



**Margaret-Ann Hilst**  
1930 - 2021

*I am the  
resurrection  
and the life.  
He who  
believes in Me,  
though he may  
die, he shall  
live.*

*John 11:25*

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church - LCMS  
Preston (Natrona), Kansas



Margaret-Ann Hilst  
September 13, 1930 – May 26, 2021

Memorial Service  
September 4, 2021

**HYMN – “Amazing Grace”**

Amazing grace--how sweet the sound--  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

**READING OF PSALM 121**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation: Amen**

P: In Holy Baptism Margaret-Ann was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

**C: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Margaret-Ann and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**“Give Me Jesus” (Fernando Ortega) – music performed by family members, Brian Hilst & Noel Hilst**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 73:23-28**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING – Romans 8:31-39**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL – John 11:17-27**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

#### **HYMN – “How Great Thou Art”**

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;**

**REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; REFRAIN**

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; REFRAIN**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” REFRAIN**

#### **SERMON**

#### **PRAYERS**

P: Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. (After each petition, P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**)

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C: 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.**

P: “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord, “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

**C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord, “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord. Amen.

### **HYMN – “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

**Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e’er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.**

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“This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

I John 4:9-10

### **MARGARET-ANN HILST September 13, 1930 – May 26, 2021**

Margaret-Ann Hilst passed away at the age of 90, on May 26, 2021 surrounded by her children in Greeley, Colorado. She was much loved and is greatly missed.

Margaret-Ann was born on Sept 13, 1930 in Omaha, Nebraska to parents John & Ellen Kelly (Anderson), both dentists. Margaret-Ann had two older sisters, Elsa and Patricia. She attended parochial high school and upon graduation she went with her mother to live in Sweden for a year with her aunt and uncle. She enjoyed her independence and learning the Swedish language and culture.

Upon returning from Sweden, Margaret-Ann pursued nursing where she met her future husband, Wilbur Hilst, a medical student at the University of Nebraska. They courted for 5 years and married on February 4, 1956 in Omaha. They lived in Dearborn, Michigan during Wilbur’s residency where sons Todd, Mark, and Brian were born. Mark unexpectedly passed away at 2 months from pneumonia. In 1961 they moved to Dodge City, Kansas where son, Eric, was born in 1964. Shortly after, they moved to Pueblo, Colorado where they settled for the next 12 years. In 1969, daughter Anne was born.

Margaret-Ann was most recently a part of the fellowship of the congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church in Greeley, Colorado. She and her husband Wilbur had transferred to Trinity from First Lutheran Church in Ada, Oklahoma, in October of 2010. Margaret was baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus on April 17, 1938, being given in Him the promises of great and gracious gifts for the living of her days as a child of God. She made a public confession of her faith in Jesus the Savior through the rite of Confirmation on February 10, 1957.

Margaret Ann was active in the Lutheran Church and Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, many civic and fellowship groups, sang in the church choir, hospital volunteer, was a Cub Scout den mother, and hosted many events at their home. She enjoyed skiing, hiking and family vacations at their second home in Aspen. She was known for her faith in God, hospitality and kindness to all who knew her. She made friends wherever she went.

Margaret-Ann and family moved to Topeka, Kansas in 1977 where they enjoyed many memorable years living on Lake Sherwood. As empty nesters, they lived briefly in Clayton, New Mexico, Liberal, Kansas, and Wewoka, Oklahoma before settling in Greeley, Colorado for their final years near family.

Margaret-Ann was preceded in death by her sisters, Pat and Elsa, son Mark, husband Wilbur, and is survived by her four children (Todd, Brian, Eric, and Anne) by six grandchildren (Aaron, Scott, Laura, Noel, Brycen and Coby) and by two great-grandchildren (Milo and Edie).