

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2026



Pastor's Corner for August 9-15, 2026

“Faith” in Our Ears, Our Hearts, and on Our Lips (Romans 10:5-17)

When people think about how to live in such a way that they do what is right and good, they generally think of successfully living according to a set of rules or laws. And if they think of goodness in the context of religion and faith, they may also consider doing what is right involves getting close—or at least closer—to a holy God who is far away. St. Paul short-circuits that entire way of thinking. He says that righteousness starts with Jesus. And the good news is that Jesus is NOT far away. We do NOT have to climb up to heaven to get to Him; Jesus has come down from heaven to heal and forgive and give up His life for the sins of the world. Nor do we have to go “down” to the place of the dead either; Jesus has RISEN from the dead! Jesus is alive and is with His disciples always to the very end of the age (Matt 28:19). His voice resonates in and around us in the

world wherever the Word of God is proclaimed. It is there that we encounter the “Word of faith” (the “Word of Christ” [10:17] ... Jesus’ Word!) in our ears, on our lips, and in our hearts. It is not the result of our own efforts. It is, rather, the result of God’s initiative in dealing with the world He loves!

Once that short-circuit in ordinary human thinking has occurred, the new light of God’s love and what His Word truly DOES makes sense. Whether a mom reading a Bible story about Jesus to kids at home, an ordinary church member reading a Scripture reading (like this one) in a worship service, or the pastor preaching, God is at work creating and nurturing faith wherever the “Word of Christ” is heard. People hear Jesus’ voice. Their faith comes into being or is strengthened. And their trust in God and confession of faith follows. We might be tempted to think of it as the other way around (I trust in God...I have faith...so I go to church to hear God’s Word.) St. Paul flips that script. He shows that the miracle of faith starts with the Word of Christ. Faith starts in the ears, travels to the heart, and is reflected in faith confessed...faith that is active...faith that makes a difference in the way lives are lived.

Who is adequate for the task of handling a treasure like the Word of Christ? None of us! Yet St. Paul calls all of us—both hearers and speakers of the Word of Christ—to immerse ourselves in this precious gift from God. Let’s listen again to the Word of Christ this week that we might live with Jesus’ Word ringing in our ears, planted deep within our hearts, and ready to be spoken on our lips. It will not only make a difference in our OWN lives. It will be just what this world God loves so much needs, too!

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

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 KICK-OFF EVENT

**Sunday, August 16 at 12:30 pm
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.



[Click Here to RSVP by Sunday, August 9](#)

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 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Pastor Jonathan Blanke (jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org) or Mike Heffner, Campaign Assistant (mike.heffner@rlcary.org).

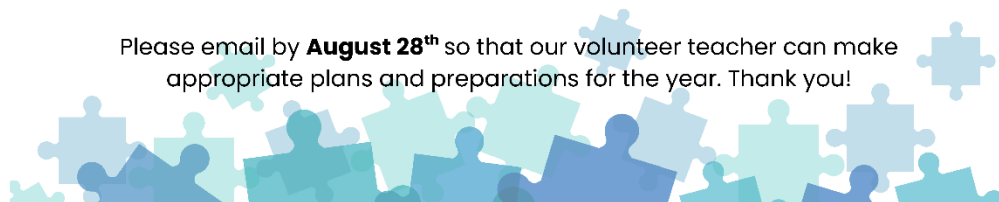


Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

The Children and Family Ministry Team is exploring the need for a Sunday School class specifically designed to support school-aged children with different learning and support needs.

We would love to hear from families who may be interested in this opportunity. If you have a school-aged child who you feel would be a good fit for this class, please contact Erika at erika.hulse@rlcary.org.

Please email by **August 28th** so that our volunteer teacher can make appropriate plans and preparations for the year. Thank you!



Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, at erika.hulse@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.

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).

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.



Confirmation Information Meeting with Parents



Wednesday, August 19
from 6:00–7:00 pm
Room 240, Family Life Center

Contact Pastor Zach with questions.

Men's Summer Fellowship Series



Fun time had by all at the July gathering!

Stay connected over the summer.

Join us for our **Wednesday, August 19** event at 6:30 pm in Cary at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse (5707 Dillard Drive).

All men invited. Do not have to eat or drink to attend.

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

No Eyeglasses, Please

Please do not drop off eyeglasses and/or accessories to the church office or in the donation bins by the coat rack.

We appreciate your effort to recycle! The office of Preston Optometry at 258 Towne Village Drive in Cary is a great drop off location. They are located behind the Fresh Market on Cary Parkway. Thanks!



