

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2026



Pastor's Corner for October 11-17, 2026

God's Holy Mountain (Isaiah 25:6-9)

I remember fishing remote lakes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and seeing what I used to consider mountains, really just big hills, and wondering at the bigness of these wooded places. Dad would drop me off on the shore so I could climb up these big hills. It was a lot of fun climbing over rocks and trees, winding my way to the top of these hills, then looking down over the lake where dad continued to fish. It was a lot of fun, but also a lot of work, not to mention potentially dangerous.

Have you ever noticed where God shows up, especially in the Old Testament? He makes Himself known on mountains; Mount Sinai, Mount Moriah, Mount Zion, Mount of Transfiguration. This is where God resides, reveals Himself, and

does His work. **“On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined”** (Isaiah 25:6). Sounds like a great place to be! The only trouble with God being on a mountain is that it’s hard to get there. Actually, it’s impossible to get there. We have this beautiful picture of God in all His glory, majesty, honor, power, and wealth sitting on top of His holy mountain. What’s He doing there? Is He taunting us with all His good and perfect possessions, looking down on all of us little creatures who can’t reach Him? Is He sitting there as a selfish god, separating himself from us sinners because he doesn’t want to dirty his perfect throne? Far from it! God is sitting on His mountain, but He doesn’t stay there. God descends His mountain, to walk up another.

“So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified Him” (John 19:16b-18a). Why would God leave His holy mountain in heaven, put on flesh, and willingly die on an unholy mountain? Because He knows that we can’t climb the mountain to God. He knows that we can’t work hard enough to reach Him and He wants us to be with Him, so He does the work for us. Jesus, God in the flesh, dies on the mount of Golgotha so that **“He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken”** (Isaiah 25:7-8). And what He has spoken He has done. Because Jesus died on the mount Golgotha and rose from the grave, we now reside on Mount Zion. We don’t need to climb anymore because God has done it for us!

Your forgiven 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.



***Faith in Action* Prayer Vigil: Come Pray with Us!**

Join us on **Saturday, October 10 from 2:00-3:30 pm**. Come pray with us during the Prayer Vigil as we pray for our *Faith in Action* campaign.

You are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall first to receive a Prayer guide to use during your private prayer time.

You can pray privately in our Sanctuary, our Prayer Garden, or take a Prayer Walk around our church campus.

You can arrive anytime during the time period of the Vigil but we kindly request that you arrive no later than 3:15 pm that day.

If you can't join us in person, we suggest that you set aside a specific prayer time that day to pray for our *Faith in Action* campaign.



Prayer Vigil Guidelines

Thank you for agreeing to take part in our special Prayer Vigil asking for God's guidance and blessings to bring about our *Faith in Action* campaign's success. The following is a guide to assist you and give structure to your time of prayer. Thank you for your participation and prayers!

Prepare for Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Quiet yourself, greet God and tell Him that you love Him. Thank Him for all of the wondrous and wonderful gifts you have received.

Suggested Scripture: Psalm 118:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Psalm 92:1-4, Psalm 8:1, 1 Chronicles 29:13, James 1:17

Prayer for Personal Stewardship

Ask God to help make you a better steward, help you more readily recognize that all you are and have are gifts from Him; to more regularly say thank you in various ways for the gifts you have received; to always utilize the gifts you have been given to the very best of your abilities; and to readily and generously share these with others, especially those who seek to do God's will and works.

Suggested Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:7, Psalm 143:10, 1 Peter 4:10

Prayer for Stewardship of Church/Church Members

Ask God to help make all members of your church and church leadership better stewards, to help everyone to more readily recognize that all that they have and are, are gifts from God; to more regularly say thank you in various ways for the gifts they have received; to always utilize the gifts that they have been entrusted with to the very best of their abilities; and to readily and generously

share these gifts with others, especially in ways and with those who do God's will and works.

