

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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April 4, 2021
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship



COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

April 4, 2021

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,

so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,

for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to
 the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM:

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

²**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷**I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance

with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Lord to who shall we go, you have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, beginning in the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ is Alive!, *ELW 389*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry placc and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears

of all who mourn. We pray especially for those in our prayer book. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Alleluia, Noelle Williams
Pr. James*

MEAL

COMMUNION LITURGY

DIALOGUE

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

My Redeemer Lives

I know He's rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe, I believe
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His Name
I believe, I believe

I'll raise a banner
'Cause My Lord has conquered the grave

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You lift my burden
I'll rise with you
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see your kingdom come

My Redeemer Lives
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MISSION STATEMENT

Go and live a Resurrection life as you,

Share God's Word,

Show God's Love,

Serve God.

Amen. Alleluia!

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*We welcome you to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church!
We hope our time together will be a blessing to you!*

Visitor & Prayers Cards—Welcome to our worship. You are in the right place! Visitor and Prayer cards are available if you'd like to fill one out. Please ask an usher to get you one and return it back to them when you are finished. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Bulletins are given by Jeremy & Jennifer Reineke and family.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Property Spring Cleaning The property team is looking for volunteers



to help with pruning, hedge trimming, raking, and shoveling next **Saturday, April 10th, at 8:00 a.m.** If you can help, we will follow the practice of social distancing to keep everyone safe. Please wear your gloves and bring along any pruners, hedge trimmers, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows to help us out. Thank you for your support. Rain date is scheduled for April 17th.

Acolyte Training & Refresh-April 11 & 18 after our 10:00 a.m. worship



Join Pr. James for a training & refresh class on acolyting after our worship service. The training will last about one hour. This class is for all 4th graders and any student who wishes to have a refresher class on the procedures involved in acolyting.

Sunday School All Pre-K-8th grade students are invited to join us for in-



person Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in the Sunday School area. Bring your children to learn about Jesus and all his wonders as we delve into another great semester together. Please wear your masks. See you then.

Note: No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Current Needs: If anyone is interested in supplying some snacks for the Sunday School children, please drop them off in the church office and label them Sunday School. Thank you!

Adult Forum: Exile and Return—"The Wilderness Journey Home"



Join us for our Adult Forum as we relate the struggle of God's people in the 6th century BC, their Exile in Babylon and journey home to Jerusalem, to our struggle in the 21st century AD, as we start the journey home from our viral exile.

This study will be on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and will continue into the Summer, so come along and join the adventure!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87953507438?pwd=WnU2dFVvcjNpbytoeStZRGZmSGdCZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 5350 7438

Passcode: 918225

Books are available for our study by the café and through a Thrivent Action Plan grant. All sessions will be uploaded to our YouTube channel if the time of the session doesn't work in your schedule or a weekend is missed! Stop by to pick yours up today.

LSWT Meal Support and Caring Casseroles The Local & World Service



Team will now organize the church's meal coordination and delivery for church families with new babies, deaths in the family, illnesses and other situations where a meal would be welcome. If you are interested in joining the meal support sub-team, please contact Lexie Frahm at lexie.frahm@gmail.com or 402-416-9113.

The LSWT also invites members to utilize the Caring Casseroles stocked in the church's freezer. The casseroles are for members in need or for members to give to those in need outside our church family.

ONGOING HAPPENINGS

New Covid-19 Protocols RELC Church Council adopted revised Covid-19 Protocols during their March 16, 2021 council meeting. The Covid-19 Protocol update will also be posted on our website and our north and south bulletin boards for you to view. Should you have any questions about the revised protocols, please feel free to contact any council member.

Phase II Worship Our worship services are available in-person and online. Overflow seating is available in the courtyard if attendance surpasses our worship spaces. **Sign up is no longer necessary to attend.** If attendance begins to grow, we will add another Sunday service.

Please stay connected through the church's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/RELCgretna> and through our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjXnhZfhxipkc5ZTA6SrHUw>. Don't miss hearing God's word as Pr. James Sells shares the Gospel with us each week.

***Communion services** will be offered on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. If you will not be attending in person and would like to commune during our online worship service, please stop by the church to pick up your individually pre-packaged communion set.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjXnhZfhxipkc5ZTA6SrHUw>

Facebook: <facebook.com/RELCgretna>

LinkTree: <linktr.ee/relicgretna> (takes you to all online links during this time)

Youth Underground-Looking for Faith Leaders We need you!!! Would



you like to help in the faith formation of our High School Youth? We are currently looking for committed people of faith to shepherd the Youth Underground during their weekly meetings and activities. We would love to have you share in the ministry of our youth in a fun, creative and meaningful way. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact Pr. James at 402-759-6347.

SIGN-UP NOW!! Flowers and Bulletins 2021 This year our 2021 flower



and bulletin sign-up sheet is online. If you would like to call into the office, we'd be happy to get you signed up as well. We'd love to see fresh flowers on the altar for our worship services.

