

May 31

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

2026

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**MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*

\*GOD'S GREETING: *(responsive)*

\*MUTUAL GREETING

\*SONGS OF PRAISE:

“Grace Greater than Our Sin” TCH #344:1,2,4

“I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace” PsH #495:1-3

**Children (4 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: “O Lord, You're Beautiful” TCH #643:1-3

DEACON'S PRAYER

OFFERING: *Calvin Seminary*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: ..... Genesis 43 (pg. 71)

MESSAGE: ..... **FEAR OVERCOME BY GRACE**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

\*SONG: “Amazing Grace” TCH #343:1-5

\*PARTING BLESSING

\*CLOSING SONG: “The LORD Bless You and Keep You” PsH #156

\*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*

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**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 **REV. LARYN ZOERHOF** and thank him for leading our morning service. He is a retired pastor who served five congregations, two of them in Classis Illiana.

**SERMON NOTES**

SERMON TITLE: “Fear Overcome by Grace”

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 43

1. The fear of Jacob and his sons at the request of Joseph. (vs. 1-15)
2. The excitement of Joseph when his brothers return with Benjamin. (vs. 16-29)
3. Joseph is moved to tears at the sight of Benjamin and goes into his private room to weep. (v. 30)
4. Joseph forgives and shows grace to his brothers and has a banquet prepared for them. (vs. 31-34)

**Conclusion:** The forgiveness and grace of God is shown to us today as he comes to our rescue in the person of his Son. Jesus invites us to come and enjoy the feast of grace He has prepared for us.

**SERVING TODAY:**

**GREETERS:** Mark & Tina Hoeksema/Rod Otte/Alex Riemersma

**NURSERY:** Cathie Bennett/Kendra De Vries

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR:** Dale Ketelaar

**AM SOUND OPERATOR:** Craig Menninga

**ROVING ELDER:** Brad Gossman

**DEACON'S PRAYER:** Drew Eenigenburg

**COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS:** Dan & Cathie Bennett

## **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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

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

**Today will be the last day for Worship Center, Sunday School, and High School Catechism. Classes will resume in the fall. Thank you for a great season!**

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** has concluded for the season.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

Whitney Brummel–6/3

Camilla Alvarado, Zoey Stone–6/4

Ezekiel Jacobs–6/6

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS:** "Thank you for all the beautiful cards, flowers, and kind expressions for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are grateful to our God for His faithfulness and blessings! SOLI DEO GLORIA!"

**-Herb & Lori Sitter**