

# RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



153 South McKenna Avenue  
Gretna, Nebraska 68028  
402-332-3383  
*www.RELChurch.net*  
June 13, 2021  
8:30 a.m. Worship



Traditional Worship  
June 13, 2021

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who shines in glory,  
clothes us in compassion,  
and bears gifts of mercy for 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** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, ELW 807*

# GREETING

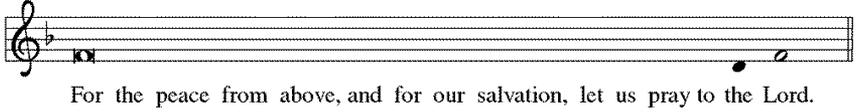
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

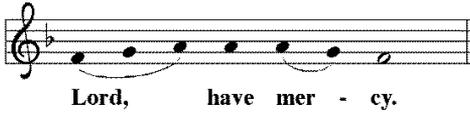
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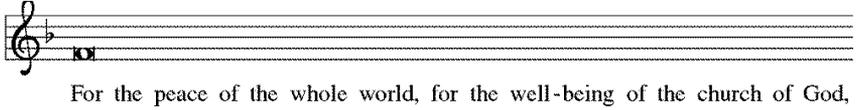
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



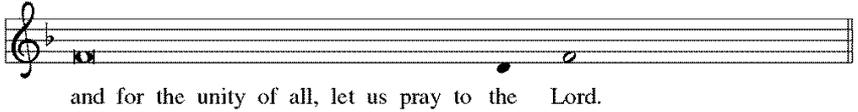
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



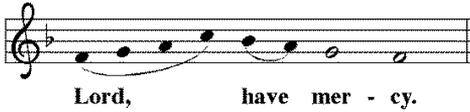
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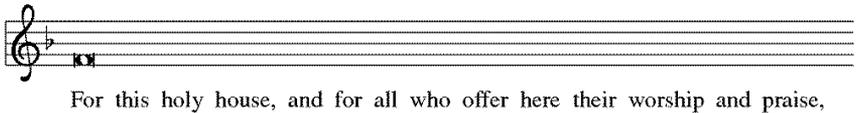
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



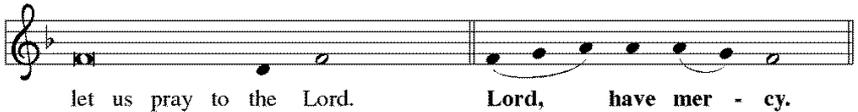
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



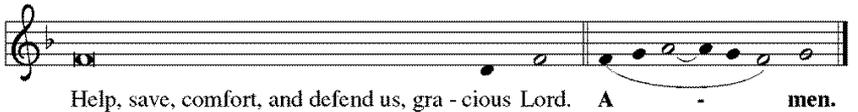
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

# PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

**O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSIVE PSALM

**Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice**

## SECOND READING

## 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PASSING THE PEACE

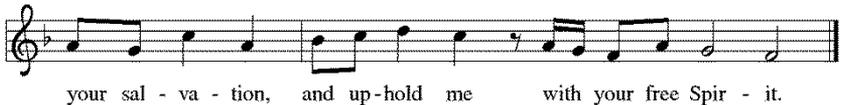
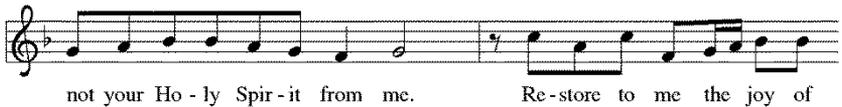
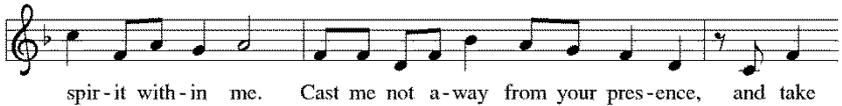
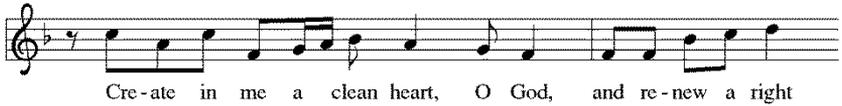
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

### CHILDREN'S OFFERING/OFFERING

#### OFFERING SONG

*Create in Me, ELW 186*



#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

## **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.

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FINAL BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**            *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, ELW 597*

#### DISMISSAL

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

*\*During the passing of the peace, please offer a peace sign in place of a handshake.*

*\*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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#### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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

\*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 and church office.

