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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Because He Lives” Hymn #260

“King of Kings”

“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”

Congregational Prayer

Special Music – Michael Loomans

“I Can Only Imagine”

We Hear God’s Word

All 3 year olds – incoming 5th graders are invited to go to the Fellowship Area of the Basement for Summer JAM.

Message – Shut the Door on Satan!

Scripture – Matthew 6:9-13

We Respond to God

Prayer

Benediction

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Hymn #452 vs 1 & 3

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.

Summer of Seeking

A Practical Look into the Lord's Prayer

Shut the Door on Satan!

"...but deliver us from the evil one." Mat. 6:13

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: Lord's Day 52

127 Q. What is the sixth petition?

A. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. 1 Moreover, our sworn enemies – the devil, 2 the world, 3 and our own flesh 4 – do not cease to attack us. Will you, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war 5 we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory. 6

1. Ps 103:14-16; Jn 15:1-5.

2. 2 Cor 11:14; Eph 6:10-13; 1 Pet 5:8.

3. Jn 15:18-21.

4. Rom 7:23; Gal 5:17.

5. Mt 10:19, 20; 26:41; Mk 13:33; Rom 5:3-5.

6. 1 Cor 10:13; 1 Thess 3:13; 5:23.

<https://www.heidelberg-catechism.com/en/lords-days/52.html>

KEY DEFINITIONS:

S _____ = An evil supernatural being that wars against _____.

F _____ (Ephesians 4:26–31) Lit. = a place or seat. Fig. = an opportunity or _____.

S _____ (2 Corinthians 10:3–4) = a deeply rooted thought pattern dominated by our three _____.

ESSENTIAL TRUTHS ON THE EVIL ONE:

1. The Evil One is D _____.

Colossians 2:15 (NIV) And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

2. The Evil One still A _____.

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) ...Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Satan's Schemes:

(Ephesians 6:11, 2 Corinthians 2:11)

P _____ (2 Corinthians 4:4; John 13:27, 8:44; 1 John 3:8, 10; See Luke and Acts)

O _____ (Job 2:7, Psalm 42, Luke 4:18, 22:31)

D _____ (Gen. 3; Luke 4; 2 Chronicles 18:18–22; 2 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Samuel 9, 10, 18, 19, 28, & 31)

(See <https://faithgateway.com/blogs/christian-books/god-healed-mind>,

<https://equationofhope.com/20-of-satans-lies-to-replace-with-gods-truth/>, & June Hunt, [Biblical Counseling Keys on Spiritual Warfare: Strategy for the Battle](#))

3. The Evil One cannot stand against _____.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

APPLICATION: Shut the Door!

“Deliver us from the Evil One” is a pointless prayer if you keep opening the door!

So, shut the _____ on Satan by...

Seeing Satan's Schemes (2 Corinthians 2:11)

Standing on God's Truth (Ephesians 6:10–18)

NEXT STEP: Sign up for this workshop.

“The Steps to Freedom in Christ” will give you practical tools and biblical principles for you and your children to overcome negative thoughts, irrational feelings, habitual sins, and spiritual struggles.

Signup today to make sure you get a workbook at the Information Center or by emailing Kevin at kevin@altoreformedchurch.org.

When: 6:30-9:30PM on Friday, Sept. 1

Where: Alto's Youth Room

What the format: Kevin and Steph Van Wyk will share their experience with the materials; we'll watch short video segments for each of the seven steps; and we'll spend time in personal reflection and prayer on each step. It will be a safe place for you to face your chains and break them.

What's the Cost: It's free to be free :-). The workbook (which you will certainly want) is \$6 and you can help the church cover this expense by placing a donation in the white offering boxes or giving online.

Upcoming Events

- Aug 27** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Special Music – Michael Loomans, Summer JAM
- Aug 28** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
- Aug 29** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Aug 31** 6:30pm – Small Group Leader Meeting
- Sept 1** 6:30pm – Steps to Freedom in Christ Workshop
- Sept 2** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus

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

Youth News

High School Ministry (HSM) Kickoff is Wednesday, September 6th!

Middle School Ministry (MSM) Kickoff is Sunday, September 10th!

Soda & Water Donations for youth group: We'll be taking soda and water bottle donations – if you see it on sale and are willing to donate just drop it off on the youth room counter. Thank you!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Women's Book Club – Do you love to read and discuss what you are reading? Then please join us starting on Wed, Sept 6th at 6:30pm in the Consistory room for the first meeting of Alto's Women's Christian Classics Book Club. The Book Club will include a variety of genres; fiction, sci fi, biography, autobiography, theology and non-fiction. This will be a very casual (hot beverage, anyone?) weekly relaxed time of fellowship, laughter and discussion. Commitment time will be one to two chapters a week. All women are welcome. We will choose our first book at the first meeting. If interested please sign up at the Information Center.