Suggested Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Psalm 90:12, 1 Peter 4:10

Prayer for Our Campaign's Success

Ask for God's guidance and assistance in the success of our *Faith in Action* campaign.

Suggested Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:12, Psalm 25:4-5, Hebrews 4:16

Pray the Campaign Prayer

Prayer for Volunteers

Ask God to continue to bless and guide our many wonderful volunteers; that they may be blessed for and in their work and that they have both a successful and richly rewarding experience in the tasks that are asked of them or have otherwise agreed to do.

Suggested Scripture: Galatians 6:9, 1 Thessalonians 1:2, Hebrews 6:10

Prayer for the Success of Outreach Efforts and Generous Gifts

Ask God to bless our various outreach efforts, for success in our continued quest for some extraordinary gifts, and for a strong show of support on and after Commitment Weekend. Ask God to please open people's minds, their hearts, and their homes to our volunteers. Ask that they listen and respond affirmatively to our request and that they then do their best in the way of a gift.

Suggested Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:11, Psalm 67:1-2, Luke 6:38

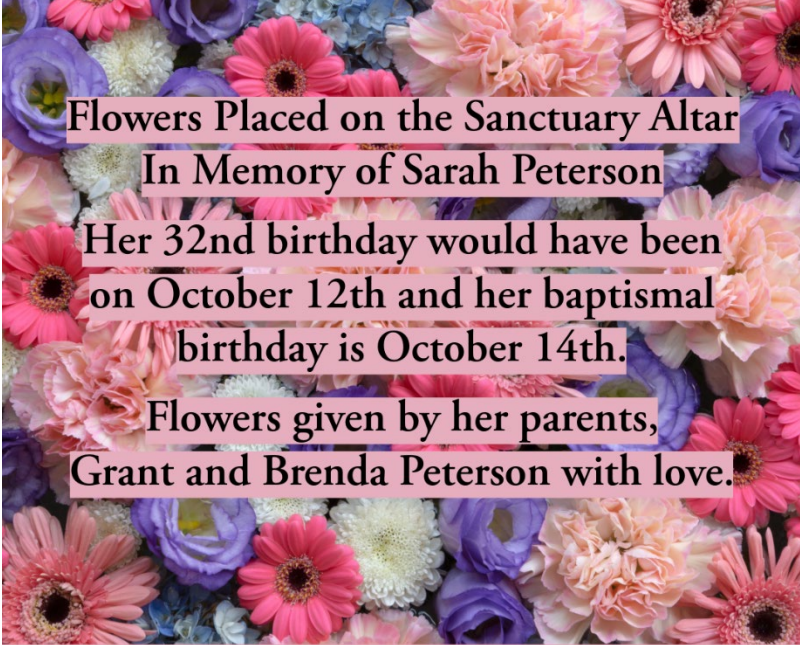
Final Prayer of Thanksgiving

Finally, thank God again for all of the gifts that you have been given as well as for all of the gifts the church has and will receive as a result of this special *Faith in Action* campaign. Ask again for His guidance in using these gifts to the best of our respective abilities so that you and we as a church will expand our ability to do God's will and work in furthering God's Kingdom.

Suggested Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Psalm 95, Philippians 4:19

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;

it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. *Ephesians 2:8-10*



**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
In Memory of Sarah Peterson**
Her 32nd birthday would have been
on October 12th and her baptismal
birthday is October 14th.
Flowers given by her parents,
Grant and Brenda Peterson with love.

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!](#)

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Last Sunday School Stories... They're Not Just For Kids!

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 13-October 11

Fellowship Hall

Leader: Pastor Zach Sarrault

Creation, Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Daniel and the Lion's Den, these are some of the foundational Bible stories we are taught at a young age, then when you hit a certain age you don't hear them used a whole lot in the church. Why are we taught them as kids? Do they still matter to adults?

Join me, and bring your Bible, as we dig a little deeper into some of the "Bible classics" to see what God was doing then and how He still uses these stories today!

