

WELCOME! We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

TODAY'S TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:15

This week we begin our sermon series for Lent called "Why Easter?" We will be exploring some of the questions about Jesus' life and death and resurrection, and each week we will start with a statement of reason. This week, we begin with "Jesus came to fulfill."

In order to do this, we will look at Genesis 3:15, the first of the promises God makes to redeem His people. As we study together, use these thoughts as we discuss:

- The Lent season began with Ash Wednesday. That day's focus is dust and that is an important start to Easter.
- Confession plays a big role in understanding Easter.
- Not needing to prove ourselves, knowing Jesus has done it means we can surrender to Him.
- We need to talk about resting, allowing Him to do the work He has been created to do.
- Are we able to have compassion on ourselves? Are we able to have compassion on others?
- The Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 19 gives a road-map to see Jesus as fulfillment; it highlights paradise, patriarchs, prophets, portrayal and fulfillment.
- Jesus the Christ has done His work and fulfilled His role. That allows me to simply be me, do the work He asks of me and not attempt to be more or do more.

What now? What difference does it make to know Jesus as a fulfillment of God's promise? Let the Holy Spirit speak through some of these suggestions:

- Rest. Rest in the work that Jesus the Christ has done. Know that He is the fulfillment of what we could not do and He has humbly and gladly taken that burden on His shoulders. Set some time aside right now to rest from your busy life, your strained efforts and simply rest in what He has accomplished. Leave something behind for this season (be careful not to fill it up with something negative).
- Prepare for Easter. Start reading through one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John), so you will end up reading the crucifixion story during Holy Week. Search through the YouVersion Bible App for a month long reading program; or open your Bible to John and read one chapter a day. Simply do something with Scripture that allows you to see how Easter is not a one-day event.
- Read through Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer 19. The Catechism can be a great tool for helping us understand theology. Read through it for a devotional time, check out the passages that it refers to. Read the couple of questions before it, as well (17 and 18 especially)-they give a great understanding of why Jesus needed to be fully God and why He needed to be fully man!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

Today we celebrate communion. Anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is invited to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Grapes are available for those who may not be ready to participate in the Lord's Supper, and all are welcome at any of the stations to receive a blessing.

TODAY following worship - Global Leadership Video - in the Worship Center. Everyone is invited.

NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 8

10:00am-A friend of LW, Alex, will be delivering the message.

Alex and his wife, Brittany, will be global workers leaving for southeast Asia in 2020. Because of security issues concerning their future plans, we will not be recording next week's message and service.

2:30pm-LW leads the worship service at Prairie Ridge Care Center.

Everyone is welcome to the service and to visit with the residents before and after the service.

TODAY

9:30am

COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am

WORSHIP/COMMUNION

10:20am

LITTLE TREASURES

3-5 yr olds time to worship God

Meets in Upper Room; watch for dismissal slide

Please remember to stop in the lobby and check in your child

11:00am

JAM PRAISE & WORSHIP - 5 yrs-5th gr

Meets in JAM room (next to kitchen)

Sunday School small groups follow

12:00 dismissal; parents please pick up your child in the lobby

11:00am

STAY AND PRAY

front of the Worship Center near the cross

11:10am

WAVE

Meets in room in SW corner of the lobby. Dismisses at 12:00noon

11:10am

GLS VIDEO

Meets in Worship Center following worship

5:00pm

PRAYER DAY COMBINED WORSHIP

To be held at OC Immanuel CRC

Sermon Title: "God Will Hear, Help, and Heal" 2 Chronicles 7:11-16

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Mar 2 -7:00pm - LW Prayer Gathering @ OC Campus

Tues, Mar 3 - MOC-FV Spec School Election
OC Campus is being used as a polling place
3:30pm - OC Staff Mtg (off campus)

Wed, Mar 4 - 5:00-8:00pm - Overflow Tip Night @ OC Pizza Ranch
6:00-8:00pm - GEMS/Cadets Ice Skating Party
at All Seasons Center in Sioux Center

Ice skate rental is \$2.00. Kids need to find their own transportation.

Fri, Mar 6 - 6:00am - Breakfast and Video

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Mar 8 - 2:30pm - Prairie Ridge Care Center Worship Service

Mon, Mar 9 - 7:00pm - Council Mtg @ SH Campus

Sun, Mar 15 - Hazel Kroese baptism

Mon, Mar 16 - 7:30pm - OC MST Mtg

EBENEZER CAMPAIGN

After much prayer and consideration, the Living Water Council has identified three priorities for which we have a goal of raising \$300,000 through the EBENEZER CAMPAIGN. Each of us is being asked to prayerfully consider giving to this important campaign for:

- ⇒ **Education Space in Sheldon for Children's Ministries**
- ⇒ **Future improvements for Orange City's facility**
- ⇒ **Debt reduction**

How to Give:

1. **Pledge Card:** fill one out from a brochure, put it in the offering or give it to a council member. Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Center.
2. **By Check:** write a check with "Building Campaign" in memo, put it in the offering or give it to a council member.
3. **Online:** visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving>
4. **Text-to-Give:** Text 84321 and include your amount followed by "building" or "campaign" - either one will get us notified that your gift is for the building projects. If this is your first time, it will take you through the set-up.