
MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*

*GOD'S GREETING

*MUTUAL GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE:

 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *TCH #43:1,4*

 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *TCH #45:1,4*

**Children (4 years old – 2nd grade) are invited to join the
 Worship Center leaders in the back of the church during the last song.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(unison)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG: "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" *PsH #409:1,4,5*

MINISTRY UPDATE: *Julie Ipema-Sheltered91*

DEACON'S PRAYER

OFFERING: *Sheltered91*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SONG: "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" *TCH #597:1,5,6*

SCRIPTURE:John 6:16-21 (pg. 1656)

MESSAGE:**AND THE SEA WAS STILL**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*SONG: "Jesus Shall Reign" *PsH #412:1,2,5*

*PARTING BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG: "He is Lord" *PsH #633*

*POSTLUDE

*Pastor Cedric Parsels, 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.

THIS MORNING, we welcome Julie Ipema to our worship service. Julie serves as the President and CEO of Sheltered91. She is passionate about walking alongside survivors of human trafficking and helping them reclaim hope, safety, and a future full of possibility. Her journey into this work began in 2010 during a life-changing mission trip, where she saw firsthand the impact of exploitation and the power of compassion. Since then, Julie has dedicated her life to raising awareness, outreach, creating supportive programs for survivors, and preventing human trafficking. She founded **Sheltered91** to combat human trafficking while providing holistic care, and community for survivors, believing that every survivor deserves dignity, healing, and the opportunity to thrive. Her faith, empathy, and commitment to justice continues to guide her work, inspiring others to join Sheltered91 in its mission to end human trafficking one life at a time.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 24, we plan to commemorate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive communion in your home, please contact your District Elder this week.

SERVING TODAY:

GREETERS: Doug Van Til/Bob Wadkins/P.J. Wiltjer

NURSERY: Tamie Kuiper/Lydia Schoen

POWERPOINT OPERATOR: Kathi Fulton

AM/PM SOUND OPERATOR: Matthew Fulton/Brad Gossman

ROVING ELDER: Fred Leep

DEACON'S PRAYER: Dale Ketelaar

COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS: Sam, Judy, & Jana Van Til

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY

NURSERY CARE is available during our morning worship service for newborns - 3 years of age. The nursery is located on the 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**) meets on the main floor in **Room 3**. Teachers will escort children there during the morning worship service (see order of worship).

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:45 - 11:45 AM

YOUTH EDUCATION CLASSES:

- 1st – 2nd grade – Room 4 (main floor)
- 3rd – 4th grade – Room 1 (main floor)
- 5th – 8th grade – Room 11 (lower level)
- 9th – 12th grade – Old Nursery (lower level)

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS is held in the Fireside Room.

The nursery is open during the
Sunday school hour for newborns - kindergarten.

5:30 PM COMBINED EVENING WORSHIP: Pastor Cedric Parsels

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the **ZANDSTRA FAMILY** in the passing Dan and Judy's brother-in-law, Keith Gaiser, on Tuesday, May 5. Services were held on Saturday, May 16, at Hillside Funeral Home.

CONGRATULATIONS to **HENRY & CHRISMA (MARSHALL) MARIN** who were married on Saturday, May 16!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Chrissa Marin–5/21

Herb & Lori Sitter's 50th Wedding Anniversary–5/21

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: "Thank you to all those who sent us sympathy cards or spoke a kind word to soothe our hurting hearts. Eloise Roberts was a big part of our daily lives, and we miss her very much. She loved attending New Life Church and felt so welcomed and accepted. Thank you again." -**Gary & Donna Stanford**