

**March 26, 2023**



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## We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “To God Be the Glory/Doxology”

Praise Singing

**“Lord, I Need You”**

Lord, I come, I confess.

Bowing here, I find my rest.

And without You I fall apart.

You’re the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You. Oh, I need You

Ev’ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness;

Oh, God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free.

Holiness is Christ in me.

Where You are, Lord I am free.

Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Ev’ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness;

Oh, God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand, I’ll fall on You.

Jesus, You’re my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Ev’ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness;

Oh, God, how I need You.

You’re My one defense, my righteousness,

Oh God, how I need you.

My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need You.

**“Amazing Love”**

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted, You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well,  
Your Spirit is within me because  
You died and rose again

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that You, my King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You.  
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Amazing love, I know it's true.  
It's my joy to honor You.

You are my King.  
You are my King.  
Jesus You are my King.  
Jesus You are my King!  
Amazing love how can it be that  
You my King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true.  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do I honor You.  
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**“You Are My All in All”**

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord to give up, I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
worthy is Your name.  
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worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame.  
Rising again, I bless Your name  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up.  
When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You are my all in all.

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Congregational Prayer

### **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message – Joel Ruis

Message – Family – Love 'em or Hate 'em?  
Scripture – Luke 14:25-33

### **We Respond to God**

Prayer

**“I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go” Hymn #578**

It may not be on the mountain's height  
Or over the stormy sea,  
It may not be at the battle front.  
My Lord will have need of me;  
But if by a still, small voice

He calls To paths I do not know,  
I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine,  
I'll go where You want me to go.  
I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord,  
O'er mountain or plain or sea;  
I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord,  
I'll be what You want me to be.

Perhaps today there are loving words  
Which Jesus would have me speak,  
There may be now, in the paths of sin,  
Some wanderer whom I should seek;  
O Savior, If Thou wilt be my Guide,  
Tho' dark and rugged the way,  
My voice shall echo the message sweet,  
I'll say what You want me to say.  
I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord,  
O'er mountain or plain or sea;  
I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord,  
I'll be what You want me to be.

## Benediction

*Family Memory Verse for March 29<sup>th</sup>*: Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord. – Lamentations 3:40



**Sermon Notes: Family – Love `em or Hate `em?**

**Key Scriptures: Luke 14:25-33**

**First, we have what seems like Jesus telling us that if we don't hate our family, we can't be His disciples.** (Luke 14:26)

**But what about** Exodus 20:12 & 1 John 3:15?

**Then we have the time that seems like Jesus doesn't really care about the needs of His own family any more than the needs of anyone else.** (Luke 8:19-21)

**But what about** John 19:25-27?

**As if that's not enough...next in Luke 18 it sounds like Jesus is telling us the benefits of leaving our family.** (Luke 18:28-29)

**But what about** 1 Timothy 5:4&8?

**Finally, in Luke it sounds like Jesus tells us that He came to divide families.** (Luke 12:51-53)

**But what about** Ephesians 5:28-29 & 6:1&4?

### **3 Principles that will help us to understand God's word:**

- 1. God is always the priority.**
- 2. Scripture never contradicts itself.**
- 3. Be careful not to take scripture out of context; we must understand scripture as a whole.**

### **Application**

1. When making decisions, ask yourself, "Does this decision make God the priority?"
2. When reading scripture, and you believe you've come to a contradiction, ask the clarifying questions:
  1. What is the context?
  2. What does scripture as a whole have to say about this?

## *Upcoming Events*

- Mar 26**      Class of 2023 Retreat  
8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Doug, Sonshine Singers  
10:45am – Sunday School  
5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Mar 27**      6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study  
7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
- Mar 28**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
6:30pm – Equipping Children & Families Team Meeting
- Mar 29**      9:30am – Golden Lifers  
6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team  
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
6:45pm – Bible Class, Mixed Choir (meet in the sanctuary)  
7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Mass Choir Practice (meet in the basement)  
8:00pm – Men’s Chorus (meet in the basement)
- Apr 2**        8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Palm Sunday, Pastor Kevin, Men’s Chorus  
10:45am – Sunday School  
5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – It’s question and answer night tonight! See you at 6:30!

**High School** – Wednesday we’ll be working through creative prayer stations based on the Lord’s Prayer. See you at 7:30!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**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.

**Pinewood Derby Family Night** – Join us at the Alto Community Center on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes range from 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**VBS Volunteers Needed** – We are looking for volunteers (incoming 6<sup>th</sup> 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> graders in May.

## *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: 3/26 Camp Manitoqua, 4/2 The Union, 4/9 Missionary Salary, 4/16 Waupun Food Pantry. 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.

**Sanctuary Update** – We will be having services in the sanctuary beginning next Sun, April 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**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.



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

**Praise:** Jesus, we rejoice in the cross on which you took the wrath of God which we deserved. You paid our debt on the cross, made us right with God, and made a way for us to spend eternity with you in heaven.

**Repent:** Savior, forgive us for disregarding the significance of the cross and living as enemies to the cross, rejecting the good and choosing evil.

**Ask:** Help us to preach Christ crucified above all other messages we might want to share...

- Revive my faith by inspiring me to study your Word and to pray without ceasing.
- Renew my passion for your mission and help me reach the lost.
- 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.
- We ask that you raise up biblically minded voters on April 4 to elect godly leaders to our school boards.
- 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 surrender to You and commit to living according to the cross, giving my life to serving You and others. 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 Carrie Bruins as she recovers from hip replacement surgery. Pray for comfort for Don Vande Zande and that they would find a placement for him at a nursing home close by. Pray for healing for Arlyn & Lois Glewen.

**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, 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, 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