

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



153 South McKenna Avenue
Gretna, Nebraska 68028

402-332-3383
www.RELChurch.net
July 4, 2021
8:30 a.m. Worship



Traditional Worship
July 4, 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

Morning Has Broken, ELW 556

GREETING

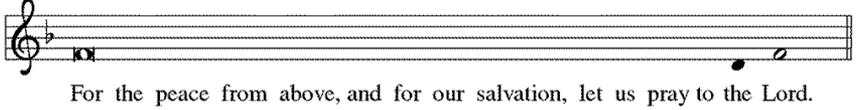
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

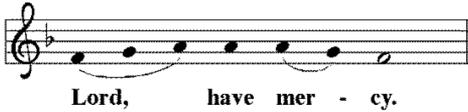
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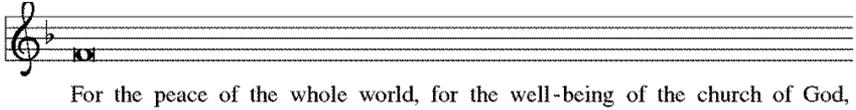
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



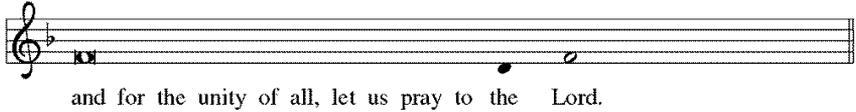
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



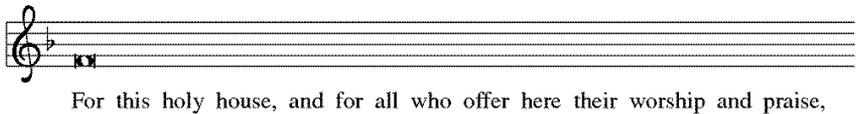
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



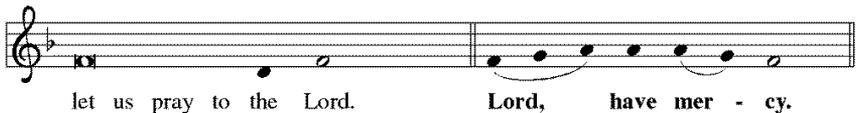
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



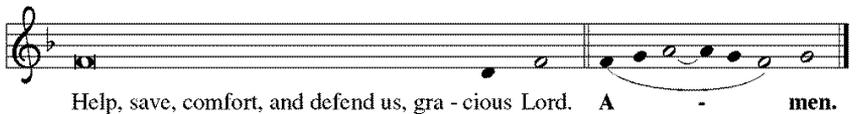
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



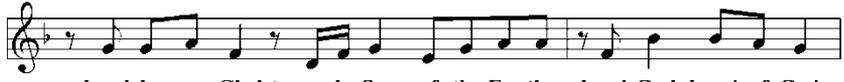
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my

weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

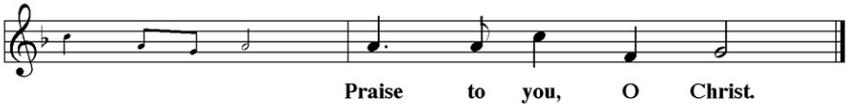
The holy gospel according to St. Mark, beginning in the 6th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among

their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *If You But Trust in God to Guide You, ELW 769*

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**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.**

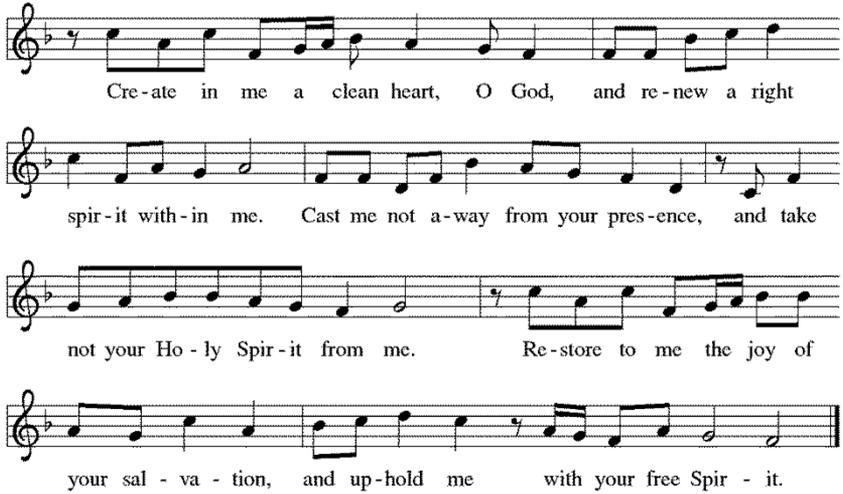
PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING/OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me, ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. 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

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, ELW 890

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.*

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July 4, 2021 Gretna, NE 68028

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E-mail: theooffice@relchurch.net Website: www.relchurch.net

Pr. James Sells: 402-759-6347

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*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!