New The Prophets: God's Oracles

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ October 18-December 20

Fellowship Hall

Led by Larry Cameron

This series of classes will examine the major themes of the books of the prophets. Topics include humanity's core problem, God's perfect justice, the goal of restoration, and God's desire for a permanent dwelling place among His people. The names and titles by which God presents Himself and the key metaphors He uses also reveal much about the God whom we worship.

Those attending need bring only their Bibles. Additional handouts will be provided.

Monday

DivorceCare

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm ~ August 17-November 16

Room 140, Family Life Center

Leader: Sue Campau

Resurrection is hosting a DivorceCare support group on Monday evenings. 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.

Last Women of the Word (WOW) - Seen by God, Sent to See Others

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm and Zoom Option ~ September 14-October 12

Room 151, Family Life Center

Each week, we will discuss portions of the book, *Theo of Golden*, and use a companion Bible Study by author, Donna Snow. Participants should obtain their own copy of *Theo of Golden*. Copies of the Bible Study will be provided at class meetings.

New Women of the Word (WOW) - Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Grace

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm and Zoom Option ~ October 19-November 16

Room 151, Family Life Center

Contact: Jamee Thieme

Each week, we'll discuss portions of the book *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Grace* by Martha Vanbuskirk. Participants should obtain their own copy of the book, available through Amazon or Concordia Publishing House.

Identical class is offered on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 151.

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am ~ September 8-May 25

Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

God gives His Word to instruct, guide, and bless our lives. The Scripture lessons in worship offer a menu every week to build up the people of God in faith and hope. We will study the lessons for the following Sunday, and as we do, we expect that this Word will enrich and edify our community prayer, faith, and servant life in Christ.

Wednesday ~ Supper & Scripture

On Wednesdays, plan to join us for dinner, then stay for a variety of activities, including adult Christian education classes, Confirmation, youth events, and music ministry rehearsals!

Christian Parenting - Questions They Ask

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 9-April 21

Room 240, Family Life Center

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault and Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

Our kids ask us a lot of questions. Are we prepared to answer them? When was the last time we actually answered these questions for ourselves? As Christian parents, we want to be ready to answer the faith-filled questions our kids give us, answering them in a way that is faithful to God's Word. Who is God? What is the Trinity? When is Jesus coming back? Where is heaven? How do we pray? Why did He allow sin? Join us and bring your own questions as we grow in God's calling to be Christian parents.

New Why We're Lutheran: The Augsburg Confession

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ October 14-November 18

Room 251, Family Life Center

Leaders: Matt and Tiffany Oettinger, Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Rooted in Scripture, the Augsburg Confession remains a clear summary of what Lutherans believe and confess nearly 500 years after it was written. In this six-week class, we'll explore together some of the biggest questions of the Christian faith. Along the way, we'll dig into Scripture, discover the fascinating history that shaped the Reformation, and see how Lutheran beliefs compare with other Christian traditions.

Whether you've been Lutheran your whole life or are still wondering what exactly makes a Lutheran, well, Lutheran, join us as we discover why it still matters and what it means for us today.

Suggested Materials:

The Augsburg Confession/Concordia Reader's Edition, The Book of Concord, Complete Book of Concord includes Augsburg Confession - all can be found at Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

Men's Ministry

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm)

Room 245, Family Life Center

Contact: Tom Gebbia

New Nurturing Faith: Journey Through series is a Bible study based on the Project Connect booklet. These four sessions consider each topic, and how we can examine it and navigate through it using God's Word and thoughtful strategies.

Schedule:

October 14 - Nurturing Your Faith: Journey Through Anxiety

*October 21 - Bonfire with Devotion at the Fire Pit (Parking Lot)

October 28 - Nurturing Your Faith: Journey Through Depression

November 4 - Nurturing Your Faith: Journey to Freedom

*November 11 - No Class, Veterans Day

November 18 - Nurturing Your Faith: Journey Out of The Rat Race

Women of the Word (WOW)

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm)

Room 151, Family Life Center

Contact: Jamee Thieme

New Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Grace (October 14-November 18)

Each week, we'll discuss portions of the book *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Grace* by Martha Vanbuskirk. Participants should obtain their own copy of the book, available through Amazon or Concordia Publishing House.

