

Easter - April 4, 2021

We Approach God

*"Then Came the Morning" Hymn #269

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

*"Christ Arose!" Hymn #256

*"He Lives!" Hymn #264

*"Living Hope"

Congregational Prayer

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Hymn #259 vs 1-3

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message

Message – He's Alive! You're Alive!

Scripture – Luke 24:1-11, John 20:3-8

We Respond to God

Prayer

*"Because He Lives" Hymn #260 vs 1 (Mass Choir may come forward at this time)

Mass Choir – "Forever We Sing Medley"

Blessing

**songs played at both 8am & 10am services*

Sermon Notes

Luke 24:1-11

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

John 20:3-8

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

IF:GATHERING 2021

Women's Conference At Alto Reformed Church

Friday, April 16th, 2021

530-6pm: Registration/Check In

6-9pm: Worship, Sessions, & Breakouts

Speakers: Francis Chan, Lysa TerKeurst, Dr. Arnita
Phillips, and others

Saturday, April 17th, 2021

8-830am: Registration

830am-12pm: Worship, Sessions, & Breakouts

Speakers: David Platt, Mike Todd, Jennie Allen,
Christine Caine, and others

Register here:

<https://altoreformedchurch.breezechms.com/form/e5ac2a>

Upcoming Events

- Apr 4** 8:00am – Easter, Pastor Doug
 10:00am – Easter, Pastor Doug, Mass Choir
- Apr 5** 7:00pm – Youth Bible Study
- Apr 6** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Book of Joshua”
 7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in membership or baptism, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Apr 7** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
 6:00pm – Sonshine Singers
 6:30pm – Bible Class
 7:30pm – Bible Study – “Galatians”, High School Youth Group
- Apr 11** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin
 9:00am – Sunday School, Hospitality Team Meeting, Outreach Team Meeting
 10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir
 5:30pm – Jr Praise Band
 6:00pm – Jr Choir
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group Bridge Dinner

Youth News

Middle School – No meeting tonight! Celebrate the joy of our Savior with your families!

Monday Nights for 8th grade and High school starts back up tomorrow night with Season 2: Episode 1 of The Chosen! See you at 7!

High School – On Wednesday we’re working through the overarching story of the Bible - you’ll get a chance to practice telling it too so that you can share with others! See you at 7:30!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Living in Babylon – Pastor Kevin will be starting a new sermon series on April 11th titled Living in Babylon: How to thrive in an anti-Christian culture. Along with this sermon series he will host a book discussion group on the book “We Will Not Be Silenced”. This book addresses how to respond with courage to our culture’s assault on Christianity. This discussion group will meet on Sundays at 6:30pm April 18th – May 2nd. To purchase a book for \$10, please sign up at the Information Center. You may also borrow it from a digital library or purchase the ebook yourself.

Mission Circle Guest Night – Join the Mission Circle on April 13th at 6:30pm in the church basement for a potluck. Bring a dish to pass (table service and dessert will be provided). The speakers will be, Marty & Lora Huizenga, sharing about their work with CCCD in Jamaica. Everyone is invited to attend! If you’d prefer to skip the meal and just listen to Marty & Lora, please arrive around 7:15pm.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 4/4 Union, 4/11 Missionary Salary, 4/18 Regular Benevolence.

Easter Lilies – The lilies in church will be available for anyone to take home after the 10am service today.

Cleaning Kit/Laundry Kit Donations – For our family night on April 14th we will be putting together approximately 25 laundry and cleaning kits as our service project for the night. These will then be donated to the Waupun Food Pantry. We are looking for donations of the following items: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, laundry baskets, cleaning caddies, glass cleaner, all-purpose spray, toilet bowl cleaner, cleaning cloths, toilet bowl brushes, dish soap, and any other cleaning supplies. Donations may be placed in the copy room.

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

Praise: We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

Repent: Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

Ask: Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

Yield: We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Josie Buijer, Paul Elenius, Sharon Harmsen, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekuil, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Hospice Home of Hope:** Donna Kastein **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans

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