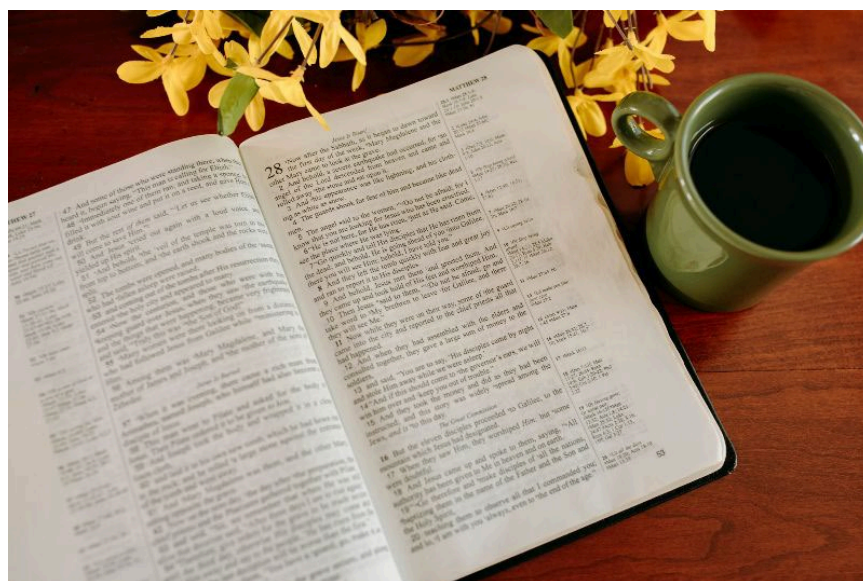


Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026



Pastor's Corner for July 12-18, 2026

Purpose of the Word (Isaiah 55:10-13)

What is your purpose in life? It's a big question that we may not consider much after we turn 18. It's thrown at us a lot in our adolescent years, but our purpose may change depending on our season in life. My purpose now as a husband and father is very different from when I was single and 18. Having a defined purpose before us can help lead and guide us towards something. A purpose helps us recognize that we are not alone, in fact we are a part of a much greater purpose.

God also has a purpose. God's purpose is the same as when He laid the foundation of the world, to be with His people. God desires nothing more and nothing less than that simple purpose. It is a purpose that never changes, even as we, in our sin, are constantly changing God never does, and neither does His

purpose. How does God accomplish His purpose to be with us in love? He accomplishes it through His Word.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes out from My Mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but *it shall accomplish that which I Purpose*” (Isaiah 55:10-11)

God chooses to accomplish His Purpose of being with us through His Word. That Word spoken, “given and shed for you” (Luke 22:19-20), “your sins are forgiven” (Mark 2:5), “I will be with you always” (Matthew 28:20). How does God bring that Word to us? In the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Savior. Jesus has come down from heaven and did not return to the Father empty, but having accomplished all that He purposed, having died on the cross and risen from the dead that we might be with Him for all eternity. God has accomplished that purpose for you.

Now what is your church’s purpose? Your church has a mission statement that echoes God’s eternal purpose. *“By grace through faith in Christ we reach out to all with His love and build each other up for service.”* This is a mission statement dripping with God’s Purpose. While this may be a mission statement found on our church website it isn’t ours, we didn’t create this mission, we inherited it. This is God’s Mission, God’s Purpose, that we are joyfully made a part of through God’s Purpose-filled gift of baptism. Now that we are a part of God’s Purpose, we are equipped and sent with His Word made flesh, Jesus Christ who truly is with you always, working His purpose in you, for you, and through you. This is the purpose that will never change.

Your purpose-sent brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



Baptized on Sunday, July 12 at 11:00 am

Miles Shay Robinson

born February 12, 2020,

Isabella Mia Shay Robinson

born June 23, 2021, and

Marcel Shay Robinson

born May 13, 2024,

children of Jeremy Diondre Robinson and Melissa Anne Shay.

Godparents are Gregory Dean and Connie JoAnn Shay.

*May God's blessing be upon Miles, Isabella, and Marcel
as they grow in their baptismal grace.*

DivorceCare

Resurrection will be hosting a DivorceCare support group **starting August 17** through November 16. This 13-week program supports people who are going through separation and/or divorce and provides practical tools offering

more than support — it also offers the love and presence of Christ.

Sessions will be held in Room 140 on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. Workbooks are required to get the most benefits and are available when participants register at [DivorceCare - Divorce Recovery Support Groups](#). Select “Find a Group” and look for the group hosted by Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Contact Sue Campau through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org) for more details, or to volunteer with helping facilitate and greet participants.



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 (familiestogethernc.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)

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)

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!

