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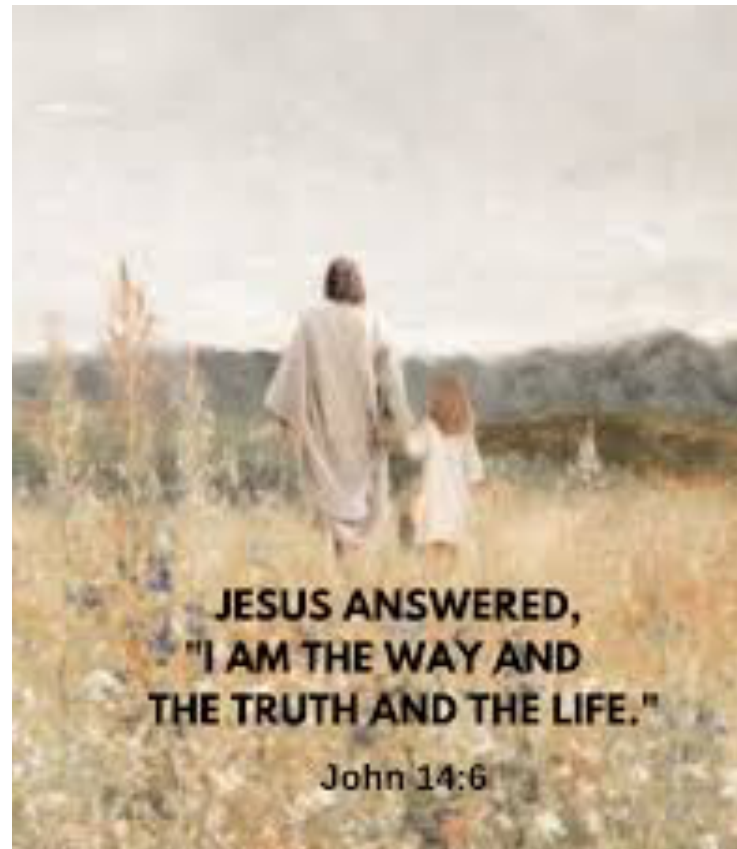
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Jesus The Way To The Father

May 3, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

come

*Opening Hymn - #525 - Now Thank We All Our God

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship: (from Psalm 31)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

People: **Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

People: **Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.**

ALL: **Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me O Lord, the God of truth. I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.**

Opening Prayer:

God of all hope, our refuge in the storms of life, be with us and for us as we worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Guide us by your Holy Spirit into all truth. We welcome your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and ask that you teach us his way and his example for our own lives. Strengthen your Church in this very place and lead us to the place you are calling us to.

We lift all our prayers to you and thank you for loving us.

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #400 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Prayers of the People

THE 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, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN***

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Kate DeWees
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Pat Machmeier	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Paul Parmele	- Bob Hilton
- Dawson Ploss	- Pastor Jeff Seger	- Joanie Witherington	

Scripture Text: John 14: 1 – 14 (NRSV)

Jesus the Way to the Father

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. **4** And you know the way to the place where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” **9** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. **12** Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Scripture Readings - John 14: 1 – 14 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*Jesus The Way To The Father*” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #123 - When We All Get To Heaven

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

*The bread and the cup are distributed together.
Please hold until you are invited to partake together.*

*Hymn of Invitation - #95 - At The Cross

*Benediction

Leader: May the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and the
grace of Jesus Christ be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Sunday, May 10th

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 4-20-26	5246.05
Expenses/Payrollx2/State Taxes	3458.06
Weekly Offering	620.00
Difference	-2838.06
Ending Balance	2407.99

Announcements

Week of April 26th - Attendance: 29; Live Stream Views: - YouTube Live: 19; Approx. Views: 29 - 58

Beef & Noodle: We are looking for a volunteer to be Chairman of the Beef & Noodle dinner. If you interested or have any questions please contact Rick Williams at 219-869-4969. Thank you!

Prairie Arts Council’s — Art Camp: The Prairie Arts Council is offering a week of arts workshops for all ages, pre-school through senior citizens. Registration is: April 15th through June 9th. Camp is June 22nd thru June 26th. If you have questions or want to register in person: 219-866-5278 or visit Artcamp@PrairieArtsCouncil.org Office hours are Tues. 12 pm. to 4:00 pm. and Thurs. 2pm - 6pm. Fliers are available in the narthex.

May Birthdays

2 - Beverly Dunlap
4 - Shirley Maxwell
5 - Phyllis Smith, Wendy Shirer
8 - Rose Nesius, Craig Hooker,
Corey Dowds
9 - Justin Clemans
11 - Bona Hensler, Eric Yeoman
14 - Susie Smith
15 - Dorrie Lefler
22 - Lindsey Baker
23 - Stephen Henley
26 - Tonya Barker
28 - Eric Jackson
30 - Clay Whaley
31 - Travis Witherington

June Birthdays

1 - Ron Lintner
3 - Kathy Wilcox
7 - Donna Grow
10 - Jennifer Williams, Kailie Goad
11 - Nancy Whaley
13 - Bob Phillips
14 - Linda Wood
21 - Cindy Hooker
30 - Joan Witherington,
Lynda Edwards

May Anniversaries

3 - Gary & Julie Evers - 1980
16 - Craig & Lisa Jackson - 1992
18 - Ellis & Marsha Gastineau - 1968

June Anniversaries

7 - Rick & Opal Williams - 1975
12 - Doug & Kathy Wilcox - 1976
13 - Randy & Laura Kinnaird - 2009
19 - Dennis & Angela Clark - 2002
29 - Michael & Rhonda Murphy - 1968

