

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Gretna, Nebraska 68028
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April 24 & 25, 2021

5:30 p.m. Saturday Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

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COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE
April 24 & 25, 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.

GATHERING HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, vs. 1-4



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING:

Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to St. John, beginning in the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

**Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring
our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in
steadfast love.**

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be, with you always.

And also with you.

COMMUNION LITURGY

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We Lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

TEMPLE TALK

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

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name
(repeat)

Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil (Oh)

Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Savior's love

Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all
(repeat)

FINAL BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Dear friends in Christ go and
Share God's word,
Show God's love,
Serve God,
Amen. Alleluia.

**Offering plates will not be passed. Please place your gift in the offering plate as you leave or use our online giving options. Thank you for being a blessing to us, so that we may bless others.*

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Pr. James Sells: 402-759-6347

*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!

Altar Flowers & Bulletins are given by Kyle & Nicole Slusher in celebration of Addy & Maggie's 16th birthday.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PASTOR JAMES!

We thank God for you.



The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

New RELC Website The Outreach Team is excited to announce the



new and improved RELC website! One thing that hasn't changed is the address – it remains the same relchurch.net. Some of the things you'll find on the

website include a refreshed look and feel with new pictures and easier navigation. There is a Sign-Up link and Serving Opportunities page to simplify signing up to volunteer and serve as well as a revamped Donate page and links that detail all the ways to give to RELC. Please visit the

website and check out the new look! If you have questions or feedback, contact a member of the Outreach team.

Youth For Hire Help our high school Youth Underground raise money for their upcoming mission trip to Alamosa, CO in June. Jesus said, “I did not come to be served...but to serve.” Our youth are here to serve.



They are ready to help you clean, sort, garden, mow, babysit & more and will be available on Saturday the 24th of April. Free-will offering!

Call Zane Mindrup at 402-510-9044 to schedule a time for someone to come help with all your projects.

VBS-Save the Date Please add July 18-22 to your calendar for our summer VBS program. The theme for this year is “Treasured- Discovering You’re Priceless to God”. Sign-ups will be starting soon. Watch your emails for more information in the weeks ahead.



Letter from the Benevolence & Mission Team Congregation, If you know of an organization that has a need (i.e. funding) within our community where our team might be of assistance, please leave a note in our box in the church office. We will prayerfully consider these requests quarterly along with the other requests we regularly receive. Thank you.



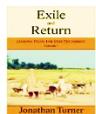
Sunday School All Pre-K-8th grade students are invited to join us for in-person Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in the Sunday School area. Bring your children to learn about Jesus and all his wonders as we delve into another great semester together. Please wear your masks. See you then.



Note: The last day of Sunday School will be May 2nd.

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 watch us each week live on Zoom or later in the day on YouTube.

Join Zoom Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87072801970?pwd=U0kzK3ZvSTlxMUhTVkQyNnN6cEVzdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 7280 1970

Passcode: 1517

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 and the Saturday before the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

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

Facebook: [facebook.com/RELCgretna](https://www.facebook.com/RELCgretna)

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!

Personal Information Changes? Do you have a name, address, phone number or email change? If so, please contact the office by phone at 402-332-3383 or email us at theoffice@relchurch.net. If you would like us to have an emergency contact number, please include that as well.

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!

Food Pantry Donations Please drop off all food items in the pantry area in our south hallway by the yellow carts. Only food donations are being taken at this time. Please ***do not drop off clothing or household items to the church***. Please find alternate drop off locations until further notice.

- ***Gretna Neighbors*** - During this time, the Gretna Neighbors Food Pantry will be open during our regular hours, which are the **1st and 3rd Saturday** of each month from **9:00-11:00 a.m.** and the **2nd Wednesday** of the month from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** We are only handing out pre-bagged groceries with pre-designated amounts of non-perishable items and frozen food items.

If you or someone you know is in need in the Gretna school district, you are invited to stop by during these hours. We don't discriminate. You will only need to show proof of residency in the school district.

- ***Project Hope Food Pantry*** – Only food donations are being taken at this time. Donations are taken monthly to Project Hope.

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:

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

Healing and courage: Erick Hill's cousin-Matthew Arnold, Doris Roberts, 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, Roger Asche, Jerry Walker, Lois Nore, Denise McKay's sister-Kathy Ewert

Sympathy: Our sincerest sympathies to Karen Schram and her family on the passing of Jim. Please keep their family in your prayers. God bless.

Birthdays: Ryan Shea, Pr. James Sells, Addisyn Slusher, Maggie Slusher, Cody Malone, Macy Flynn, Jackson Tickner, Kari Bergsten, Steve Stamm, Janel Asche, Brent Falgione, Rachel Wright, Tristian Wright, Heidi Raess, Tayler Karas, Josephine Beiting

Anniversaries: Paul & Judy Dietrich, Jerry & LaRene Walker, Kris & Becky Wagner, Ron & Connie Sydzyik, Rich & Wendy Killingsworth

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-Connie Sydzyik

Lay Readers for April

5:30 pm (Sat.)-Lona Pinkall

10:00 am-Arielle Clark

ATTENDANCE

Saturday Worship (5:30pm): 51

Sunday Worship (10:00am): 75