, Pam, Steve, Alison, Carolyn, Alan, Gene, Lois, Walter, Josh, Dick, Mark, Kelly, Joe, Herbi, Jeri, Eric, Julie, Natalie, Jack, Sandy, Bill, Shim

### **For Comfort**

- Family and Friends of Georgianna Bowling, Mother of \*Randy Bowling
- Family and Friends of Pastor Herbert Martin Gerken, Father of \*Miriam Davis
- Family and Friends of Don Breiler, Uncle to \*Breiler Family

## **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 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 6/26/26*