INKs | Income, No Kids

A group of young adults with no children have formed a new small group where they plan to gather for fun, fellowship, and community at various times and places throughout the year.

Their first outing to Topgolf was a fun time, enjoyed by all who attended. Keep an eye out for their next adventure!



Contact Kevin Kuhl through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org)

Emmaus Way Walkers

The Emmaus Way Walkers have started their summer hours; plan to 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, 919-851-7248).

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.

Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement

The Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET) is planning a Short-Term Mission Trip to Cambodia in February 2027. This mission trip will be a Vacation Bible School (VBS) style with youth activities serving at several churches.

CCMET is hoping to send a team of 8, led by Erika Hulse. Deadline for interest is Friday, July 31.

Other ways to support the team? We need prayers! Sign up for the prayer team. Also, providing financial support through the Cambodia Mission Trip Fund is welcome.

Questions? Contact ccmet@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.

Personalized Health Counseling

Stewardship of Life and Health group at RLC can connect you to health-care workers in our congregation to provide guidance and education for questions on your health.



MEDICATION REVIEW & EDUCATION

Dosage, Side Effects, Interactions, Management Strategies



PALLIATIVE & HOSPICE SUPPORT

Pain Management, Emotional Comfort, End-of-Life Planning



COMPLEX & CRITICAL ILLNESS

Navigating Diagnoses, Treatment Options, Chronic Condition Care



LACTATION & NEWBORN HEALTH

Breastfeeding Support, Infant Care, Postpartum Wellness



GENERAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

Dietary Guidelines, Wellness Check-ins, Preventive Health



FITNESS & ACTIVE LIVING

Exercise Plans, Mobility Support, Staying Active

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS



1. SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION
Submit basic question, name, & contact method



2. GET CONNECTED
Response in one week to schedule call

READY TO GET IN TOUCH?

SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO: lifeandhealth@rlcary.org



The program provides support, advocacy, and education only. This does not replace your primary medical care or emergency services

Submit questions to lifeandhealth@rlcary.org

Children and Family Ministry

Vacation Bible School Fun!



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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

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

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.



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

Resurrection Lutheran School



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

rlscary.org | 919-851-7271 | 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
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, July 4
6:00 pm - 32

Sunday, July 5

8:00 am - 52

9:30 am - 129

11:00 am - 77

Total In-Person Worship: 290

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, July 5

8:00 am - 108

11:00 am - 37

Total Online Views: 145

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



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Prayers of the Church – July 12, 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

Cassie Melsom

Those Prayed for on July 5, 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's 119 Children 60 Volunteers
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Summer Camps
- Baptism of Henry Parker Hulse on June 28, Parents Harrison and Sarah Hulse, Grandmother *Erika Hulse, Godfather and Uncle *Spencer Hulse
- Hymn Bible Class, Led by *Vicar Chris Reed
- Congratulations to Branden and Libby Logsdon Fournier on Their Wedding at RLC on June 27
- Healing of Debbie Parker
- 250th Birthday of the USA
- Stephen Minister Commissioning of *Deb Gebbia, *Betsy Moll, *Stu Shaw, and *Pat Smith
- Women's Monthly Luncheon
- Birth of Rory, Grandparents *Paul and *Susan Brandt

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
- Hayes, Belle, Childhood Cancer
- *Clinton Peterson
- Khari Otten
- Henry, Grandson of *Mark and *Pat Otten
- Tommi
- Lorrie Muller, Cancer Treatment
- 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
- Tracy
- Susan Richard
- Steve Cottle, Healing
- Breeann, Deann, Ethan, Trudy, Gene, Walter, George, Karen, Carly, Grayson, Paul, Fran, Kathy, Barb, Jim, Matt, Carol, Knox, Nove, Lily, Addison, Gabby, Arja, Mindy, Alison, Lois, Virginia, Bill, Darlene, Jeff, Brad, Kelly, Ginny Lou, Norma, Mark, Chris, Heather, David, Darlene, Stella, Eric, Graham, Khyren, Joe, Jeri, Herbie, Julie, Barbara, Jan, Jim, Kathie, Douglas

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Don Breiler, Uncle to *Breiler Family
- Family and Friends of Thomas Wayne Igoe, Father of *Jennifer Rundle
- Family and Friends of Catlin Pruitt, Husband of Kelly, Father to Dominic, Camden, Connor, and Emma

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- World Peace
- Cambodia Lutheran Church
- 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
- Service Members Deployed
- 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
- *Benjamin Heffner, Study Abroad in Japan, Returning on July 28
- *Cheryl Roth
- Keith Whitehurst
- Rain
- Better Health for Steve, Strength for Mary
- Noreen

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.*