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

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June 12 & 13, 2021 Gretna, NE 68028

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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!

**Bulletins** are given by James and Becky Sells in honor of their 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

## CURRENT HAPPENINGS

**A BIG Welcome!** Please welcome our newest edition to the RELC family, Hannah Grove. Hannah has been hired as our new Youth & Congregational Life Director. If you see her around the church or at worship, please give her a big smile and welcome. Watch for highlights on Hannah in our next upcoming July Messenger.



**Lutheran World Relief-Baby Care Kits** The Local & World Service team will be collecting items for Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief during the month of June. If you are interested in helping with one of the basic necessities for a new baby in need, please consider donating one or more items. A complete list of items of need and a diaper tip sheet to make cloth diapers are located on the table by the café. All items can be added to the labeled storage container in the café. Thanks for your support.



Lutheran  
World  
Relief

**Introducing F3 at RELC** Join us for Fridays, Firepits, & Fellowship (F3). Everyone is invited on Fridays in June from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bring your own beverage and chair.



**June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Erick & Kim Hill's house, 5308 S. 188<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha  
Kids are welcome.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Andy & Desiree Stednitz' house, 13703 S. 226<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Adults only please.

**Chancel Choir and Bell Choir** Rehearsals for Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will begin as usual in September. More details will follow later this summer, but our plan right now is to resume on our normal calendar. I can't wait to make music with you all again! If you're not a member of either group but would LIKE to be, contact me or reach out to the office and we'll get you added to our contact list. Enjoy the summer, and I'll look forward to being with you all in rehearsal very soon! – Matt Hill, Music Director



## **Archives Team-Pictures Needed**



The Archives Team is looking for pictures of past church activities. They are looking for old ones, new ones, or any that have a story to them. Please contact Jim Eichner at [Eichnerj6527@msn.com](mailto:Eichnerj6527@msn.com) if you have any to share. Thank you!

## **VBS-Save the Date**



Please add our summer VBS program to your calendar on July 18-22 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. with a grab and go meal to begin at 5:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "Treasured- Discovering You're Priceless to God".

The cost is \$10/child with a maximum of \$20/family. You may also purchase VBS CD's for \$10 each. Earn a free registration by volunteering. For every adult volunteer, you will receive one free registration.

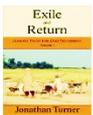
### **Get registered for VBS at:**

[docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdChu5M0-hyCcpYTjrh\\_4LvSOI-Kydp8S6oUdkuAsSbZCX\\_1w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdChu5M0-hyCcpYTjrh_4LvSOI-Kydp8S6oUdkuAsSbZCX_1w/viewform)

### **Get signed up to be a VBS volunteer at:**

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45a5ae2ba3f49-vbs2021](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45a5ae2ba3f49-vbs2021)

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, their Exile in Babylon and journey home to Jerusalem, to our struggle in the 21<sup>st</sup> century AD, as we start the journey home from our viral exile.

**This study will be on Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m.** in the Courtyard.

We will also be on Zoom the study at that same time.

**Note:** There will not be an Adult Forum on June 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

## **Join Zoom Meeting**

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

**Meeting ID:** 879 5350 7438

**Passcode:** 918225

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!

## **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.



## **LWST 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](mailto: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.

**Caring Casseroles Restock** The Local and World Service Team is hosting a **Caring Casseroles Restock** event, now through June 27. We seek members of the congregation to cook and assemble freezer-friendly casseroles that will be stored in the church's kitchen freezer and available for members of the congregation to give when a meal is needed. For this restock, **we request smaller-portioned pans (approx. 7"x9" pans)**. Please label pan lids with the type of casseroles and our team will attach a title and cooking instruction label. An information sheet, with recipes and instructions, is available in the church office.

Drop off at church: members of the Local & World Service team will collect casseroles, in the north church parking lot, during the following dates and times:

- Saturday, June 26: 5-5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 27: 8-8:30 a.m. and 9:30-10:45 a.m.