Identical class is offered on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 151 with Zoom option.

Pick up a copy of the Christian Education Booklet, Fall 2026, in services this weekend!

Emmaus Way Walkers

The Emmaus Way Walkers will adjust their schedule for the cooler weather beginning this **Wednesday, October 14**. Plan to meet at **9:00 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).

Wednesday Evening Dinners

Join us for dinner on **Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym!

Dinners are prepared for all ages with a buffet-style setup including dessert. There can be a vegetarian option upon request. Excellent opportunity to bond with family and friends, new and old, over a sit-down meal!

All are welcome! Reservations requested by 12:00 pm on Monday each week. [Click here to reserve!](#)

Suggested donation of \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Cash, check, or card payable at door.

October Menus

October 7: Quiche, Fruit, Salad, and Cinnamon Rolls

October 14: Momma Mia's Pizza, Fruit, Salad, and Brownies

October 21: Swedish Meatballs, Fruit, Salad, and Cake

October 28: Chinese (from Sushi Iwa's), Fruit, Salad, and Ice Cream

We are looking for more Wednesday Night Dinners helpers. We prep at 3:30 pm, cover tables at 4:15 pm, serve at 5:15 pm, and clean up at 6:00 pm. [Sign up today!](#)

Questions? Contact Kim Simpson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org). We look forward to seeing you!

Christmas Carol Celebration

A Christmas Carol Celebration accompanied by an orchestra and including the singing of familiar carols - Silent Night, Angels We Have Heard on High, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful, special music, and narrative; will be presented at the 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Services on **Sunday, December 13.**



All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this exciting preparation for Christmas. Rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Celebration are scheduled for **Wednesdays, 8:00-8:30 pm.** A choral “dress” rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 at 11:30 am.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Unger at the church office and/or be present at one the initial rehearsals. It is okay if you are not able to attend all the rehearsals, we would rather you attend as your schedule allows, than to exclude yourself from participating in this wonderful opportunity.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across the country, too many boys and girls go without a bed — or even a pillow — to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

SHP provides all the tools and expertise that allow people with little or no experience to build all the components for a solid, wood bunk bed. It is always a fun-filled half day that ends with branding the beds. Fellowship is wonderful and the ability to solve a problem for others leaves everyone feeling a bit better about the world!

Mark your calendars for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace **DOUBLE Bed Build Day on Saturday, October 17** from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the church parking lot.

We will need many volunteers for the build. [Register today!](#)



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

Habitat for Humanity

Upcoming Habitat for Humanity build day for RLC! This day is working at one of the new houses in the Hope Grove neighborhood in Garner on **Saturday, October 24**. The address is approximately 1504 Creech Road, Garner. Arrive at 8:00 am and end at 3:00 pm (you will need to bring your lunch).

The link to register is vhub.at/BelovedBuild. Scroll down to October 24 and click sign up. Here is a tutorial, if you need help registering: [Volunteer Hub Registration Tutorial](#)

Just a reminder, you must be 16 to volunteer.



Lyle, Cathy, Caitlyn, Kelly, Alan, Bud, and Mark

This group helped build the wall for a future Habitat home on October 3rd.

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



• YOUNG FAMILIES •
gathering



Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on
Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 pm
(or right after Fall Festival)
at the home of the Sherouse family
(113 Merry Hill Drive, Cary).

Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

RSVP to Pastor Zach Sarrault or Oliver and Maggie Sherouse.

Lutheran Witness Subscription

It is time to renew (or start) your Lutheran Witness subscription. This church magazine has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans.

The cost is \$26 annually. Make checks payable to RLC and either use the

designated offering envelope or note "Lutheran Witness" in memo. Deadline is October 25.

