*Benediction

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Peace of Christ

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Sending

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*Postlude

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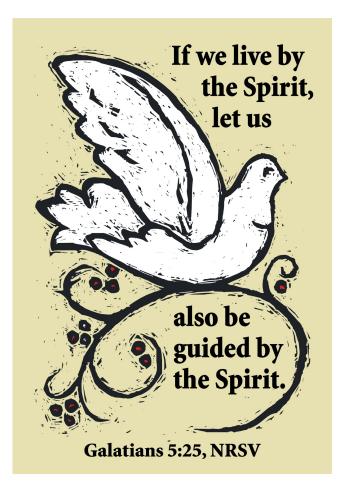
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June 29, 2025

The Order of Worship *please stand, if you are able

David VandenBelt

Prelude:

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 16)

- Pastor: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
- All: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
- Pastor: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "He Lives" - Blue Hymnal #368

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- Pastor: Hear the good news! In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.
- All: Thanks be to God.

*Response - Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church! (JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture

Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62 Reader: The Word of the Lord **All:** Thanks be to God.

Message:

"'Live by the Spirit"

*The Apostles' Creed (words projected)

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer (words projected)

Hymn - "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" **- Blue Hymnal #774** (*Please remain seated as the Noisy Offering will be received during the singing of this hymn*)

*Doxology (As the offering is brought forward)

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

*Sending Hymn - "At the Cross (chorus only 2 times)" -

Jim Rynberg

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Altar Rep: Barb Clark Greeting us today: Lou Deleguardia Next Sunday: No worship here Song Leader: Gary & Beth Hooker Liturgist: Jim Rynberg Next Sunday: No worship here Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers! Robin, Lou, Kendra, Jeff Happy Birthday to ~ Shirley Hooker (29), Ted Caris (30), Michael Stroschin (7) Happy Anniversary to ~ David & Linda White (30), Craig & Susan Zeerip (2) **Prayer Requests** ~ Carol Black - under Hospice Care Betty Dougan - health concerns

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, June 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship Hour - Narthex 11:15 a.m.

Monday, June 30

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 1- Church Office Closed Wednesday, July 2

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Thursday, July 3 - Church Office Closed

Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.

Friday, July 4 - Church Office Closed - Independence Day

Saturday, July 5

Sunday, July 6

10:00 a.m. No Worship Here - worship with fellow believers at The Shack Deacons meeting - library 11:30 a.m.

Friday July 11 - Life Line Screening will once again be in Fellowship Hall. A simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screening, enabling you to take charge of your health. Using ultrasound technology, Life Line screening can now actually see inside your arteries for plaque buildup, one of the leading causes of stroke. To sign up call 800-772-8243. Pre-registration is required.

Our Church News

Family of God, siblings of Christ: Welcome to this time of worship and prayer, listening and singing, confession and forgiveness, giving and receiving. We are glad you're here!

Coffee time will be held in the narthex due to Rooms of Refuge using Fellowship Hall.

Noisy Offering - our offering today will be added to what we donated in April + May + June + Jean Howarth's donation she received for singing and will be personally delivered to Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in White Cloud. Thank YOU! For Charitable Giving - Jack Butterick

Rooms of Refuge will be completing their stay with us tomorrow, Monday, June 30.

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Charitable Giving: a) Thank you very much for your donations to Noisy Offering in April/May. Today's donations will put the total over \$500 and a check will be given to Newaygo County Prevention of Child Abuse/Neglect on Tuesday, July 1. b) Newaygo County's charity called HERE ... Helping Every Real Expression of need and living out Matthew 25:31-40 will be our focus in July/August as we collect items for needy children returning to school. Details to follow in mid-July.

Next Sunday, July 6th, our church will be participating in a special outdoor worship service at The Shack, beginning at 10:00 am. You can look forward to a vibrant morning of praise and fellowship as we join with multiple local churches to worship outdoors. After the service, stick around for refreshments and fellowship! This unique service will feature a sermon from Pastor Ken Rottman, a former Fremont native and interim pastor at Second Christian Reformed Church and inspiring music from the Grace Adventures Ministry Team. An offering will be received to support Grace Adventures Ministries. Accessibility is a priority! Golf carts will be readily available to assist anyone needing help getting from the parking area into the park. Don't let mobility concerns keep you from joining us. Please bring your own chairs or blankets for comfortable seating. Should weather not cooperate, our service will move to First Christian Reformed Church located at 721 Hillcrest Ave. Come celebrate your holiday weekend by worshiping with fellow believers in unity!

TO:Church Members and FriendsSUBJECT:150th Anniversary

In 2023, we formed a small committee to focus on celebrating a major milestone in our church's history: its 150th Anniversary. You will see a number of things over the next few months including historical articles, advertising, memorabilia and special events.

Without ruining all of the surprises, we do need your support and participation and encourage you to engage in the following:

- 1) Share your memories with each other and the anniversary committee.
- 2) Consider this is not only a "Yea! Us" celebration, but also a chance to discuss why we have been here for 150 years and how we hope to be here another 150 years with Jesus as the answer.
- 3) Remember we are "Deeply Rooted Future Focused" and take this opportunity to discover our roots and explore how we can strengthen our foundation to last well into the future.

In addition, we need your help in hosting two of the planned events:

- We are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner for the local civic leaders and their families with our church leadership on Saturday evening, July 19th. In addition to having some of our church leaders in attendance, we are requesting your help with food preparation, serving, clean-up, etc. This event will be in the Fellowship Hall.
- 2) We will have a "Neighborhood Block Party" for the community after church service on Sunday, August 10. Again, we could use your help with food prep, serving and clean-up. We plan to have some young strong help to manage handling the tables and chairs for this outside picnic.

We will provide a sign-up sheet outside of Lorene's office if you would be willing to volunteer for either or both events.

We also want you to understand that funding for this historical celebration is provided by a church member and none of the expenses will be coming out of our general funds.

We are very excited about the entire anniversary celebration season and hope all of you will be able to participate and enjoy it. Thank-you.

Your 150th Anniversary Committee – Lou Deleguardia, Judy Nadeau, Jim Rynberg and Pastor Luke.