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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “In the Name of the Lord”

Praise Singing

“Majesty” Hymn #1

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

“Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion

a love that’s never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior,

The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures And fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
(x2)

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
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He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

“How Great is Our God”

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God
Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Message – The Purpose of Miracles

Scripture – Luke 5:4-11, 8:22-25, 9:10-17

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Great Things”

Come let us worship the King.

Come let us bow at His feet.

He has done great things.

See what our Savior has done.

See how His love overcomes.

He has done great things,
He has done great things.

O Hero of heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.

You've been faithful through every storm.
You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things.
And I know You will do it again
for Your promise is yes and amen.
You will do great things,
God, You do great things.

O Hero of heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.

Hallelujah God above it all.
Hallelujah God unshakeable.
Hallelujah You have done great things.
(x2)

O Hero of heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.

We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.
You have done great things.
O God, You do great things.

Benediction

Family Memory Verse for March 1st: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. – Psalm 119:105



Sermon Notes: The Purpose of Miracles

Key Scriptures: Luke 5:4-11, 8:22-25, 9:10-17

First, Things to Consider:

1. God is the creator of all things.
2. The things we experience in creation with our 5 senses are what we consider the natural world.
3. God's Word tells us that the things we see in the natural world prove His existence. (Romans 1:20)
4. When God acts outside of the norm of His created order of things, we call these miracles!

What's the purpose of miracles?

It's God's sign to us that He has the authority to forgive sins. (Heb. 2:3-4)

*"miracles attest to the **sovereignty, power, and authority** of the triune God. The miracles are the same power of God at work in salvation that are also at work in upholding the creation...Miracles attest that the God who speaks is also the God who acts." - Dr. J.V. Fesko*

Application

1. Read the stories of recent "Supernatural" events on this insert.
2. Discuss your thoughts with others about what you've read. Did Jesus really do miracles? Are miracles really still happening? Do you believe? What are your doubts?

Stories:

Story of the Asbury Revival:

This is my short version of my journey to obey King Jesus:

I want to share my true story of how God led me to Wilmore to pray for revival. I will try to be as honest as I can so that I will not take credit from God and I am sure God knows my heart.

August 2015, my wife and I came to Asbury Theological Seminary and I as visiting scholar from Malaysia Bible Seminary until early June 2016.

February 21, 2016, I received a Revival Dream in Wilmore. I came from a conservative Church background which really do not believe dreams and visions, I even preached against dreams and visions. I truly believe 100% the Bible is the Word of God so we need to study diligently. So, I humbled myself to test this dream to see if it was from God or not. So, I shared this with Dr. Robert Coleman, my respected Evangelism professor back in 1990-1993 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and he told me that God may use me to start a revival in USA or in Malaysia which to me at that time, my response was "What?". I also shared this dream with my professor Dr. Craig Keener, a highly respected New Testament Scholar, I asked him if I should take this dream seriously. He responded that I should. With their affirmations, since then I kept praying daily for this revival to be fulfilled.

December 2017, while my wife and I came to Asbury Seminary again on holidays. This time God spoke to me clearly, asking me to come to Wilmore, praying fulltime for revival in person here in Wilmore. God asked to my teaching job and came here to pray for revival. I got paid for teaching but I got no pay for praying. Jesus promised He would take care of me and my wife, just to trust Him alone.

So, November 2018, I quit my teaching job which I enjoyed very much from Malaysia Bible Seminary as a sign that I want to trust God for this new mission to pray for Wilmore revival.

September 15, 2019, I came to Wilmore first and then my wife followed in November that year. We settled down in Wilmore and my praying for Revival fulltime officially began. I spent a couple of hours daily praying for revival, walking around, joined many prayer groups, seeking signs that would spark the revival. To be honest, during these periods, sometimes I was disappointed, frustrated, going through "motions of praying", and also a bit lost what I was doing here in Wilmore. A caring Chinese elder was very concerned about me, asking me to find a job. There are so many Chinese Churches without pastor. I refused the offer and stayed very focused on praying for revival.

