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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "Touring that City"

Praise Singing

"Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Holy holy is He

Sing a new song to Him

Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing

Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything

And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color

Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory

And power be to You the only wise King

Holy holy holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing

Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything

And I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power breath and living water

Such a marvelous mystery

Holy holy holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

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“Great Are You Lord”

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
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It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

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And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
(x3)

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“The Lion and the Lamb”

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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3 Minutes for Missions – Gideon International
Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Amber Gordon

Message – The Olivet Discourse - Pay Attention. Fear Not. Be Ready.
Scripture – Luke 21:5-38

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn #121

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Benediction

Family Memory Verse for March 8th: Understanding is a foundation of life to one who has it. – Proverbs 16:22



Sermon Notes: The Olivet Discourse - Pay Attention. Fear Not. Be Ready.

Key Scriptures: Luke 21:5-38

Pay Attention:

Luke 17:20-21

Luke 21:7

Fear Not:

Luke 21:9

Luke 21:12-14 & 17-19

Be Ready:

Luke 21:34-36

Matthew 25:1-13

Application

1. Read the 3 accounts of the Olivet Discourse: Matthew 24 & 25, Mark 13, Luke 21:5-38
2. Watch this sermon on Luke 21:5-38: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS6crS7oYXk>
3. **Hebrews 12:1-2a** - 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Upcoming Events

- Mar 5** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Men’s Chorus
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Junior High Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Mar 6** 6:30pm – Men’s Bible Study, Women’s Bible Study
 8:00pm – High School Band
- Mar 7** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study
 1:30pm – Women’s Mission Circle
 7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Mar 8** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team, Men’s Chorus at Christian Home
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class, NO Mixed Choir
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Mar 12** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School
 7:00pm – Crops & Industry Prayer Service

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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight Wyatt is going to talk about the importance of reading the Bible and give us some practical ways to read and understand it. See you at 6:30!

High School – Wednesday is our Service Scavenger Hunt! 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 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.

Post-High Group coming soon! We're starting a post-high group focused on young adults that have graduated high school and are looking for others to do life with. We are kicking this off by having a March Madness party March 19th at 6pm at the Union. Don't worry-if you don't care about basketball, there will be plenty of people, games, food and other activities!

VBS Volunteers Needed – We are looking for volunteers (incoming 6th 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 – 5th 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: 3/5 Missionary Salary, 3/12 Gideons International, 3/19 Missionary Salary, 3/26 Camp Manitoqua. 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 Don Vande Zande as he celebrates his 80th birthday today.

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 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: Lord Jesus, we rejoice that you came two thousand years ago to reveal God's grace and truth. We rejoice that you will come again to establish your kingdom in full. We praise you as the Ruler and King of all.

Repent: Forgive us for living as though you are not coming back soon. Stir our hearts to action that we might be found faithful and ready when you return.

Ask: Help us keep our eyes on the hope of heaven. Encourage and strengthen us as we seek to live out your kingdom now on earth. 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: Until you return, 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... Praise! Nikki Carlson's thyroid removal surgery went well and there was no cancer in her thyroid.

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