Women's Ministries Prayer Partners – Prayer partners with a twist. The TWIST... The person you are praying for will not know you are praying for them. You will have to seek God for that person's needs. God may use a variety of ways to share with you what her need and heart desire is. As we pursue God in our endeavor to pray for one another, we in turn grow closer to God. At the end of three months, you will put a note in their mailbox introducing yourself, and how God has led you to pray for them. All women who sign up will be prayed for as well as given a name to pray for. If interested, please sign up at the Information Center by Sept 13th.

Women's Bible Study – Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30am for 7-weeks in the Olive Room beginning Sept 12th for a study on Esther. Sign up at the Information Center by September 3rd. Books cost \$10.

Women's Bunco – Come for a fun evening of fellowship and bunco on Fri, Sept 15th at 7pm. Come by 6:30pm to snack and hang out before the game starts. Signup at the Information Center.

All Church Road Rally 2023 – Put new batteries in your flashlight and fill your gas tanks! It's time for the Road Rally on Sept 23rd at 7pm! Head to the Information Center and sign up your group of 4 for an adventurous night of fun! Contact Linda Mulder at (920)382-5285 with questions.

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: 8/27 Regular Benevolence, 9/3 Missionary Salary, 9/10 Regular Benevolence, 9/17 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.

AMEN articles are due today.

Congrats to Audrey Elenius as she celebrates her 90th birthday today.

Congrats to Julie Medema as she celebrates her 96th birthday on August 30th.

Congrats to Jim Parrish as he celebrates his 80th birthday on August 31st.

Congrats to Ann Boerson as she celebrates her 83rd birthday on September 1st.

Free Babysitting – Free babysitting will be offered in the nursery through Women’s Ministry on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30pm while Bible Class is in session for children kindergarten and younger. This is for any parents participating in Wednesday night church activities. Parents must check their child in each week.

Sample Nomination Ballots for Elder and Deacon are in your mailbox. Prayerfully consider who you will nominate. We will be nominating during the service on Sunday, September 10th. You can bring any absentee nominations (please use the Sample Nomination Ballot) to the church office prior to September 10th in an envelope with your name on it.

Job Posting – The job description for the Associate Pastor position is available for your viewing at the Information Center.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

(an easy to understand translation of Mat. 6:9-13, compiled from the NIRV, NET, NLT, & ERV)

Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us the food we need for today. Forgive our sins, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us. Keep us from sinning when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For the kingdom and all power and all glory are yours forever. Amen.

THIS WEEK... Praise! Ryan & Breanna VandeZande welcomed a baby girl, Amity Kay, on Monday. Pray for healing for Bruce Henning & David Grulich. Pray for students and teachers/staff as they begin school.

Prayer for Victory over Satan

“Dear Heavenly Father,

I know the phenomenal victory that Jesus won over Satan. He not only withstood Satan’s many temptations to sin, but also became the only sinless sacrifice who could die for my sins and the sins of the entire world.

I also see that the death of Christ on the cross reflects victory, not defeat. From the moment Jesus shed His blood on the cross, Satan’s doom was sealed. He had no more opportunity to thwart Your plan of redemption.

Jesus, thank You for all You went through to become my Savior and Redeemer. Thank You that Satan is now a defeated foe. Because You live in me, Your victory secured my own victory over Satan.

Right now, I choose to walk in that victory. I renounce Satan and his demons and any power they have had over my life.

Satan, I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to leave my presence with all your demons.

Heavenly Father, please put a hedge of protection around me to keep me from the evil one. I choose to live victoriously, not in my power, but in the power of Christ—in His supernatural, resurrection power. I [will] now put on the whole armor of God and yield my body to the Lord Jesus Christ as a living sacrifice and as an instrument of His righteousness.

In the powerful name of Jesus I pray. Amen.”

Bubeck, *Overcoming the Adversary*, 26–27.

Never, never, never assume defeat if you struggle with a stronghold. Confess it, claim Christ’s blood over it, and in the strength of Christ, conquer it. As a soldier of Christ, your Commander-in-Chief, gives you both the command and the power to regain the ground infiltrated by the enemy.

—June Hunt, [Biblical Counseling Keys on Spiritual Warfare: Strategy for the Battle](#) (Dallas, TX: Hope For The Heart, 2008), 16–17.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Betty Daane, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Faye Janey, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;

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, Marilyn Westerveld
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma, **Christian Homestead:** Betty Bruins
Harbor Haven: 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