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Pr. James' Vacation-June 28-July 9 Pr. James will be on vacation for a couple of weeks. Please get in touch with him this weekend if you need anything or have a question. You are welcome to send him an email and he will get back with you when he returns. If there is something we can help with in the office, please let us know. We are here to help.

Omaha VA Donations Needed! The Local and World Service Team will be collecting needed items for the Omaha VA. Please consider purchasing and donating any of the following needed items, specifically requested by the VA at this time. Canned tuna, beef jerky, P3 snacks peanut butter, can openers, sweatpants/athletic pants in all sizes, or men's underwear in medium or large. A donation box will be available at church from June 20-July 11. Travel-sized hygiene items are also always accepted by the VA. Thank you for your support of our veterans.



Extended-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/July**. 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 (**we are really in need of t-shirt fabric (50-100% cotton), and sleepers, sweaters, hoodies (size newborn-24 mo.)**). 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

Underground Lock-In All 9th-12th graders for the 2021-2022 school year are invited to join us on July 9th at 7:00 p.m. for an overnight lock in and participate in the house cup competition! Please bring one canned food item as your entrance fee. Each additional canned food item will get your house points!



Please register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4SHIVRJMFDLgKOXm3kGpwdGsY7SkAfhf8oMjIGV02NPsoq/viewform?usp=sf_link

Parent Volunteers may sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AAAE2CA0FEC61-lock>

Carnival and Camping: Please join us on July 16th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.



in the church parking lot for a carnival led by our high school youth. Invite your family and friends for some fun for all ages! At the end of the carnival, middle school and high school youth will caravan over to the Galaska's house for a family hot dog roast followed by some field games. All middle school and high school participants will be invited to spend the night for some camping. Don't forget to bring a tent and sleeping bag/pillow.

VBS Summer Program 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".



Registration costs associated with VBS are being covered

by a generous donor for all attendees this summer. We are so grateful for this financial help! Check out the church website to get registered!

We remain in need of volunteers to support the daily tasks during VBS and provide a positive experience for the kids. Please sign up to volunteer on the church website under the "Sign Ups" tab. Thanks for considering.

Get registered for VBS at:

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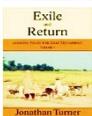
Get signed up to be a VBS volunteer at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45a5ae2ba3f49-vbs2021

Get signed up to Donate Supplies at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A5AE2BA3F49-vbsdonaions>

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 Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. in the Conference Room. We will also be on Zoom the study at that same time.

Note: There will not be an Adult Forum on July 4th.

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!

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

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 Conference**

Room. 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 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)

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 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.

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



Altar Flowers

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

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

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.



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 if you have any to share. Thank you!

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 theooffice@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** – 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.



The Following Opportunities Are Available Now

Volunteer Needs:

- Lay Reader Coordinator & Lay Readers
Contact: theoffice@relchurch.net
- Sunday School Teachers/Substitute Teachers
Contact: theoffice@relchurch.net

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

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: Jen & HJ Hardy's Cousins-Belinda Chapin & Natasha Dalby, The Bob & Alicia Fechtmeister family, Erick Hill's cousin-Matthew Arnold, 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

Birthdays: Christina Hinrichs, Jeanie Krambeck, Ronald Sydzyik, Dylan Behney, Michael Sheridan Jr., Logan Henning, Jared Weishaar, Karron Bruggmann, Michelle Klug

Anniversaries: Joe & Carole Perchal, Ben & Rachel Drews

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 July 4

8:30 a.m.-Bill Schwarten, Darren Elliott

Council Duty July 10

5:30 p.m.-Open

Council Duty June 11

8:30 a.m.-Dave Schram, Rich Killingsworth

10:45 a.m.-Open

Financial Office Manager (Mon-Wed): 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:

July, August, September-Shelly Grimm

Lay Readers for July

5:30 pm (Sat.)-Open, 7/24 Linette Jahn

8:30 am (Sun.)-7/4 Arielle Clark, 7/11 Andy Stednitz,

7/18 Des Stednitz, 7/24 Erick Hill

10:45 am (Sun.)-Kevin Karas

Acolytes for July 3

5:30 p.m.-No Service

Acolytes for July 4

8:30 a.m.-Open, Open

10:45 a.m.-No Service

Acolytes for July 10

5:30 p.m.-Open

Acolytes for July 11

8:30 a.m.-Junior Killingsworth, Open

10:45 a.m.-Open

ATTENDANCE

Saturday: Blended 22

Sunday: Traditional 44, Contemporary 61

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