If you'd like to sign-up go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a44acad29a5f58-altar>. The suggested donation for bulletin sponsorship is \$20. You can drop a check in the mail or at the office, Mon—Fri, 8am-3pm. If you are interested in signing up for flowers, as always Town & Country Floral gives all Gretna churches altar flowers at cost. They will also deliver and set them up for you. You don't even have to leave the comfort of your own home. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

NOTE: If you have taken the brass flower liners home with your flowers, please return them at your earliest convenience. We only have a few sets, and they are needed each week to add the flower bouquets to the altar. Thank you!

RELC Quilting Group The RELC Quilting Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Please consider dropping off any old blankets and sheets of any size, batting and 100% cotton material (scraps are fine too, if they are large enough for quilt squares). Thank you!

Hospital Visits Hospitals usually don't contact us when you go into the hospital due to the privacy act. If you or a family member is going into the hospital, be sure and let the office know so that we can be there for you with prayerful support.

TAGG To date, our church TAGGers have raised more than \$1700 for church projects sponsored by the Local & World Service Team. Download the app to your smartphone and choose RELC as the supported organization. You can also drop your receipts at the office. When you purchase from a TAGG business, it will donate up to 5% of your total purchase to RELC.



The Following Opportunities Are Available Now

Volunteer Needs:

- Flowers/Bulletins Office Helper
Contact: theoffice@relchurch.net
- Youth Underground Leaders
Contact: PastorJames@relchurch.net
- Lay Reader Coordinator & Lay Readers
Contact: theoffice@relchurch.net
- Sunday School Teachers/Substitute Teachers
Contact: theoffice@relchurch.net

**If you have questions about any of these opportunities or would like more details, please contact the church office at 402-332-3383.

PRAYERS

Be still, and know that I am God...

Our shut-in members and those in the assisted living and nursing homes:

Donna Fleck, Darlene Foged, Margie Biel, Patti Huff, Marlene Kuehl, Sharon Barkley, Keith Barkley, Carol Schlueter, Marge Warren, Jim Schram, Delores Kreifels, Jackie Mowinkel, Joan Bohling, Thelma Mowinkel, Carol Ehlers

Healing and courage: Shelley Schram's friend's stepdaughter-Dede, Nicole Slusher's mother-Charlene Hesser, Gene Mackey Family, Miles McMahill, Kim Mefford's friend's husband, Steve Norman, Gwen Reier, Jim Raess, Jeanne Ralston's friend-Amy LaFontaine, Alvin & JoAnn Glasshoff's daughter-Dawn Allbery, Marie Lemke, Kelli Barnhart, Jeanne Ralston's friends-Larry & Judy Peterson, Joyce McMahill's cousin-Mary Weber, Jean Schnack, Miles & Joyce McMahill's friend-Rosie, Linda Karas, Kris & Becky Wagner Family, Denise McKay, Sharon Barkley's grandson-Jeremy Eidson, Wendy Killingsworth, Linda & Kevin Karas's friend-Monica March, Roger Asche, Jerry Walker, Lois Nore, Denise McKay's sister-Kathy Ewert

Birthdays: Bonnie Essen, Eric Reineke, Nathan Reineke, Ianne Wolken, Daryl Jahn, Lincoln Hjelm, Louis Essen, Jon Ellingson, Lloyd Lemke, Erin North

Concord Sister Congregation: Please pray for our sister congregation, Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord, NE.

Service Men and Women: For all those serving our country and for the families of soldiers who were killed or injured, that they be healed in body and spirit.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

*Hand sanitizers are available throughout the church for your use.

*If you are having trouble hearing the service, please ask an usher for a Sound Mate hearing device.

*For large print bulletins, please contact the office.

*Wheelchairs are available for your use in the church. Contact an usher or a council person for assistance.

*First Aid kits are located in the kitchen, church office

There is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located on the wall by the south bathrooms



RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL
L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Pastor: James Sells

Church Council Members:

Bill Schwarten, Larry Rippe, Linda Biel-Karas, Becky Wagner, Lexie Frahm, Dave Schram, Rich Killingsworth, Darren Elliott, Evan Kock

Administrative Office Manager: Jeanne Ralston

Administrative Office Assistant: Sheri Feala

Financial Office Manager: Desiree Stednitz

Nursery Coordinator: Dhani Milliman

Music Director: Dr. Matt Hill

Sunday School Superintendent: Lynn Donahue

Custodial Needs: Property Team, Jeremy Reineke

Flowers & Bulletins:

April, May, June-Needed

Lay Readers for April

5:30 pm (Sat.)-Lona Pinkall

8:30 am (Easter)-Jonathan Rippe

10:00 am-Arielle Clark

ATTENDANCE

Palm Saturday Worship (5:30pm): 26

Palm Sunday Worship (10:00am): 159

Maundy Thursday: 61