

The background of the image is a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky, transitioning from deep purple and blue at the top to bright orange and red near the horizon. In the foreground, the dark, silhouetted peaks of a rocky mountain range are visible against the lower part of the sky.

Easter

April 9, 2023

We Approach God

Sonshine Singers – “Forever”

Welcome & Announcements

“Christ Arose!” Hymn #256

“Living Hope”

Men’s Chorus – “No More Night”

“He Lives” Hymn #264

Mixed Choir – “It’s About the Cross”

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Linda Mulder

Message – Dead or Alive?

Scripture – Luke 24:1-12, 36-49

We Respond to God

Congregational Prayer

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Hymn #259 vs 1-3

Mass Choir – “Christ is Risen”

Benediction

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.

Dead or Alive?

Luke 24:1-12, 36-49

FOUR RESPONSES TO THE RESURRECTION

1. _____ (24:4,12,41)
2. **Fear** (24:5,37,38)
3. _____ (v24:41)
4. **Unbelief** (24:41)

THE BIG PICTURE OF EASTER

Our Problem: _____. (Eph. 2:1-3)

Our Solution: _____. (Eph. 2:4-5; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:53-54, 2 Cor. 5:2, Rev. 3:1-5; see Mk 9:3, Lk 9:29, 24:4)

Our Response: _____/Clothe yourself with Christ.

- a. Confessing Christ as your Savior and Lord. (Rom. 10:9-10, Gal. 3:27)
- b. Covering-up with Christ's character. (Luke 24:49, Col. 3:12, 1 Peter 5:5)
- c. Cutting-out _____ (Rom. 13:14)

ESSENTIAL NEXT STEP

"Jesus, I will follow you. You are my Savior and Lord."

Alto Reformed Church is here to help you follow Jesus. Please fill out a Connection Card on the tables at the exits, let us know how we can help you, and return the card to the Fellowship Kitchen.

Upcoming Events

- Apr 9** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Easter, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers, Mixed Choir, Men’s Chorus, Mass Choir
- Apr 10** 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study
- Apr 11** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
6:00pm – Women’s Mission Circle Guest Night
7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Apr 12** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
6:30pm – Men’s Chorus
- Apr 13** 7:00pm – Worship Ministry Team Meeting
- Apr 15** 8:00am – Outdoor Church Cleanup
- Apr 16** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Doug, Mixed Choir, Baptism – Jett Loomans
10:45am – Sunday School
5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
7:00pm – Men’s Chorus Program

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

Youth News

Middle School – Happy Easter! No meeting tonight - spend some quality time with your family today and keep your focus on Jesus as the reason we celebrate.

High School – Marlaina will be sharing with us on Wednesday night about how God has been working in her life. See you at 7:30!

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: 4/9 Missionary Salary, 4/16 Waupun Food Pantry, 4/23 Brandon Food Pantry, 4/30 Regular Benevolence. 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.

Men’s Chorus Program – Join us for the Men’s Chorus Program on Sunday, April 16th at 7pm.

Donations Needed for VBS – Over the next few months we will be collecting large cardboard to use for VBS decorations. We are also looking for water bottle caps, yellow, orange or red tissue paper, new colored plastic tablecloths and new/used pool noodles. Donations may be placed in the tote by the Children & Families Resource Center.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Pinewood Derby Family Night – Join us at the Alto Community Center on Monday, 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 9th. 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.

Mission Circle Guest Night – You're invited to Mission Circle on Tuesday, April 11th at 6pm in the Fellowship Area of the basement for a potluck and to hear Matthew & Becky Hibicki share their story. Please bring a dish to pass. Tableware, dessert, and beverages will be provided.

Partnership Class – Ready to up your commitment to Christ and His church? Church membership, or as we call it covenant partnership, is a commitment every believer should take as it provides support for you and opens doors for you to grow and serve. Join Pastor Kevin to learn more on April 30th at 10:45am at his house. Lunch is provided. Family is welcome to come. Contact him with questions and to let him know you are coming.

Post-High Bags Tournament – Young Adults join us for a free bags tournament at The Rock Golf Club on Sunday, April 30th at 6pm. Signup at the Information Center or by contacting Andy Glewen (920-375-0213) or Caleb Glewen (920-904-0484).

Newcomer's Lunch – We welcome all new families/individuals to join us May 7th at 11:30am after Sunday School for lunch in the basement. The main dish, tableware, and drinks will be provided by the ARC, all who attend may bring a dish to pass. There will be a sign up sheet located on the information desk. RSVPs will be needed by April 30th. Not a "new" member but still want to attend? Feel free to help sign up and join us in welcoming our newest faces.

VBS Volunteers Needed – We are looking for volunteers (incoming 6th grade-adults) to help with VBS June 19-23 at 9-11:30am. Please sign up at the Children & Families Resource Center. VBS registration will open for 3 year olds – incoming 5th graders in May.

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

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

Repent: Merciful Father, forgive me for doubting the resurrection and questioning your love for me. Forgive me for disregarding the consequences of my sin and thinking I can handle it on my own.

Ask: Holy Spirit, clothe me with Christ. May his grace and truth radiate in my life that my character matches his. Move in our church as well, that we together honor you in all we do.

- Restore peace to our world and strengthen the oppressed, especially Christians in Ukraine and around the world.
- Stir up a conviction in our political leaders to support life, liberty, and justice.
- Raise up godly leaders to serve as pastors, particularly at Faith Church, Wisconsin Rapids.
- 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: Lord Jesus, I will follow you. You are my Savior and Lord, 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.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Betty Daane, Cal Flegner, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Kevin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, John Hoekstra, Faye Janey, Isabel Kastein, Rich Kamphuis, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Connie Wiersema, and Silas Willey.

THIS WEEK... Praise!
Jean Stelsel is cancer free.

Military Personnel:
Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas;
Sebastian Hoenisch, deployed on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;
Mitch Miller, US

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: Sharon Harmsen, Dayton TerBeest, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma, Marilyn Westerveld
Christian Homestead: Betty Bruins
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, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