

The background of the image is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise over rolling hills. The sky transitions from a deep teal at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The hills in the foreground are silhouetted against the bright light of the sun.

Easter

April 17, 2022

We Approach God

Sonshine Singers – “Happy Day”

Welcome & Announcements

Children’s Message – Linda Mulder

Men’s Chorus – “Mighty King”

Praise Singing

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

“Living Hope”

“Christ Arose!” Hymn #256

Congregational Prayer

Mixed Choir – “Jesus, the One and Only”

We Hear God’s Word

Message – Convinced?

Scripture – Luke 24:1-12 & 1 Cor. 15

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Hymn #259

Mass Choir – “Resurrecting”

Blessing

Convinced?

Luke 24:1-12 & 1 Cor. 15

You need not _____!

THREE ESSENTIALS TO NOT WONDERING

1. What Must We Know? (Acts 2:22-24,36; 1 Cor. 15:2-8)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ _____ for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was _____, that he was _____ on the third day...

2. What is Most Convincing?

_____ Witnesses

Consecutive _____

Faithful _____

3. Why Does The Resurrection Matter?

You are no longer in _____. (1 Cor. 15:17,34)

You need not fear _____. (1 Cor. 15:55-57)

You will be changed physically later. (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

You will be changed _____ now. (1 Cor. 15:8-11)

APPLICATION:

Leave convinced, confused, or calloused?

Convinced?

Pray the "Repent" & "Yield" sections on the back of the bulletin daily.

Confused?

Check out all the evidence on RightNow Media for free. It has incredible streaming options for all ages. Sign up at www.altoreformedchurch.org/resources, open the app on any device, and browse "Apologetics" for more evidence. "Cold-Case Christianity" is a great place to start. If you prefer to read, check out www.CARM.org.

Calloused?

Ask a trusted believer to pray for you and walk with you.

*Some were **convinced** by what he said, but others would not believe. (Acts 28:24)*

Upcoming Events

- Apr 17** 7:00am – Easter Sunrise Service, Pastor Doug, Men’s Chorus
8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Easter Service, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers, Men’s Chorus,
Mixed Choir, Mass Choir
- Apr 18** 6:30pm – Women’s Ministry Team Meeting
- Apr 19** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Apr 20** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team
7:00pm – High School Praise Team
7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Apr 22** All Church Retreat
- Apr 23** All Church Retreat
- Apr 24** All Church Retreat
8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Al Venhuizen
10:45am – NO Sunday School

Youth News

Middle School – No meeting this week or next week due to Easter and All Church Retreat

Covenant Partnership Dinner for Students – Wednesday from 7:30-9pm in the basement. If your student is in 6-12th grade and interested in learning more about profession of faith/becoming a covenant partner at Alto but missed the first dinner, please encourage them to join us Wednesday with the elders and pastors to learn more about it.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Congregational Discussion on Bylaw Updates – The elders and consistory have been discussing some needed changes within our bylaws. We’ve shared some of it with regard to membership, but we are also discussing our vows, what “descended to hell” means, voting options, election process, responsibilities of the consistory, and more. We’d love to talk it over with you. Join us Sunday, May 1st at 3pm in the sanctuary.

Covenant Partner/Membership Class – If you are interested in joining us in Jesus’ mission at Alto, we’d love to talk with you about who we are and what it means to be a Covenant Partner. Take a look at our Covenant Partnership packet available at the Information Center. Then join us Sunday, May 15th at 11am-1pm for lunch.

Volunteer Opportunities – Sign-ups for volunteer positions (greeters, nursery, parking assistance, media delivery, sound tech, video tech) are available at the Information Center. Additionally, if you would no longer like to volunteer in a certain area you can let Megan know or take your name off the appropriate list at the Information Center.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 4/17 Regular Benevolence, 4/24 Regular Benevolence, 5/1 Missionary Salary, 5/8 Regular Benevolence.

Youth Books for the Library – We are expanding our youth section of the library! We have come up with a number of new series we'd love to get into our library and we need your help. We created a giving/donation tree at our Children & Families Resource bulletin board. If interested, grab a book request off of the tree and place it in an envelope with the corresponding donation amount. We will then get the items ordered and ready for the library. Thank you so much for anyone willing to contribute. Kids, stay tuned for some new reading options!

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, April 24th.

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

Respite Event – CWC Girls Soccer and Boys Baseball programs will be hosting their 1st annual respite event! This is an event for anyone in Waupun and the surrounding communities. A respite event is for children with disabilities and their siblings. It is an opportunity to give parents some rest, time to go out on a date, or just spend some time together while their children are taken care of by the girls soccer and boys baseball programs (and coaches). There will be tons of activities for the kids to do during this time and a supper will be provided. There is no charge to attend. The hours of this event are from 4pm-9pm on May 7th. The event will take place at Central Wisconsin Christian in Waupun. Pre-Registration is required. There will be no walk-ins. If you have any questions, please email Coach Stuebs at pstuebs@wearecwc.org.

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

Praise: Rejoice for the Lord your God has risen. He is not dead! He has conquered death and given us new life.

Repent: Merciful Father, forgive me for being calloused and hard-hearted toward you, toward the message of your Son, and toward the work of your Spirit. Forgive me for doubting the resurrection and questioning your love for me.

Ask: Holy Spirit, convict and convince those who are calloused toward you. Soften the calloused hearts, enlighten the confused minds, and empower the convinced believers. May all joyfully live resurrected lives and declare your victory over death.

Yield: Lord Jesus, I am convinced you rose from the dead, so 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 Josh Benson as he recovers from low back surgery.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Ashley Bruins, Betty Daane, Cal Flegner, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jessica Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Charleston House:** Brian Hemp **Beaver Dam Memory Care:** Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Harvey Daane **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

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