New members to RLC receive a one-year free subscription.

Men's Fellowship Night

The Men's Summer Fellowship events were so much fun, we decided to keep it going throughout the year!



Great time in September!

Let's stay connected! Keep an eye out for the October gathering date and location. All men invited. Do not have to eat or drink to attend.

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

Schedule Changes for 11:00 am and Live Stream

Please note the following schedule change for Holy Communion at 11:00 am and the Live Stream:

Starting **November 1**, the Holy Communion schedule at 11:00 am will change from its current position at 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays to 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. So Holy Communion for the month of November at the 11:00 am worship will be November 1, 15, and 29.

This allows the balance of Communion/Non-Communion worship live streams to adjust properly once we move to worship live streams at 9:30 am and 11:00 am in November.

The live stream schedule will change from the 8:00 am service to the 9:30 am service, starting **November 15**.



BLOOD DRIVE

**Wednesday
November 11, 2026
@RLC Fellowship Hall
12:00-5:00**

**Donate Blood in Honor of Our
Our Veterans & 1st Responders**

Use QR Code or bit.ly/4wQ8cWL or Call SteveBest

✓ Donors can redeem rewards for a \$30 gift card
✓ \$500 donation to Resurrection for 30 pints
✓ Blood provided to WakeMed and UNC Health
✓ Snacks and fellowship provided

Scan to make an appointment!

QR code for appointment

[Make your appointment today!](#)

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'S MINISTRY
October 2026

Sunday School
Join the fun- Bible stories, games, songs and crafts.
Sunday School is from 9:30-10:30

Pre-K room 132
K & 1st grade room 135
2nd & 3rd grade room 131
4th & 5th grade room 133

Children's Church
Children's Church is held during the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. Children are dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Message. Children participate in crafts & games and hear Bible stories in room 151. We look forward to seeing your children there!!!

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
Families are invited to join us rain or shine on Sunday, October 25th from 3-4:30 pm for trunk or treating, games, an inflatable slide and fun! Families are welcome to host a trunk for the event or make donations of candy and/or small trinkets for distribution. RLC Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry are working together to host an awesome event for our church, schools and community.

Wednesday Nights
Kidz Live is 6-7 pm in the gym! The Justice Family has been leading children Pre-K to 5th graders. They are sharing Scripture, playing games and completing fun projects.

Sign up through the church website to eat dinner beforehand from 5:15- 6 p.m.

Contact Erika for more info at:
erika.hulse@rlcny.org



Resurrection Lutheran Church

FALL
festival

SIGN UP:



Games - Oktoberfest Themed

Fall Snack Station

Inflatable Slide

Trunk or Treating (wear a costume and bring a bag!)

**-RAIN OR SHINE-
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
3:00-4:30 PM**

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Questions? Contact Erika at erika.hulse@rlcary.org

[Sign up here!](#)

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

Welcome to October! Youth Groups are all up and running and the Middle School had a blast out at Camp Agape. The weekend goal was to have fun building our friendships with the foundation of faith. We went hiking, ziplining, glow 9 square, games, more hiking, Bible study, and so much more. The group even was assigned a cooking and clean up shift.

We also added a service component and built a decorative rock path along the poolside. Ask one of our Middle School Youth how many tons of rocks we moved. While there was not a whole lot of sleep to be had, we made a lot of memories and connections. Thank you so much to Pastor Zach and Heather Augustus for your help!

We still need more helpers for our **Youth Late Night on October 23!**



SUNDAY SCHOOL
OCT. 4, 11, 18, 25



HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP
OCT. 4, 11, 18

RLC YOUTH OCTOBER EVENTS



MIDDLE SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP
OCT. 7, 21, 28



SERVICE PROJECT
OCT. 25
FALL FEST



SPECIAL EVENT
OCT. 23
YOUTH LATE NIGHT



[Sign up now!](#)

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



This week in chapel we enjoyed hearing about God's love from the 2nd grade class at Resurrection Lutheran School!

