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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “Confidence”

Praise Singing

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God...Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

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“We Believe”

In this time of desperation

When all we know is doubt and fear

There is only one foundation

We believe we believe

In this broken generation

When all is dark You help us see

There is only one salvation

We believe we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
We believe

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
We believe we believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the power of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

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We believe in the Holy Spirit

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We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back
He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" Hymn #314

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Abby Plum

Message – Anointing: Understanding Luke's Obsession with the Holy Spirit
Scripture – Luke 4:14-30

We Respond to God

Prayer

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Hymn #291 vs 1

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise:
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

Benediction

Family Memory Verse for January 25th: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever. – Psalm 106:1



**Anointing:
Understanding Luke's obsession with the Holy Spirit**

THREE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW COVENANT

Jesus initiated the New Covenant & the cross implemented the New Covenant.

1. Believers are indwelt by the _____. (Eph. 1:13, Rom. 8:9)

2. Believers are now empowered by the Spirit to various _____.
(Luke 4:14,18; Acts 4:27-28, 10:38; Luke 3:16, Acts 2:1-4; 4:1;7:55; 6:3;13:52)

3. Being filled, anointed, baptized with the Spirit means we have the _____ of God.

- Power to walk through angry crowd (Luke 4:30)
- Power to _____ and cast out demons.
- Power to prophesy. (Luke 2:25 Simeon; Acts 2:17-18)
- Power to resist _____. (Luke 4:1-13)
- Power to receive conviction and repent. (Acts 2:37)
- Power to understand _____. (1 Cor. 2:9-10)
- Power to witness. (Luke 1-3)
- Power to bear _____ of the Spirit (Gal. 5:19)
- Power to be humble. (Phil. 2:1-8)
- Power to endure _____. (Acts 9:16)
- Power to be martyred. (Acts 7)

DO YOU WANT THE SPIRIT?

"In my sober judgment the relation of the Spirit to the believer is the most vital question the church faces today... Before you can be filled with the Spirit you must desire to be filled. Are you sure that you want to be possessed by a Spirit other than your own? That Spirit, if he ever possesses you, will be the Lord of Your life! Do you want to hand the keys of your soul over to the Holy Spirit? Again, are you sure that you need to be filled? Can't you get along the way you are?... If you feel that there are levels of spirituality, mystic deeps and heights of spiritual communion, purity and

power that you have never known, that there is fruit which you know you should bear and do not, victory which you know you should have and have not—I would say, "Come on" because God has something for you...

-Gems from Tozer: Selections from the Writings of A.W. Tozer. Send the Light Trust, 1969, PP. 13-14.

APPLICATION: Receiving the Anointing...

A. Experiencing the Power of the Spirit is not dependent on you. (Luke 24:49; John 20:22; Acts 4:25-28)

B. God does use laying on of hands. (Acts 9:17; 19:6; 8:18)

C. Your response to Jesus is a key factor.

1. Surrender (Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20)

2. A _____ (Luke 11:9-13; 1 Cor. 14:1; Acts 4:29-31)

3. Walk (Acts 5:32)

What's your prayer?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What has your experience been with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you believe you are filled with the Spirit?
3. What might be stifling God's work in you and through you?
4. What action will you take or what prayer will you pray?

Alto's Statement of Faith

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son and is present in the world to make us aware of our need for Jesus Christ, convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He regenerates our hearts so that we can respond with faith. He illuminates the scripture. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides Christians with power for living, understanding of

spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. Christians seek to live under His control daily. (2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; Ephesians 1:13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Galatians 5:22-26; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; BC 11)

ABOUT CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

The Christian is called and empowered, as a response to salvation, to live out the Great Commandment – to love God with all our being and to love our neighbors as ourselves; and the Great Commission – to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey all Jesus commanded us. A follower of Jesus Christ is set apart to fulfill this calling for the glory of God; seeking to be blameless in conduct, seeking to be a faithful steward and seeking to live a life filled with the Spirit of God, revealing the fruit of the Spirit. In summary, we are to seek to become more Christ-like. (Luke 10:27; Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-9; Colossians 1:9-10; BC 24,28,29)

Essential Definitions

Cessationism: Cessationism is the view that the “miracle gifts” of tongues and healing have ceased—that the end of the apostolic age brought about a cessation of the miracles associated with that age. Most cessationists believe that, while God can and still does perform miracles today, the Holy Spirit no longer uses individuals to perform miraculous signs. Got Questions Ministries, *Got Questions? Bible Questions Answered* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2002–2013).