June 2020, God spoke to me clearly that I should carry signs (signs of repentance, call to revival etc) while walking-running almost every day on North Lexington Wilmore Kentucky for about two years. These signs got attention from Wilmore

residents, calling them to prepare for revival. But I did not know how much they paid attention to my silly action. Some did pray for me to persevere in praying for revival. In fact, it was not easy as I had to go out carrying signs during winter time for an hour. Some came to me asking why I was doing this. But they were encouraged by what I did.

May 2022, we received a urgent call to serve homeless New York City (We served homeless people in Lexington from November 2020 until May 2022) after praying for 2 years and 8 months full time in Wilmore. Actually, I started praying revival since February 2016. So then all together is about 7 years. I felt my call to pray for Revival has not completed but God told me that He will not send revival while I was still here.

God has promised me that after we left Wilmore for New York City, He will then send revival so that I may not be prideful or take credit for this revival. God is good to me. He knew I would take credit for this revival. I did not know when God was going to do it. But after 8 months, revival came to Asbury University Chapel. When I heard about, God wanted me to come right away. Immediately I booked ticket and flew from New York City. God is faithful and almighty. He promised He would do it and HE DID IT.

Glory to Triune God, God the Father, God the Son Jesus and God the Holy Spirit alone, amen, amen and amen.

Story from Overland Missions

"In Moomba village, we met Humphry and his family. They knew about God, but Humphry was concerned he didn't have enough time to give to Him. His farming seemed to always get in the way of prayer or evangelism. We told him God always wants to be a part of his day, even when it's busy. Turning to his daughter, we asked if she had nightmares. Humphrey answered for her and explained she did, and she was deaf. We laid hands on her and prayed, then someone stepped behind her and whispered her name. Immediately, she whipped her head around in delight. Humphry and his wife were shocked. In that moment, he decided that he wanted to give his life to ministry and preaching the Good News. We connected him to our sector missionary, Kebby, and the next day he joined us as we went home-to-home. The time for salvation is always the present," Tara M.

Upcoming Events

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| Feb 19 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting |
| | 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Mixed Choir |
| | 10:45am – Sunday School |
| | 5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band |
| | 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group |
| Feb 20 | 6:30pm – Men's Bible Study |

Feb 21 8:00pm – High School Band
 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study
Feb 22 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service
Feb 23 6:30pm – Equipping Adults Team Meeting
Feb 24 High School Silver Birch Retreat
Feb 25 High School Silver Birch Retreat
Feb 26 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight is our Service Scavenger Hunt! We'll head into Waupun and do nice things for people like writing encouraging messages on sticky notes, praying for people, and other small acts of kindness. See you at 6:30!

High School – Join us for the Ash Wednesday Service, 7-8pm

Opportunities to Get Involved

Women’s Bible Study – Join us Mondays at 6:30pm for an 8-week bible study “Nothing to Prove” by Jennie Allen beginning March 6th. Books cost \$10. Signup at the Information Center by February 26th.

2023 Mission Trip to Manitouqua – We have the opportunity to serve Camp Manitouqua through mission work during the week of April 2nd – 5th. There are opportunities available for nearly all levels of ability whether young or old, so if the Holy Spirit is speaking to you to go, then know the Lord can use you there. More details are available at the Information Center.

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.

All Church Retreat – Join us for our 2nd annual All Church Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch on April 21-23. Brochures with information are in your church mailbox or at the Information Center. Register by March 31st or contact Megan to get help with registration. Any questions, reach out to Pastor Doug, Jessa or Lynnae.

CCCD Mission Trip – Save the Date! Marty Huizenga is organizing a mission trip to Jamaica for January 16-23, 2024. More info to come.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 2/19 Regular Benevolence, 2/26 Missionary Salary, 3/5 Missionary Salary, 3/12 Gideons International. 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.

Congrats to Betty Daane as she celebrates her 81st birthday on February 20th.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, February 26th.

Ash Wednesday – Join us on February 22nd at 7pm for the Ash Wednesday service.

Lent Activities for families are available at the Children & Families Resource Center.

Donations Needed for VBS – Over the next few months we will be collecting empty toilet paper/paper towel/wrapping paper rolls and large cardboard to use for VBS decorations. We are also looking for new colored tablecloths and new/used pool noodles. Donations may be placed in the tote by the Children & Families Resource Center.

