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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Battle Belongs”

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory

When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved

And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me

There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

And every fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me, who can be against me?

For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You

When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty

When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

And every fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

An almighty fortress, You go before us

Nothing can stand against the power of our God

You shine in the shadows, You win every battle

Nothing can stand against the power of our God

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So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

And every fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night

Oh God, the battle belongs to You
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“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus’ name

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I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus’ name

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior’s love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide its face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior’s love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior’s love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all
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Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior’s love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all,
Lord of all.

“I Surrender All” Hymn #404

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, My blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, My blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, My blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Amber Gordon

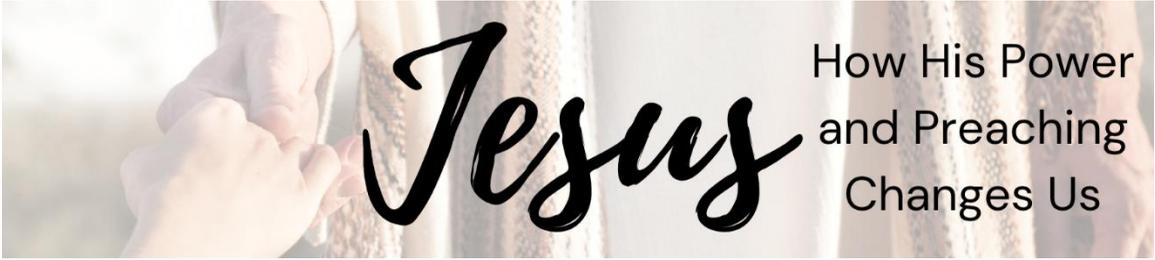
Message – Healing: Understanding Our Role
Scripture – Luke 4:40 (See notes for more)

We Respond to God

Prayer
Jr Choir – “Build a Boat”

Benediction

Family Memory Verse for February 1st: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. – James 1:19



Jesus

How His Power
and Preaching
Changes Us

Healing: Understanding Our Role

As the sun was setting, all those who had any relatives sick with various diseases brought them to Jesus. He placed his hands on every one of them and healed them.
- Luke 4:40

THREE KEYS REGARDING HEALING: What, How & Why Jesus Healed (in Luke)

What Jesus Healed:

Specially, he healed people of a _____ (4:38-39), leprosy (5:12-15, 17:11-19), being paralyzed (5:17-26), a withered _____ (6:6-11), dying (7:1-10), disabilities (8:1-3), hemorrhaging (8:42-48), being bent over (13:10-17), being _____ (14:1-6), blind (18:35-43), a severed ear (22:50-51), and even being _____ (Luke 7:11-17, Luke 8:40-42a, 49-56). Beyond these stories, on at least 4 occasions healed _____ of people (4:40, 5:15, 6:19, 9:11)!

How Jesus Healed:

- T_____ (4:40 all, 5:13 leper, 7:14 widow's son, 13:13 crippled, 22:51 severed ear, 8:54 Jairus' Daughter) People also touched him to be healed (6:19 all, 8:44 bleeding).
- T_____ (4:39 fever, 5:13 leper, 5:24 paralytic, 7:14 widow's son, 8:54 Jairus' Daughter, 13:12 crippled)

Why Jesus Healed:

- Compassion (7:13 widow's son)
- A_____
 - by other (4:40 all, 5:18-20 paralytic, 7:9 dying slave),
 - by patient (5:12 leper, 18:38-41 blind, 8:40-42a Jairus' Daughter)
- F_____
 - of patient (8:44 bleeding, 17:17 thankful leper, 18:48 blind),
 - of others (5:20 paralytic, 7:9 faith of centurion for slave, 8:40-42a, 50 Jairus' Daughter)

**APPLICATION:
What is our role in healing?**

Build a BOAT

B _____ God/

Oppose doubt, (Matthew 13:58 · Luke 4:22-30, Luke 17:5–6)

Will our doubt keep us from being healed or from healing others?

Is the spiritual gift of healing still present today? Is it necessary?

A _____ God (Luke 11:19, James 5:16, Hebrews 4:16, Acts 4:30)

Are we to ask God to heal or do we have authority to heal?

Who is hurting (physically, emotionally, spiritually)?

Take C _____ of Others (Luke 10:25–37)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What stories of healing do you recall? Have you seen a clear answer to prayer for healing?
2. Does your prayer life reflect faith in God to heal or doubt?
3. Who is God putting on your heart to pray for? (Place reminders where you will see them; sticky notes on mirror, prayer list on kitchen table, notes in a journal. Invite your family to pray with you.)