## **ONGOING HAPPENINGS**

**Join Us for Worship** Our worship services are every **Saturday at 5:30 p.m. with masks required** and every **Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. with masks optional**. Please consider wearing your mask if you have not been vaccinated or if you are feeling ill, please consider staying home to keep others safe. Our **Adult Forum will begin at 9:40 a.m. in the Courtyard**. The **nursery will be open on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 8:30-11:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings**. We look forward to seeing you as we continue with our regular worship hours.



***NEW June Worship Online (We will now be on YouTube, not on Zoom)***  
**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjXnhZfhxipkc5ZTA6SrHUw>  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/RELCgretna](https://www.facebook.com/RELCgretna)

**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 are ordering from Town & Country, you will



Altar Flowers

need to stop by the church to pick up the flower liners and take them to Town & Country to fill M-F, 9-5:30 (they are in the kitchen, take liners only). They will no longer be picking up the liners to fill with flowers. If they do not have the liners, they won't be able to make the flower arrangements for you.

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

**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 **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each month from **9:00-11:00 a.m.** and the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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*** – Please drop off your donated food items and your very gently used or new clothing items and they will be taken 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.



**Followers of Christ-Prison Ministry** If you are interested in becoming involved to help those incarcerated. Please contact Scott Drews at 402-670-8259 or [sdrews@bhhc.com](mailto:sdrews@bhhc.com) or you may contact the office for more information.

### **The Following Opportunities Are Available Now**

#### **Volunteer Needs:**

- Lay Reader Coordinator & Lay Readers

Contact: [theoffice@relchurch.net](mailto:theoffice@relchurch.net)

- Sunday School Teachers/Substitute Teachers

Contact: [theoffice@relchurch.net](mailto: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:** The Bob & Alicia Fechtmeister family, Erick Hill's cousin-Matthew Arnold, 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 sympathies go out to Bob Roberts and his family on the passing of Doris. A memorial service took place at RELC on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Roberts family in your prayers.

**Birthdays:** Kevin Kersten, Joy Weishaar, Samantha Henning, Deb Wille, Shelley Schram, David Essen, Nicki Ayer, Rochelle Schuka, Matt Hill, Miles McMahill, Jackson Parks, Molly Colgrove

**Anniversaries:** Eric & Sarah Nordhues, James & Becky Sells, Roger & Lois Nore, Larry and Beth Rippe, Conrad and Charlotte Pfeffer, Evan and Karen Peters

**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.



**WORSHIP LEADERS - STAFF- VOLUNTEERS**

**Pastor:** James Sells

**Youth & Congregational Life Director:** Hannah Grove

**Church Council Members:**

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

**Council Duty June 12**

5:30 p.m.-Darren Elliott

**Council Duty June 13**

8:30 a.m.-Lexie Frahm, Bill Schwarten, Rich Killingsworth

10:45 a.m.- Rich Killingsworth, Evan Kock

**Council Duty June 19**

5:30 p.m.-Linda Karas

**Council Duty June 20**

8:30 a.m.-Becky Wagner, Bill Schwarten, Rich Killingsworth

10:45 a.m.- Becky Wagner

**Financial Office Manager (Mon-Tues):** Desiree Stednitz

**Administrative Office Manager (Wed-Fri):** Jeanne Ralston

**Nursery Coordinator (Sat 5:30pm, Sun 8:30-11:30am):** Dhani Milliman

**Music Director:** Dr. Matt Hill

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Lynn Donahue

**Custodial Needs:** Property Team, Jeremy Reineke

**Flowers & Bulletins:**

April, May, June-Barb Westenburg

**Lay Readers for June**

5:30 pm (Sat.)-Sue Lobsiger

8:30 am (Sun.)-Arielle Clark, Jon Rippe (6/27)

10:45 am (Sun.)-Becky Schnack

**Acolytes for June 12**

5:30 p.m.-Miles Craddock, Andrew Hardy\_

**Acolytes for June 13**

8:30 a.m.-Soren Frahm, Junior Killingsworth

10:45 a.m.-Ava Honeyman, Allie Keasling

**Acolytes for June 19**

5:30 p.m.-Open, Open\_

**Acolytes for June 20**

8:30 a.m.-Tristian Wright, Tatum Wright

10:45 a.m.-Lexi Wagner, Open

**ATTENDANCE**

**Saturday:** Blended 26

**Sunday:** Traditional 61, Contemporary 54