

April 23 SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY 2023

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

GEMS Sunday

PRELUDE
HANDBELL CHOIR:.....**Blessed Be Your Name**
WELCOME
OPENING PRAYER
*GOD'S GREETING
*MUTUAL GREETING
*SONGS OF PRAISE:
 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" *PsH #249:1-3*
 "Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!" *PsH 146:1,3,4*
 {Children 4 years old - 2nd grade are invited to join the
 Worship Center Leaders in the back during the last song}
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: *Joseph Zachary Piatek*
SONG: "Humble Praises, Holy Jesus" *PsH #484:1-2*
DEACON'S PRAYER
OFFERING: *GEMS International*
OFFERTORY: *GEMS Slideshow*
GEMS PRESENTATION
HANBELL CHOIR: **O Jesus, I Have Promised**
INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: *Ryland & Jan Brummel*
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-11 (pg. 1690)
MESSAGE: **ASCENSION**
PRAYER OF APPLICATION
*SONG: "The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear" v. 1-4
*PARTING BLESSING
*CLOSING SONG: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" *PsH #249:4*
*POSTLUDE

Dr. Bill Sytsma, Worship Leader; Erik De Vries, Organist
PsH=Psalter Hymnal (grey); TCH=The Celebration Hymnal (red)
**If you are able, please stand*

WELCOME to New Life Christian Reformed Church! We are glad you are here today! If you are a guest, please enjoy some coffee and fellowship after the morning service. We pray you will be blessed as you worship with us and that you experience the love of Christ among His people.

THIS MORNING, we have the privilege to witness the baptism of **JOSEPH ZACHARY PIATEK**. He is the son of **TIM & AMANDA PIATEK**.

SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE: Ascension
SERMON TEXT: Acts1:1-11
SERIES: "Apostles' Creed"

Faith in Christ has a _____.

Following Christ will involve living with some _____.

Jesus _____ and _____ His disciples.

Christ's followers can move forward with _____.

Christ's followers must continually _____ on God's _____.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY

GREETERS: Chris Porter/Doug Van Til/Roger & Betty Yonkman

NURSERY: Jill Boender/Sara Marshall

SOUND OPERATOR: Paul Armendariz

POWERPOINT OPERATOR: Lilly Armendariz

ROVING ELDER & DEACON: Rod Otte/Chris Porter

COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS: Kevin & Carla Van Til

NURSERY CARE is available during our morning worship service for newborn-3 years of age. The nursery is located on our main floor in the east wing of the church at the end of the hallway.

WORSHIP CENTER: Children's Church (**4 years old - 2nd grade**), located in the east wing, **Room 3**. Teachers will escort children during the morning worship service (see the order of worship).

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:45 - 11:45 AM

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (1st - 4th grade) meet in **Room 4**.
- **CATECHISM CLASSES** (5th - 12th grade) meet in in the basement. **Grades 5 - 8 in Room 9; Grades 9 - 12 in the old nursery.**
- **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** meets in the **Fireside Room**.

5:00 PM BIBLE PROJECT: "Loyalty in Moab"; Ruth 1

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to family of **CORRINE & RON DEYOUNG** in the passing of Corrine's brother, Allen Fausch, on Monday, April 17. Private services were held this past week.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Vonda Wiltjer-4/23

Mary Mitchell-4/26

Paul Armendariz-4/29

Bob & Linda Porter's 40th Wedding Anniversary-4/23