January 28 SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME *CALL TO WORSHIP *GOD'S GREETING *MUTUAL GREETING ***SONGS OF PRAISE:** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" v. 1-3 "Marvelous Grace" v. 1-3 {Children 4 years old - 2nd grade are invited to join the Worship Center leaders in the back during the last song} PRAYER OF CONFESSION ASSURANCE OF PARDON SONG: "Be Thou My Vision" v. 1,2,4 DEACON'S PRAYER OFFERING: The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana OFFERTORY:..... They'll Know We Are Christians Handbell Choir CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER SCRIPTURE:John 20:19-29 (pg. 1686) MESSAGE:DEALING WITH DOUBTS PRAYER OF APPLICATION *SONG: "Led Me Guide Me" PsH #544:1-3 ***PARTING BLESSING** *CLOSING SONG: "Take the Name of Jesus with You" TCH #235:2-3 *POSTLUDE

Rev. Laryn Zoerhof, 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 today.

THIS MORNING, we welcome **REV. LARYN ZOERHOF** and thank him for leading our morning service. He is a retired pastor who served five congregations. He continues to serve the churches of Classis Illiana as the stated clerk.

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: Dealing with Doubts SERMON TEXT: John 20:19-29

- 1. What were some of the reasons that led Thomas to doubt the resurrection of Jesus?
 - a. Being alone instead of with the other 10 disciples
 - b. Having a negative personality
 - c. Refusing to believe the testimony of the other disciples
- 2. How did Jesus respond to the doubts of Thomas?
 - a. Jesus appeared to the disciples a second time when Thomas was present.
 - b. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the scars of the cross.
 - c. Thomas responded in faith by saying: "My Lord and my God."
- 3. How does this story of Thomas encourage us today?
 - a. God doesn't abandon you when you have doubts.
 - b. The Christian faith can withstand intense scrutiny.
 - c. After all the evidence is in, it still requires faith.
 - d. We too must examine the evidence and respond by saying with Thomas: "My Lord and my God."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY

GREETERS: Joe Jacobs/Bob Wadkins/P.J. Wiltjer NURSERY: Traci Leep/Annette Marshall SOUND OPERATOR: Paul Armendariz POWERPOINT OPERATOR: Cameron Zandstra ROVING ELDER: Herb Sitter DEACON'S PRAYER: Erik De Vries COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS: Mark & Tina Hoeksema

NURSERY CARE is available during our morning worship service for children 0-3 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**) meets in **Room 3**. Teachers will escort children there during the morning worship service (see order of worship).

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:45 - 11:45 AM

- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (3rd 8th grade) meets in Room 4.
- <u>SENIOR CATECHISM CLASS</u> (9th 12th grade) meets in the Old Nursery (basement).
- ADULT EDUCATION CLASS meets in the Fireside Room.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Mary Otte (85)–1/29 Ashley Leep–1/30 Gary Standford (77), Judy Zandstra–2/1 Ruth Boomker (80)–2/2 Joeseph Piatek–2/3