Register for the 2023 ONE Waupun Men's Conference at Green Lake Conference Center today; It's FREE! Our theme this year is "Who we are in Christ" and will feature a video message by Rick Warren and in-person messages from Bob Lenz, Founder & President of Life Promotions, and Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff & Dean of Chapel at Dordt University. Between praise & worship, fellowship and small group discussion, your spirit will be renewed and refreshed. Snacks and a buffet lunch will be provided as well! This free conference will take place on Saturday, March 4th from 8:30am – 3:30pm. Register today at www.onewaupun.com!

New Online Giving Option – The Deacons have approved a new giving option. We now have the ability to give online through our church website. If you would like to give this way:

1. Go to www.altoreformedchurch.org
2. From a desktop computer place your cursor over 'More' or from your mobile device click the 3 bars in the upper right corner of the screen
3. Click 'Online Giving'
4. Enter the Amount you'd like to give and the other required information.

A few things to note:

- When using online giving, 80% of your offering will go toward the General Fund and 20% will go to the Benevolent Fund as regular benevolence.
- There is a fee for each transaction, however the donator can choose to add that fee to their donation total if they would like.
- All donations made on the website will be transferred once a week. Currently that day is Thursday. You will see the donation "pending" immediately in your online banking system until it is actually pulled on Thursday.

You may still also give offerings either by using cash/check or auto pay.

- Cash/check - At the beginning of each year, the church provides offering envelopes, along with a benevolent offering schedule. If you would like to give offerings using cash or check, you may place your offering inside the offering envelope and place it in one of the white offering boxes located in the lobby. On the front of the offering envelope, you may specify how much money to allocate to the general fund and to the benevolent fund. If you do not specify, 100% goes to the general fund.
- Auto Pay - When using the auto pay option for your offering, 80% goes to the general fund and 20% goes to the benevolent fund as regular benevolence. If you wish to give this way, please contact the Office Administrator to get the required form to fill out.

The deacons count and deposit offerings on the Monday following the last Sunday of the month.

Your gifts to the Alto Reformed Church can be used in many ways to keep the work of Jesus Christ alive and well!

Please be assured that your deacons take this work very seriously. We welcome your input and suggestions and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

* If you would like to be able to have record of all contributions as a tax deduction (checks under \$250 or cash offerings), it is recommended that the individual record this information. At the end of the year, the church will provide a record of checks \$250+.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan or the Deacons.

Congregational Update – Consistory voted unanimously to join the Dakota Network, which has already added Alliance churches in Minnesota and Iowa. Several other Wisconsin churches are joining us in forming a “cluster” within the network. The Wisconsin Cluster is forming an Administrative Team with pastors and elder representatives from each church. Bill Bruins was appointed to this team. The team will appoint a representative to the Dakota Network Board. The hope is to hive-off a new network as this one will soon have over 60 churches. The Network is responsible for overseeing a Network Ordination Team, which walks with and recommends pastors to the global Alliance Ordination Team, and a Network Covenant Keeper Team, which oversees and supports consistories and churches in their covenanting. We are excited about the future and ask you to join us in prayer as we move forward.

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

Praise: Almighty Father, we thank you for providing for our needs and working in this world in circumstances where we have no control. We rejoice in your authority over all creation which reveals your love and power to all mankind.

Repent: Forgive us for trusting in our own strength and thinking we do not need you to provide for our survival. Forgive us for not calling on you to sustain us in our times of need or rejoicing when you have provided abundantly and worked miraculously.

Ask: Help us boldly pray for your power to be manifest in our lives. We pray you would stir our hearts to trust in your forgiveness on the cross and flee from sin and pride. Revive our faith, inspiring us to study your Word and to pray without ceasing. Renew our passion for your mission and help us reach the lost. We ask for faith, healing, strength and peace for those listed below as they face challenges each day. Guide and lead our national and world leaders to bring justice and peace to all. We pray that you would work to place a godly leader on our State Supreme Court who will support life, liberty, and justice for all.

Yield: I will surrender to your mighty power. 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, Carter Kraemer, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Connie Wiersema, and Silas Willey.

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, 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