



PALM  
SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “This is Our God”

Praise Singing

“The Lion and the Lamb”

“In Christ Alone”

“Hosanna”

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Amber Gordon

Message – The Compassionate King

Scripture – Luke 19:35-42; Philippians 2:1-5

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“King of Kings”

Blessing

*If you are newer to Alto Reformed Church, we invite you to fill out a Connection Card, located at the entrance to the sanctuary, and turn it in at the Fellowship Kitchen for a small gift.*

# EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW



## The Compassionate King *Luke 19:35-42; Philippians 2:1-5*

In the Triumphal Entry, we see Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

### THREE PEOPLE WHO WEEP & WAYLAY

\_\_\_\_\_ **weeps.** (Luke 19:41-42)

\_\_\_\_\_ **waylays.** (Luke 19:39-40, 43-44)

Paul applies the example of Jesus/the compassionate King to the lives of the Philippian believers.

**Paul** \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil. 2:1-5, Acts 20:31a)

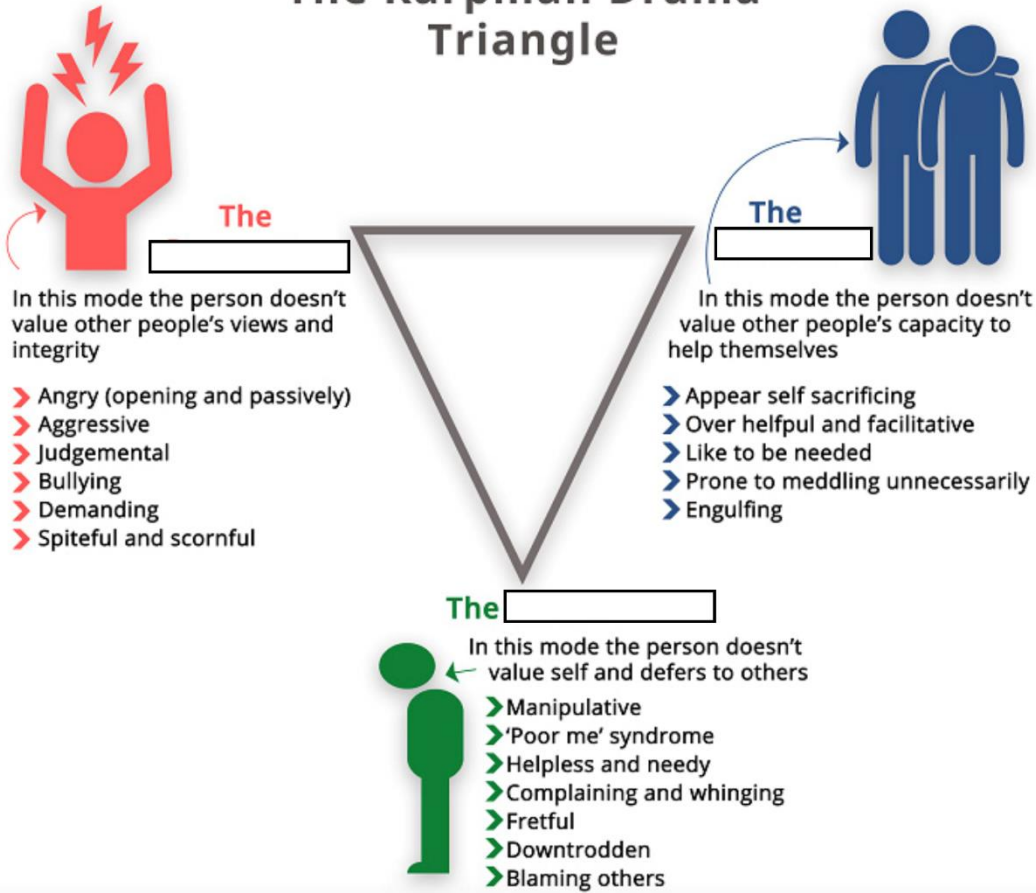
**Paul** \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 20:31b)

\_\_\_\_\_ **weep.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **waylay.**

Drama Triangle: ([www.listeningpartnership.com/insight/about-the-drama-triangle-and-how-to-escape-it/](http://www.listeningpartnership.com/insight/about-the-drama-triangle-and-how-to-escape-it/))

# The Karpman Drama Triangle



## APPLICATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ the Example of the Compassionate King...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer, asking God to \_\_\_\_\_ eyes to see, minds to understand, & hearts to receive.

2. Waylay (stop, \_\_\_\_\_, confront) the wrong-thinking and \_\_\_\_\_ with truth.

-Primary wrong-thinking = lookout out for \_\_\_\_\_ first. (Phil. 2:3-4)

As Christians our identity is not in being victims, rescuers, or persecutors; but in being compassionate \_\_\_\_\_.

This week I will \_\_\_\_\_.

**Read More...** <https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/beware-the-dangers-of-a-victim-mentality/>

## *This Week's Events*

- Mar 24** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Palm Sunday, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers  
10:45am – Sunday School  
3:00pm – Young Adult Group  
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group  
Jessa & Lynnae on vacation (Jessa thru 3/27, Lynnae thru 3/30)
- Mar 25** 6:30pm – Women's Ministry Team Meeting
- Mar 26** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Mar 27** 5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band  
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
6:45pm – Bible Class  
7:00pm – Mixed Choir  
7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Mass Choir, Men's Chorus
- Mar 28** 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service, Communion, Ian Van Wyk
- Mar 29** 1:00pm – Good Friday Service, Randy McDaniel
- Mar 31** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Easter, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers, Mixed Choir, Men's Chorus,  
Mass Choir

To view the church calendar, go to [www.altoreformedchurch.org](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org)

### **Communion Statement:**

Regarding whom may and should participate in Communion... "We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves." (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

*"Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don't do it in a way that isn't worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You'll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:27-28 NIRV)*

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins to participate in the Lord's supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well, we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as Covenant Partners.

