

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

**Welcome to Lent! This is a beautiful time of preparing our hearts for Easter, for the death and resurrection of the Son of God. I hope this sermon series will help you in that preparation! Our plan for Living Water over the next six weeks is to walk through the days of Jesus' last week on earth (often called "passion week") as a sermon series, taking one day at a time.**

**TEACHER:** Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44 and John 12:12-19.

**SERMON SUMMARY:** So we begin this week with the Sunday of passion week. On this day, Jesus entered into Jerusalem, the town where all of the events of the last week would take place. After He had been preaching and traveling around the area, He came to the town where His trial, arrest and crucifixion would happen. How climactic for us and for Him! What a range of emotions Jesus must have been feeling as He entered into this place! Let's celebrate (and mourn) this triumphal entry together, looking at Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44 and John 12:12-19.

**As we ponder this passage, here are some questions to guide us:**

- Why a donkey?
- Why spread cloaks and branches?
- What does "hosanna" mean? (take note of Psalm 118).
- Why are the Pharisees angry at the people's reactions?
- Could it be that God is working through this passage to speak to your heart? Allow Him to do what He does, and take this time to listen to Him today. Take one small step in response to His pursuit of you!

**Here are some possibilities of a next step:**

- Begin a Gospel reading plan for the season of Lent. The book of Matthew would be a great option! With 28 chapters, you can try reading about 1 per day (with a little room for missing one here and there!) That should put you around Matthew 21-27 for the week of Easter. Try reading it with your family or with a friend and talk about the main points of each chapter.
- Take inventory (write in a journal or have a conversation with a confidant) of a request in your life where you expect God to do something for you; is there a way to see that situation in light of helping the Kingdom of God? Is there a way to not have it benefit you but instead benefit others?
- Contemplate the humility of Christ; read through Philippians 2 slowly and purposefully. Experience the humility of Christ. Give something up. Go for a period of time (one hour, one day, etc.) without something that you have relied on in the past (food, technology, television, etc.) Use that open spot in your conscience or that open time in your schedule to focus on the humility of Christ and on what He has done. For more info on fasting, try going here...<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/fasting-for-beginners>

## OUR FAMILY

Today we celebrate the adult baptism of Lauren Groeneweg and the infant baptism of Haden Groeneweg, son of Lauren and Spencer. Be sure to welcome them into Living Water membership!

Today - Donuts with the Pastor following the worship service in the front of the Worship Center. This is a great opportunity to talk with the pastor about membership, profession of faith, or to just visit and have a donut with the pastor!

Reminder: This week - Wed, March 13 - Overflow will be hosting a Pizza Ranch Tip Night fundraiser from 5:00-8:00pm at OC PR.

TODAY	
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>COFFEE SHOPPE</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
<b>10:20am</b>	<b>LITTLE TREASURES</b> 3-5 yr olds time to worship God meets in Upper Room watch for dismissal slide
<b>If you missed check-in prior to worship for Little Treasures or JAM, stop by the table in the lobby area with your child.</b>	
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>STAY AND PRAY</b> SW corner of the Worship Center
<b>WAVE</b> 6th-8th gr Meets in large classroom in SW corner of the lobby 12:00 dismissal	
<b>DONUTS WITH THE PASTOR</b> meets in the front of the Worship Center	
<b>11:10am</b>	<b>JAM PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP</b> 5 yrs-5th gr Meets in the JAM room next to kitchen
<b>Sunday School small groups follow</b> 5 yrs-1st gr - meets upstairs 2nd gr-5th gr - meets on main floor 12:00 dismissal	
<b>Parents pick up children from their classrooms</b>	

## THIS WEEK

**Mon, Mar 11**  
**7:00pm-Council Mtg(OC)**

**Tues, Mar 12**  
**7:00pm-Women's Bible Study(SH)**

**Wed, Mar 13**  
**5:00-8:00pm-Overflow**  
**PR tip night fundraiser (OC PR)**

**6:50pm-Cadets-OC Calvary CRC**

**7:00pm-Men's Bible Study(SH)**  
Meets at Sheldon Immanuel CRC

**Thurs, Mar 14**  
**8:30pm-College and Career Group**  
Meet at Nyenhuis home. For more info contact Sandra at [sandranyenhuis@live.com](mailto:sandranyenhuis@live.com) or 952-807-3063

## INFANTS

**NURSERY:** Nursery is available throughout the service for newborns thru 2 years

The nursery is located near the Welcome Center in the front lobby area.

**INFANT CARE ROOM:** A room is available throughout the service for parents with young children. This space is designed for parents to sit with babies or small children for privacy; this room will not be supervised by volunteers.

The infant care room is located right outside the worship area near the stairway.

## CHILDREN

**Children's Church Bags** are available for younger attendees at the Welcome Center in the lobby area. Following worship, please return the bags and contents to the Welcome Center.

**LITTLE TREASURES:** A time to worship God for 3-5 year olds; meets during the worship service in the Upper Room. Watch for announcement slide for dismissal (OC)

**JAM:** "Jesus And Me" 5 yrs-5th gr - Praise and Worship meets 10 min after the morning service in the JAM room next to the kitchen; small group Sunday School follows. Dismissal 12:00pm Parents pick up children in classrooms. (OC)

## YOUTH

**WAVE:** 6th-8th grade. Meets following the Sunday morning service in the large classroom in the SW corner of the lobby. Dismisses at 12:00noon (OC)

**OVERFLOW:** 9th-12th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesday (OC)

**GEMS:** Girls 3rd-8th grade. Meets from 6:45-8:30pm @ Immanuel CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

**CADETS:** Boys 4th-8th grade. Meets from 6:50-8:45pm @ Calvary CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

## ADULTS/FAMILIES

**STAY AND PRAY:** Group of people gathering after the worship service in the SW corner of the Worship Center. For more info, contact Kim Groeneweg at [skgroen@yahoo.com](mailto:skgroen@yahoo.com)

**COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP:** For more info contact Sandra at [sandranyenhuis@live.com](mailto:sandranyenhuis@live.com) or 952-807-3063

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Meets every other Thursday at 7:00pm at Scott VanDeBerg home 1346 7th St NE Sioux Center. For meeting dates or more info contact Scott at [vandbergscott@gmail.com](mailto:vandbergscott@gmail.com) or 712-441-0005

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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## CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

**Sun, Mar 17** - Guest Pastor Cliff Hoekstra will deliver Part 2 of our Lent series.

**Mon, Mar 18** - Unity Meal (SH) This is a free meal; everyone is invited!