Charismatic: “The term *charismatic* has been used in a broad sense to refer to a transdenominational movement that spans the entire spectrum of Christianity and that emphasizes spiritual gifts in the life of the Church, but I use the term to mean that a person is empowered by the Holy Spirit for ministry. In this sense, Luke’s theology is charismatic with an emphasis on the Holy Spirit’s empowerment of the Church for the fulfillment of its mission.” French L. Arrington, *The Spirit-Anointed Jesus: A Study of the Gospel of Luke* (Pathway Press, 2020), 15.

Pentecostal: “Pentecostals do not distinguish themselves from other Evangelical Christians in regard to the fundamentals of the Christian faith except in one aspect of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. They emphasize the “Pentecostal experience,” which they understand to be an experience in the Spirit subsequent to conversion and to be an endowment [endowment] with power for service. The evidence of this experience is speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. To be Pentecostal is to identify oneself with the experience that came to Christ’s followers on the day of Pentecost.” French L. Arrington, *The Spirit-Anointed Jesus: A Study of the Gospel of Luke* (Pathway Press, 2020), 17–18.

Slain in the Spirit: Most commonly, being “slain in the Spirit” happens when a minister lays hands on someone, and that person collapses to the floor, supposedly overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit. Those who practice slaying in the Spirit use Bible passages that talk about people becoming “as dead” (Revelation 1:17) or

of falling upon their face (Ezekiel 1:28; Daniel 8:17–18, 10:7–9). However, there are a number of contrasts between this biblical falling on one's face and the practice of being slain in the Spirit. The biblical falling down was a person's reaction to what he saw in a vision or an event beyond ordinary happenings, ...[not] another's touch... In the biblical instances, the people fall upon their face in awe ...they [do not] fall backwards. ...we find no biblical basis for this concept. Yes, there may be some energy or force involved, but if so, it is very likely not of God and not the result of the working of the Holy Spirit. Got Questions Ministries, *Got Questions? Bible Questions Answered* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2002–2013).

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Upcoming Events

- Jan 22** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sunshine Singers
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Jan 24** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women's Bible Study
 6:30pm – Equipping Children & Families Team Meeting
- Jan 25** 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team
 6:20pm – Sunshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class, NO Mixed Choir
 7:00pm – Men's Chorus
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Jan 29** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir
 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 – How does prayer help us thrive in life? What's the point of prayer if God already knows what's going to happen anyway? Let's talk about it tonight at 6:30!

High School – Wednesday is Question and Answer night! You asked the questions and we've got your answers! See you at 7:30!

Opportunities to Get Involved

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 Feb. 5 at 10:45am-12:30pm at his home. Lunch is provided. Family is welcome to come. Contact him with questions and to let him know you are coming.

Downline Discipleship – Beginning next Sunday, January 22nd, if you wanna take another step in your discipleship journey towards being a disciple and making disciples, please join Pastor Doug for an 8-week study during Sunday School called Downline Discipleship. Space is limited to 20 people, so please sign up today. There's a \$6.50 cost for the workbook, which you can simply place in the offering. Be prepared to be challenged and encouraged!

Manly Monday Men's Study! If you're 13 or older, join us Monday nights beginning January 30th at 6:30 as we watch and discuss "33 The Series (Vol 3): A Man and His Traps. The six weeks will include the following subject matter: Idols, Empty Promises, Battle Plan, XXX, Control, and Comfort and Significance. This is a great opportunity for ALL men of the church to grow, encourage one another, and to fellowship.

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.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 1/22 Waupun Food Pantry, 1/29 Brandon Food Pantry, 2/5 Church Health Services, 2/12 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 next Sunday, January 29th.

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!

WOMEN'S RETREAT! Friday, Feb. 3rd from 6:30-8:30pm and Saturday, Feb. 4th from 8am-noon at Emmanuel Church Waupun. This FREE event will consist of Corporate Worship, Biblical Messages, Personal Testimonies and Intimate Prayer, all based on the theme, "Dying to Live" Luke 9:23. Any questions, contact Gwen at 960-1908. Lord, have Your way in us!

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

Praise: "You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Psalm 139:13–14 (ESV) So, I praise you.

Repent: "O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar." Psalm 139:2 (ESV) So, I repent for failing to please you in going where I should not and thinking what I should not. Forgive me.

Ask: I pray you would stir me to trust in your forgiveness on the cross and flee from sin. Move me to transforming repentance that radically changes how I live. Revive my faith, inspiring me to study your Word and to pray without ceasing. Renew my passion for your mission and help me reach the lost. Look over those who hate you and reject your Word. Convict them of their sin and change their hearts. Guide and lead our national and world leaders to bring justice and peace to all. Heal and strengthen those listed below as they face challenges each day.

Yield: I will follow you and never flee from your presence. Psalm 139:7 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 Carter Kraemer as he recovers from surgery.

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, Faye Janey, Isabel Kastein, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, deployed on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, 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: **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