They shared the story of Noah's Ark and their favorite prayer. It was a major highlight of the day for everyone!



rlpcary.org
ages 2-5 years

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Resurrection Lutheran School



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Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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Latest Lion's Tale



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, October 3

6:00 pm - 51

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am - 110

9:30 am - 146

11:00 am - 100

Total In-Person Worship: 407

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am - 135

11:00 am - 96

Total Online Views: 231

Financial Update

Our RLC Finance team is continuing to expand and has opportunities to serve. If you have any background in Accounting, Finance, or Healthcare Benefits, we may have ways for you to serve.

There are opportunities both large and small, and if you have any interest or questions, please contact Mike Hahne at treasurer@rlcary.org.

September 2026

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$369,773

Actual Giving to Date: \$364,078

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(5,695)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$388,135

Actual Expenses to Date: \$383,681

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$4,454

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – October 11, 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, Dan

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen, Anne Price, Angie Price, Alison Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, Jackie, 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, Steve Press

For Expectant Moms

Cassie Melsom, *Victoria Ghiold, *Melainey Campos

Those Prayed for on October 4, 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
- *Pastor Alan Shaw, Completion of Intentional Interim Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Goldsboro NC
- Baptism of a RLS student on September 27th
- Bible Distribution for 3-year-olds and 2nd graders
- Read-a-Book Project at Reedy Creek Elementary, and Our RLC Volunteers Serving the Community

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
- Donna Day, Pancreatic Cancer Treatment
- Dave Koester, ALS, and Wife Ruth
- *Dennis Merrill
- *Sue Sanders
- Carolyn, Continued Healing
- Evelyn Bloom
- Kale, Stomach Cancer Treatment
- *Vern Ebert
- *Anne Altieri
- Tricia Bradley, Recovery
- Steve Press, Healing
- *Jan Wozniak
- *Anita Moore
- *Bruce Kennedy
- Herbie Campau, Rehab
- *Gar Johnson
- Lydia, Carol, Roz, Bob, Mike, Fran, Matt, Knox, Nove, Kathy, Linda, Gaylon, Ricky, Sonny, Joseph, Catherine, David, Deanna, Deann, Breann, Ethan, Addison, Lily, Pam, Donna, Jan, Gabby, Roger, Pattie, Richard, Rosemary, Judah, Carmella, Marie, Mark, James, Gary, George, Trudy, Gene, Lois, Walter, Andrea, Joe, Herbi, Laverne, Jeri, Graham, Bill, Darlene, Virginia, Dan, Paige, Justin, Susan, Tom, Jack, Sandy, Bill, Julie, Vivien, David, Eric

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Private First-Class Ethan Brewer, Army, Especially Family Friends,
*Piontek Family

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
- 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 Cecconi-Roberts
- Our Government and Leaders
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Mother of *Sue Campau, Managing Mental Decline and Guidance for Her Family
- Those in the Process of Selling Homes for Aging Parents, Plus Related Family Matters
- 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
- Jack Simpson and His Family, Father-In-Law of *Kim Simpson
- Heather Whitehurst
- Those Struggling with Addiction
- Those with Mental Health Issues
- *Cheryl Roth
- Keith Whitehurst
- Steve Skog, and His Mother Mary Taking Care of Him
- Carli, Recovery from Addiction
- Richard and Rosemary Staley
- Jim and Margaret Ryan
- *Mindy and *Marty Stephani
- Missionaries Stan and Dana Stigdon, Travel Mercies
- *Ben Nissing, Deployment with Army National Guard, and Wife *Erin
- Peace Lutheran Church, Goldsboro and Their New Interim Pastor

- Upcoming Surgeries
- Larry, Relief from Pain

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
- 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, Facilitators and Participants, New Group Beginning in August
- Our *Faith in Action* Capital Campaign and Prayer Vigil on Saturday, October 10

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
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*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.*