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While Governor Ricketts' announcement today revises his office's timeline for resuming public worship, Nebraska Synod congregations are urged to hold off until May 17 at the earliest, the Governor's initial recommendation. While as a matter of religious freedom it may be appropriate to lift restrictions sooner than that, as a matter of prudence and concern for the neighbor, it is unwise and potentially dangerous to do so. Some congregations may need to wait even longer. Whenever congregations decide to resume public worship, it is critical to follow all of the guidelines provided by the CDC and other reliable sources for preparing for and conducting that worship. Our calling is to continue with precautions toward "flattening the curve" and saving lives.

As always, please be in contact with me or with your Assistant to the Bishop if you have questions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Brian D Maas,
Bishop