

Today's worship servants

Margaret Svitak  
Michelle Anderson  
Susie Lutz, accompanist  
Dean and Doris Hoffart, greeters  
Danita Broders, usher  
Delilah Broders, acolyte  
Linda Sheppard, lector  
Brian Anderson, sound booth

Next week:

Steve and Darla Jessen, greeters  
Steve Freese, usher  
Connie Atkinson, lector  
Margaret Svitak, communion assistant

Readings and Psalm for Sunday, May 16

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19



May 9, 2021  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

Altar flowers are given by Shirley and Duane Theil in memory of their mothers.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Health and healing: Katelyn Anderson, Gary Weich, Mary Ann Knee, BJ and Sharon Koeppel, Rory Laskowski, Jackson Steiner, Donna Day, Karen Peters, Millie Drey's cousin Richard (recovering at home) Arlis Lind in assisted living, Mona Jean Roberts in long-term care  
Missions: Brandon and Annemarie Cyboron, Joe Rystrom, Jared and Sau Man Weich, Msaranga Mandaka Parish in Tanzania

THIS WEEK

Monday	Boy Scouts 7 p.m.
Wednesday	Confirmation 6 p.m.
Thursday	Agape Circle 9 a.m.
Friday	Movie Night 6:30 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Sylvie Kowalski, May 14  
Judy Sparks, May 14  
Louise Skoglund, May 15

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for the cards, words of encouragement and prayers during the loss of my sister. It was a source of comfort and strength to me. God bless.  
*Greg Moen*

Just to say thanks for the prayers and cards that were sent at the time of my sister-in-law's death. Your support at that time was greatly appreciated.  
*Mary Ann Knee*

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OPENING MEDLEY  
*"You Are So Good to Me"*  
*"I Love You, Lord"*

CONFESSION

Lord God, today we pause again to confess our shortcomings in life and love. We want to live life to the fullest, but we always seem to become disillusioned or disappointed. We want to have deep, meaningful relationships, but we seem to short-circuit those we love with our own selfishness. Lord, we need the power to change, but we realize now that we cannot do it on our own. We are sinful; we fall short of the mark; and we ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

The God of all creation has entered our human existence in the person of Jesus Christ. Through Him our sinful condition has been given new possibilities of faith and life. By His death and resurrection the price of our sin has been paid in full and we stand before God as new people. The Holy Spirit is present with us and in us to give us the power to live out this new life. By the spirit we have life. Praise God.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God, creator of infinite wisdom, power, whose love points the direction of the universe and whose concern is for all of us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of the world. Jesus is the true gift of the Creator's love, the reason for our hope, and the promise of forgiveness of sin and eternal life. We trust Him.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us, keeping us aligned to the truth of scripture and the example of Jesus, our Lord.**

**We believe that our relationship to God is born out of grace and acted out through deeds of love and mercy through the church of Christ. We can experience the true love of God in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, and the fellowship of all believers. We desire that the kingdom of God would come to all people and the joy of Christ would be ours forever. Amen.**

*"Knowing You"*

PRAYER

**Holy and almighty God, how wonderful it is that you would deign to call us into relationship through your Son and he would call us friend. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to love you so fully that we love you above all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

Acts 10:44-48 New Testament pg. 130  
Psalm 98 (responsive)  
1 John 5:1-6 New Testament pg. 241

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17 pp. 109-110

MESSAGE

Margaret Svitak

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*"Shout to the Lord"*

DISMISSAL