

March 21

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

2021

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

MEN'S CHORUS: **Yes He Did**

LENTEN CANDLELIGHT READING: *(Alex Riemersma)*

RESPONSIVE READING

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING

*MUTUAL GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE:

“Now I Belong to Jesus” *TCH #501:1-3*

“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power” *TCH #334:1-2*

VIDEO: “Peter”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE:..... James 1:2-18 (pg. 1880)

MESSAGE:..... **THE TESTS OF STRUGGLE AND FAILURE**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Invitation

Welcome & Prayers

Acclamation

Men's Chorus:..... **O Sacred Head Now Wounded**

Sharon VanderWoude, Cello

Approaching the Table *(responsive)*

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*SONG: “Be Thou My Vision” *TCH #562:1,2,4*

*PARTING BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG: “He Is Lord” *PsH #633:4*

*RETIRING OFFERING: *Love, INC*

*POSTLUDE

Dr. Bill Sytsma, Worship Leader; Bill DeYoung, Organist

PsH=Psalter Hymnal (grey); TCH=The Celebration Hymnal (red)

**If you are able, please stand*

WELCOME to New Life Christian Reformed Church! We're glad you are here today! 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 CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. If you are a guest who believes that the saving work of Christ has been applied to your life, you are invited to participate.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The Test of Struggle and Failure

Sermon Text: James 1:2-18

We do not normally _____ hardships.

God's work to transform you will lead to _____.

We have _____ beyond our trials.

Trials can be used to transform your _____.

God's _____ will bring a new frame of mind.

God can use trials to _____ us.

During the season of Lent, the church travels with Jesus on the road to the cross. As we prepare to remember our Savior's betrayal, arrest, suffering, and death, we reflect on what things in our lives we may need to put to death so we can live in the newness of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. We will mark the weeks of Lent by lighting candles in the sanctuary; the same candles will be extinguished on Good Friday as we remember the crucifixion. May the light of Christ shine more deeply into our hearts as we walk this road with him, revealing the darkness within us and making us new.

CHURCH FAMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM: On Thursday, March 11, the Elders were thankful to accept the professions of faith of **JUSTIN AND LINDSEY LAGESTEE**, and to receive the baptized membership of their son, **WALTER**. On April 11, we will hear their public professions of faith and witness the baptism of their daughter, **EVELYN**. Please welcome the Lagestee family to our church.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK

Lilly Armendariz, Don Saxsma (87)–3/23

Arv Gossman (84)–3/24

Linda Porter–3/25

Jo Slifko (82)–3/26

Mabel Van Til–3/27

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: "We all know how fast the years go. This year I received your prayers, cards & monetary gifts to the Gideons, all for my 95th birthday. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. May God bless and keep you."–**Jean Davids**