Supernatural Spiritual Gifts

AssessMe is an online survey we use to help you identify your spiritual gifts. See 1 Cor. 12 for a list of gifts. AssessMe enables churches to turn off “supernatural” gifts, for churches that believe they ceased, but there is way too much evidence saying they exist. 140 of you have done the assessment at least in part. Many have one of these gifts, but you don’t need certification of the gift to pray for healing.

Go to www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths for more info. Go to www.assessme.org/8274.aspx to take the survey. If you want to finish your survey, go to www.assessme.org and login.

Healing

The gift of healing is the ability given by God to enable some Christ Followers to pray over people suffering illness with the result that often the sick receive healing. Healing may be instantaneous or take place over time, but the healing will be accomplished in such a manner that God, not man, receives the credit. A person possessing the gift of healing will often also possess the additional gifts of Faith and/or Evangelism.

In 1 Corinthians 12:9 and 28, the Apostle Paul lists the gift of Healing as one of many potential gifts granted by the Holy Spirit. In James 5:13-20, the Church is instructed to pray over the sick and the prayer of faith will make the sick person well. In Acts 9:32-35 we find one of many examples of instantaneous healing accomplished by the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Peter. In addition, the ministry of Jesus was marked by his ability to heal. Jesus himself exclaimed in John 14:12-14...“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

Faith (for Physical, Emotional or Spiritual Restoration)

Every Christ Follower has established a relationship with God through faith in the work and person of Jesus Christ. However, the gift of Faith enables a person to trust God even more so for remarkable provision, especially in circumstances that appear to offer no viable solution. The person gifted with Faith often displays unusual confidence in the will and purposes of God. Such a gifted person exhibits a lack of anxiety and communicates to others peace and assurance. People gifted with Faith may become frustrated with others, or with their church leaders, for moving too slowly or for supporting a limited vision or easily obtained goals. People gifted with Faith just know that God wants to do more through us than we could think or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

I Corinthians 12:9 specifically identifies Faith within its list of gifts granted by the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 11 portrays a lineage of people who possessed great faith in God. James 2:22-24 makes it clear that true faith will be evidenced by the actions taken by the person claiming to have faith. Within the Church, Faith can find expression in many ways. Faith for Financial or Material Provision; Faith for Physical, Emotional or Spiritual Restoration or Faith for Risky Ministry Opportunities.

Tongues [Last week's message raised questions, so I include this info from AssessMe to hopefully help.]

The gift of Tongues has three purposes within the assembly of Christ Followers: 1) to be used during periods of prayer, allowing the holy Spirit to pray through the Christ Follower when he/she does not know how to pray (Romans 6:26, 27); 2) to receive divine messages from God for the benefit of the assembly of Christ Followers understanding that someone with the gift of Interpretation of Tongues must be present to interpret (1 Corinthians 12:10, 28 and 1 Corinthians 14:13-19); 3) the final purpose of tongues is to enable a person to speak an unlearned language for the purposes of evangelism (Acts 2:1-13). In all these formats, the Holy Spirit may choose to use the “tongues of men or angels” (1 Corinthians 13:1). The sole purpose of the gift of Tongues is to communicate God’s love to others.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Jan 30** 6:30pm – Men’s Bible Study
 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
- Jan 31** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study
- Feb 1** 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Band
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class, Mixed Choir
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men’s Chorus
- Feb 2** 7:00pm – Worship Ministry Team Meeting
- Feb 5** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Men’s Chorus
 10:45am – Sunday School, Partnership Class
 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 – Sunday is question and answer night! You’ve asked some great ones and we can’t wait to discuss them with you! See you at 6:30!

High School – Wednesday is A-teams! Connect with your coaches to see where you’ll be meeting 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.

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 Manitoqua – We have the opportunity to serve Camp Manitoqua 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: 1/29 Brandon Food Pantry, 2/5 Church Health Services, 2/12 Missionary Salary, 2/19 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.

AMEN articles are due today.

Congrats to Don & Sharon DeMotts as they celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on Feb 1st.

Congrats to Connie Wiersema as she celebrates her 81st birthday on Feb 1st.

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. 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!

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: Today, heavenly Father, we celebrate that you have the power and compassion to heal. We praise you for the healing we have seen in the past and we thank you for the healing yet to come.

Repent: Forgive us for trusting in our own strength and thinking we do not need you to heal our bodies, relationship, and emotions. Forgive us for not calling on you in our times of need and not praying for others when they most need you.

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. 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.

Yield: I will pray boldly for your healing 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.

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for John Hoekstra.

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, Carter Kraemer, 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