



EASTER

March 31, 2024

We Approach God

Sonshine Singers – “Praise the King”

Welcome & Announcements

“This is Amazing Grace”

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

Men’s Chorus – “No More Night”

Congregational Prayer

“Christ is Risen”

Mixed Choir – “Praise the Lamb Medley”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Adrea Daane

Message – Way More Than an Example!

Scripture – Philippians 2:6-11

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Living Hope”

Mass Choir – “Mighty King”

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



Way More than an Example!

Philippians 2:6-11

WHY CHRIST IS MORE THAN AN EXAMPLE:

Because _____, Therefore _____, So That _____

Because Christ _____ himself, (Phil. 2:6-8)

In the _____ = Jesus took on _____ (John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; 1 John 1:1-2)

In the _____ = Jesus died on the _____ for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Peter 2:24; Isa. 53:4-11; Heb. 9:28)

Therefore God _____ Christ, (Phil. 2:9)

He was...

A. Seated at the _____ hand of God the Father (Luke 22:69, Eph. 1:20, Col. 3:1)

B. Given the name above all = _____, _____, & _____ (Eph. 1:21; Isa. 45)

In the _____ = Jesus rose from the _____ (1 Cor. 15:4-8)

In the _____ = Jesus was taken into _____ (Luke 24:50-53)

So that we would glorify Christ. (Phil. 2:10-11)

_____ = kneel, an outward expression of inward humility, devotion, honor and submission (Rom, 11:4; Eph. 3:14)

_____ = agree, acknowledge, declare, profess allegiance, praise (Rom. 10:9-10)

_____ (ESV, NIV, NLT) or will (NASB, LSB, CSB, NET)?

At the _____ = Jesus will return to judge and to establish God's kingdom. (Mat. 25:31-41; John 5:22; Acts 10:42, 17:31; Rom. 14:9; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:5)

At the _____ = Jesus is _____ you to bow (Mat. 25:31-41; Luke 9:23,59-61, 14:27, 18:22)

APPLICATION: _____ (Psalm 95:6-8)

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS: If you truly desire to bow your life to Jesus, you must seek these things...

1. To worship with God's people on a regular basis. Sunday gatherings focus on bowing in worship and declaring our devotion to God. It is an essential reminder to bow.
2. To study God's Word. Never before has the Bible been so easy to access (i.e. the Bible app) nor has there ever been so many great resources to understand it (start with the Life Application Bible or another study Bible). Start with Paul's letter to the Philippians.
3. To pray at all times. Certainly, setting time aside to pray is essential to develop a life of prayer, but the goal is to walk in constant communication with Jesus. **Praise him, Repent of sin, Ask for help, and Yield to his will.**

This Week's Events

- Mar 31** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Easter, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers, Mixed Choir, Men's Chorus, Mass Choir
- Apr 2** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Apr 3** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
 5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band
 6:45pm – Bible Class
- Apr 7** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

To view the church calendar, go to www.altoreformedchurch.org

Youth News

Middle School – No youth group tonight! Happy Easter! Make Jesus the center of your celebration today!

High School – Spring Break! No youth group on Wednesday. See you next week for a lesson on wisdom!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Mission Circle Guest Night – The Mission Circle invites you to join them Tuesday, April 9th 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 31st 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 17th 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 10th. Classes range from 1st 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.

VBS Registration coming soon! Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School for 3-year-olds – incoming 5th graders will be June 10-14 at 9-11:30am. Registration for attendees and volunteers will run April 16-May 14.

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: 3/31 Brandon Food Pantry, 4/7 Awaken Kids, 4/14 Missionary Salary, 4/21 LIFE 102.5 Christian Radio. 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.

Lilies – Feel free to take an Easter lily home after the service.

AMEN articles are due today.

Food Pantry Donations – During the month of April we will be collecting donations for the Waupun & Brandon Food Pantries. Waupun is in need of everything except canned green beans and corn. Brandon is in need of cream soups, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, and hand lotion. Donations may be placed in the tote by the Information Center.

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.

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

Praise: We give You glory today and honor Your name above all because You came in flesh, died on a cross, rose from the grave, ascended into heaven, promised to return in power, and call us now to trust and follow You. You are a great example, but You are more! You are the Christ. We praise You, Almighty King!

Repent: Forgive us for bowing to and giving our attention to cultural idols like YouTubers, movie stars, and athletes. Forgive us for putting worship of You low on our priorities.

Ask: Almighty King, send Your Spirit to convict, humble, and turn our hearts to truly bow in worship. Open our hearts and minds that Your Word is received and obeyed.

- Guide our Consistory and Search Team in every decision so that Your mission will be pursued and lives transformed by Your grace and truth.
- 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.
- 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 bow my life to You, 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.

THIS WEEK... Pray for Betty Daane as she moved to The Christian Home this past week.

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:** Betty Daane, 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