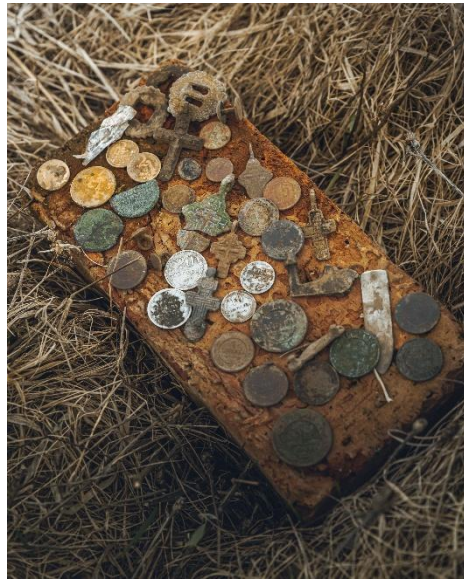


Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026



Pastor's Corner for July 26-August 1, 2026

God's Treasure (Matthew 13:44-52)

What treasures do you have in your home? Right now, where you sit, as you read this, look around you. What items do you hold as treasures? Sophia loves bringing treasures into the house. During the school year, it wasn't unusual to have her empty out her pockets with "treasures" from the playground. These "treasures" could be any number of items; acorns, leaves, pieces of rubber, sticks. It's crazy what an odd assortment of mismatched items a little girl can fit in her pockets at the end of the day. When I would try and throw them away, she would prevent me by say, "But those are my treasures!"

It's good to have treasured things because for those that possess them, they are beautiful, beloved, and special. Our treasures remind us of the loveliness of life

with God. God loves to have treasure too. He loves to bring treasure into His home and to hold tightly too it, even if it looks like trash to everyone else. God is a collector of treasures.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a Man found and covered up. Then in His joy He goes and sells all that He has and buys that field.” (Matthew 13:44)

If you’ve heard this verse before, it’s probably been used as an illustration for how we are to live our lives, finding the kingdom of heaven and giving up everything to belong there. That’s not a bad way to read it, but it shouldn’t be the first way to read it. First and foremost, Jesus is the Farmer who is looking for treasure. That’s what the kingdom of heaven looks like. Jesus brings the kingdom of heaven to those that are His treasured possession (Matthew 4:17). That has always been His Mission and it always will be. The awesome part is that **“The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession”** (Deuteronomy 7:6b). Jesus came into the world to give you the kingdom of heaven. When He found you, He “sells all that He has and buys” you. He gave up everything on the cross to buy you back and bring you into His eternal possession.

You are the treasure that God loves to have. He holds you close, prizes you as His own, and will never let you be thrown away. You might not feel like treasure. In fact, depending on the day, you might feel closer to the pocketful of playground scraps my daughter brings home, but that doesn’t change the way God sees you. That doesn’t change the identity that God has won for you. You are always God’s treasured possession because God found you, died for you, and loves you. Nothing can change that.

Your treasured brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

Gracious God,

We give thanks to You for our Resurrection Lutheran Church community that You have rooted in Your overflowing grace and guided by Your Word in this place since 1978.

We come before You, praying that You will continue to gift us to be a beacon of Your light and saving hope in Jesus Christ.

May our *Faith in Action* campaign be guided by You for the growth of Your kingdom. Help us make Your love known to those who need to know the love of Jesus.

We pray, Heavenly Father, that You will raise up faithful stewards of Your gifts and laborers for Your harvest.

In Jesus' holy name, we pray.
Amen.



You are cordially invited to attend our...

Faith In Action Campaign

Kickoff Event



Sunday, August 16

at

12:30 p.m.

in the

Family Life Center



Enjoy food, fun and fellowship!

*Families are encouraged to attend together and enjoy the children's activities being planned.
We will also be debuting our newly produced campaign brochure and video.*

Gifts will not be solicited during this time.

Please RSVP by Sunday, August 9th.

*To learn about other various and beneficial ways that gifts can be made to our campaign, please also plan to attend our
Creative Giving Seminar on Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

Click to RSVP!



[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)

Celebrate Christmas in July and Help Local Charities!

Christmas trees are outside the Sanctuary and Family Life Center 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!



Saturday, July 25

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

An open Bible is shown at the top and bottom of the central text box. The text on the pages is from the Gospel of John, specifically John 17:21-26. The text is in a serif font, and the pages are slightly aged.

Lay Reader
Refresher Course and Check-In
Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, July 31

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).

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.

Men's Summer Fellowship Series



Fun time had by all!

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

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, August 14

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 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/3VAatWWO

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, August 14** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The *Back Porch String Band* will be playing for us.



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

Empty Nesters' Week at Camp!

Want to escape the heat and humidity while uplifting your spirit? Come to the Empty Nesters' Week at Camp Linn Haven in Linville, North Carolina from **August 8-14**.

This LCMS facility will provide bed and bath in cabins, meals, and spiritual enrichment with friendly campers.

For more info, brochures are available in the Narthex or call 919-270-7914. Registration forms available in the church office.

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.



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.

Via de Cristo Weekend at Camp Agape September 17-20

Is it time in your life for a Spiritual renewal? Are you looking for a way to feel closer to God and grow in your Faith? Do you want to want to learn more about

God's Grace? A great way to grow in your faith is to attend a Via de Cristo weekend.

The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends late on Sunday afternoon. During that time, you will attend chapel each day, sing lots of great songs, hear from lay people and clergy on how to grow in your faith, walk and serve Christ. Let's not forget the great food and snacks.

There are many people in our church who have attended a weekend who would love to share their experience. If you are interested in attending a weekend or have questions about Via de Cristo, please feel free to contact Lynne Hoffman through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).





RESURRECTION
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stewardship of Life & Health

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



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 | 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

This Week's Visual Faith Children's Bulletin

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, July 18

6:00 pm - 56

Sunday, July 19

8:00 am - 74

9:30 am - 170

11:00 am - 101

Total In-Person Worship: 401

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, July 19

8:00 am - 124

11:00 am - 38

Total Online Views: 162

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 26, 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 12, 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
- Our Faithful Volunteers Who Serve Each Month with The Coffeehouse and Blind Ministry

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 Hodgkin
- 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
- Glenda Moser
- Elissa Moss
- Beckie Mitchem
- *Vern Ebert
- Karen, Carly, Grayson, Paul, Devin, Gaylon, Ricky, Jean, Linda, Breeann, Deeann, Ethan, Van, Gary, David, Catherine, Susan, Everett, Matt, Greta, Cecilia, Libby, Lee, Sallie, Kelly, Mark, Hennie, Sonny, Addison, Jodi, Jens, Lily, Pam, Donna, Linda, Jim, Glenda, Joann, Gabby, Sloane, Virginia, Bill, Darlene, Brad, Vern, John, Stephanie, Robyn, Jeff, Tricia, Julie, Jack, Sandy, Shim, Jeri, Stella, Herbie, Mindy, Marty, Marcia, Dave, Kathie, Barbara, Don, Vivien, Jim

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Catlin Pruitt, Husband of Kelly, Father to Dominic, Camden, Connor, Emma
- Family and Friends of Gordon Boyack, Friend of *Alan Sullivan
- Family and Friends of Julie Stewart

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
- Steve Skog, and His Mother Mary Taking Care of Him

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
- Our Capital Campaign Process, and Thanksgiving for Campaign Team Assembled

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
- Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team
- Long-Term Impact of Leadership Training, Sponsored by RLC for Pastors, Teachers, and Lay Leaders of the Cambodia Lutheran Church
- Cambodia Mission Trip Team for February 2027
- 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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