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight is game night! See you at 6:30!

**High School** – Wednesday is A-teams! Check with your coaches to see where your class will be meeting.

### *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!** We're playing dodgeball today at 3pm at the Alto Community Center. Bring your friends!

**Women's Ministry** – If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Women's Ministry Team, you're invited to attend the meeting on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Mission Circle Guest Night** – The Mission Circle invites you to join them Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Fellowship Area of the Basement for a potluck and guest speaker, Maylee Kok from Youth for Christ. Please bring a dish to pass. Everything else will be provided.

**All Church Retreat** – Join us for the All Church Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch on April 19-21. Brochures with information are at the Information Center. Register by March 31<sup>st</sup> or contact Megan to get help with registration. Any questions, reach out to Lynnae or Jessa.

**Pinewood Derby Family Night** – Join us at the Alto Community Center on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm for a fun, free night. We'll have a meal at 5:30pm and races will start at 6pm. Sign-up and grab a car kit with instructions at the Children & Families Resource Center by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes range from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to adult. Want to check the weight of your car? Stop in by Lynnae or Megan. Don't want to race a car? Join us anyway.

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby, may be given online, or through autopay. For more info or to set up autopay, please contact Megan. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 3/24 Waupun Food Pantry, 3/31 Brandon Food Pantry, 4/7 Awaken Kids, 4/14 Missionary Salary. If you feel led to give specifically towards the ceiling project, please put your check in a separate marked envelope in one of the offering boxes. The deacons are keeping track separately of what has been contributed towards the project, which will be shown on the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

**Holy Week** – Join us for communion and the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28 at 7pm, then for the Good Friday service on Friday, March 29 at 1pm, then on Sunday, March 31 celebrate Jesus' resurrection with us at 9:30am! Want to make sure you hear all your favorite Easter hymns? Make sure to find your seat by 9:15am on Easter morning to join us in worship, singing hymns to our risen Savior!

**AMEN** articles are due next Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Congrats** to Beverly Kastein as she celebrates her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Donations for VBS** – We are in need of empty 8oz water bottles & empty cool whip containers. Donations may be placed in the tote at the Equipping Children & Families Resource Center.

**East Friesland New Covenant Church Women's Event** – EFNCC is hosting a video playback of the Answers in Genesis Women's Conference to be held Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-8:30pm (doors open at 3:30pm) and Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm (doors open at 8:30am). This year's conference is titled, *Reclaim: Overcoming the War on Women for the Glory of God*. Tickets for this event will be on sale March 17<sup>th</sup>-April 14<sup>th</sup> for \$20 each and will include 3 speakers, worship time, and a catered meal on Friday night, along with 6 speakers, worship time, a catered lunch, and light snacks on Saturday. Tickets must be presented for entry. With questions or to order tickets, please email: [secretaryofnewcovenant@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryofnewcovenant@gmail.com) or call 920-382-6173 with the number of tickets you'd like to order and your mailing address. Due to some sensitive content, we recommend that only ages 13+ attend and that parental discretion is used. For more information on the content of the conference, please visit <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2024/>.

## P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

**Praise:** Holy Father, thank you for sending your Son, a compassionate King. We celebrate your humility and holiness. You rule rightly, yet give grace. Oh how we rejoice in you!

**Repent:** Forgive us for living in the drama triangle; jumping from a victim mentality, to an enabler mentality to a retaliator mentality. Forgive us for not walking in your compassionate rule.

**Ask:** King Jesus, help us move beyond the drama and live under your loving kingship. Move in our hearts to weep for those who are deceived and give us courage to waylay/stop the wrong-thinking around us.

- Empower and strengthen the oppressed, especially persecuted Christians around the world. Use their bold faith to disrupt corrupt men.
- Stir up a conviction in our political leaders to support life, liberty, and justice. Uncover evil and deception in our leaders that they may lead us toward truth.
- Guide our consistory in every decision so that your mission will be pursued and lives transformed by your grace and truth.
- Bring healing, strength and peace to those listed below as they face challenges each day. Renew their hearts, minds, and bodies to continue to live faithfully in this world.

**Yield:** I will yield my life to you, King Jesus. I will maintain a life of prayer, study your Word, participate in the Lord's supper, gather with believers regularly, use my spiritual gifts and financial resources to further the mission of Jesus through the local church, live a life pleasing to you and accept the spiritual guidance of the church leadership.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Dewey Bille, Betty Daane, Elaine Daane, Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Faye Janey, Melene Kraemer, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Rick Stelsel, Jackie Tenpas, Emma Ter Beest, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, Joe Ware, and Sheila Winter.

### **Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas;  
Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;  
Matt Saunders, , nephew to David Grulich & Rosemary Tschinkel  
Cyler Ruis, stationed in California, nephew to Joel & Pamela Ruis

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Charleston House:** Brian Hemp **Beaver Dam Memory Care:** Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Elaine Daane, Sharon Harmsen, Barrie & Ardyce Tenpas, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma, **Christian Homestead:** Betty Bruins, Don Vande Zande **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