Personalized Health Counseling

Stewardship of Life & Health

Navigating healthcare questions, medications, or life transitions can feel overwhelming and confusing. To help support our church family, the Stewardship of Life & Health group at Resurrection Lutheran Church is offering Personalized Health Counseling.

This initiative connects you directly with healthcare workers in our own congregation to provide guidance, answer basic questions, and offer coaching.

The coaching does not replace your primary or specialty care but can offer compassionate support as you go through difficult health care decisions. The areas of counseling and coaching are:

- Medication Management and Education
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Complex Diagnoses / Illness
- Lactation / Newborn Health
- General Health and Nutrition
- Fitness and Active Living

Getting started is simple:

Step 1: Email your question, name, and contact information to lifeandhealth@rlcary.org.

Step 2: A healthcare team member will respond within one week to set up a follow-up call.

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).



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.



Children and Family Ministry News

Register for the 2026-2027 School Year!

We pray that you had a fun and relaxing summer! The Children and Family Ministry team is beginning to prepare for a year of fellowship and fun! Register here:
[Children's Sunday School Registration](#)

Blessing of Learners & Teachers

Learners and educators will be called forward during all worship services to receive a blessing for the upcoming school year!

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'.
 Matthew 19:14

You are invited to serve!

Help little ones learn about the love of Jesus! Help support families as they grow in faith! Serve in Children's Ministry! Many volunteers are needed in several areas: Sunday school teacher, substitute teacher, Nursery care provider & Children's Church leader.

Contact: Erika Hulse at erika.hulse@rlcary.org for more information on ways to serve!

Important Dates!

Volunteer Info Meeting:
 August 23 @ 12:15 room 151

Blessing of Learners and Teachers:
 Aug 29 and 30 all services

First Day of Sunday School:
 September 13

Children's Sunday School Registration

[Children's Sunday School Registration](#)

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

Are you excited? Are you ready? Well, ready or not I am super excited about all that God will unfold to the Youth this school year. Please mark your calendars for our Youth Open House in the Warehouse on **August 23** from 1:00-3:00 pm. Drop in, play, stay awhile, fill out all your paperwork, have a snack, and come see the plan. This is for **ALL** Middle School Youth, High School Youth, **AND** *parents!*

RLC YOUTH SCHEDULE



AUG 16 **Faith in Action Luncheon**
Have lunch then help w/clean up
Plan on an hour after event

AUG 19 **Confirmation Meeting for Youth and Parents**
7pm

AUG 23 ***Open House in the Warehouse**
All Middle School & High School Youth
and Parents @ 1 - 3 pm

*Youth Adult Leader Meeting
3 - 4pm

AUG 30 **1st High School Youth Group**
6:30 - 8:00pm



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

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 | 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

This Week's Visual Faith Children's Bulletin

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, August 1

6:00 pm - 56

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am - 82

9:30 am - 141

11:00 am - 95

Total In-Person Worship: 374

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am - 97

11:00 am - 40

Total Online Views: 137

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 – August 9, 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 August 2, 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
- For the Recent Rain
- *Benjamin Heffner, Travel Home from Japan

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
- Mike Hodgin
- 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, Recovery
- *Sue Sanders
- Carolyn, Continued Healing
- Evelyn Bloom
- Alison, Cancer Treatment
- Kale, Stomach Cancer Treatment
- Glenda Moser
- *Vern Ebert
- Richard Staley
- *Devin Hildale
- Gary, Van, Kim, Darren, DeeAnn, Ethan, Breeann, Fran, Mike, Carol, Kathy, Ros, Matt, Knox, Nove, Brianne, Bob, Julie, Anita, Trudy, Ricky, Gaylon, Joan, Sonny, Doug, Kelly, Alex, Ben, Megan, Roger, Johnny, James, Gene, Walter, George, Richard, Addison, Pam, Linda, Donna, Lily, Mindy, Anne, Lois, Joe, Corey, Herbi, Jeri, Steve, Terri, Brenda, Bill, Darlene, Brad, Virginia, Mary, Eric, Mike, Jack, Sandy

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Catlin Pruitt, Husband of Kelly, Father to Dominic, Camden, Connor, Emma
- Family and Friends of John Haraminac, Husband of Judy
- Family and Friends of Kelly Schoch, Friend of *Liz Heise
- Family of Stanley Schleusener, Father of Pastor Dave Schleusener, Former RLC Pastor

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
- Kathy Siemon and Her Family
- Help for Drug Addicts
- Teenagers Struggling with Their Mental Health
- *Cheryl Roth
- Keith Whitehurst
- Steve Skog, and His Mother Mary Taking Care of Him
- Carli, Recovery from Addiction
- Good Test Results
- Fires in Western US, Especially Spokane, Washington Area

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 Volunteers

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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