

November 3, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – “Kneel at the Cross”

Praise Singing

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn #47 vs 1, 2, 4

“Only a Holy God”

“Who Else”

3 Minutes for Missions – Chris Briggs (Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf)

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Amber Gordon

Message – Making a Mountain Out of a Molehill

Scripture – 1 Kings 21

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Blessing

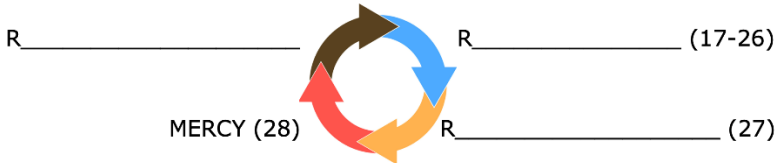
If you are newer to Alto Reformed Church, we invite you to fill out a Connection Card, located at the entrance to the sanctuary, and turn it in at the Fellowship Kitchen for a small gift.



Making a Mountain out of a Molehill

1 Kings 21

The Storyline of Ahab's Mountain-making



R _____

- A. Rebellion of Ahab: _____ (1-4)
- B. Rebellion of Jezebel: _____ (5-7, 25)
- C. Rebellion of Jezebel: _____ & Murdering (8-14; 2 Kings 9:25-26)
- D. Rebellion of Jezebel: _____ (15)
- E. Rebellion of Ahab: _____ (16)
- F. Rebellion of Ahab: Pursuing _____ & Idolatry (25-26)

R _____ (17-26)

R _____ (27)

MERCY (28)

APPLICATION: _____ the Mountain

If you are a...

_____ like Naboth you should trust God to bring justice and to strengthen you.

_____ like Jezebel, the 2 scoundrels and the Jezreel officials you should repent for the injustice you have done.

_____ like Ahab you should repent of your self-centered fear and stand for justice and mercy!

_____ like Elijah you should speak boldly of God's justice and mercy.

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:

1. What has caused you to throw a fit, grumble, pout, or feel bitter and angry?
2. Was/is the cause really a mountain or a mole hill? Was it about God's justice or your happiness?
3. What wisdom does the Bible give with how you should respond?
4. What further wisdom do you need the Spirit to give you?
5. Who might you consult to make sure you are on the right path?
6. Is there a Jezebel you need to pray for?
7. Watch "Tel Jezreel, Samaria, Tour!" By www.holylandsite.com on Youtube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPtxjodqRfE>

This Week's Events

- Nov 3** 8:00am – Equipping Adults Team Meeting
 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus, 3 Minutes for Missions: Chris Briggs (CCCD)
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Nov 5** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Elder Meeting – If you are interested in baptism or partnership, please contact Pastor Kevin.
- Nov 6** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
 5:30pm – Mission Backpack Family Night
 6:30pm – Mixed Choir
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Nov 8** 6:30pm – Prayer Activity Night
 Pastor Kevin & Randy at the Midwest Network Gathering in Sioux Falls, SD
- Nov 9** Tim – Vacation thru 11/11
- Nov 10** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir
 10:45am – Congregational Meeting, No Sunday School
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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

Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sun, Nov 10th immediately following the service. All Covenant Partners are asked to attend the meeting. Activities will be available for children in the basement and any non-Covenant Partners (adults/teens) are asked to help with the younger children.

The following people will be on the ballot for Elder and Deacon:

Elder: Jim Ford, Al Kamphuis, Phil Loomans, Brian Tenpas, Scott Van De List, and Mark Zeatlow
Deacon: Lucas Bruins, Mike De Jager, Ned Derksen, Chris Enders, Ben Kraemer, and Marcus Vossekuil

Covenant Partners are asked to vote for 4 Elders and 3 Deacons. Please prayerfully consider who you will vote for.

At the 9/10/24 Consistory meeting to complete the Elder term of Randy McDaniel, a motion was made and supported to have the congregation vote for four Elders on the ballot at this year's congregational meeting. The top four vote getters will have their names put in the offering plate and whichever name gets drawn out will serve the 2-year term with the other three serving the 3-year term. Motion carried.

Absentee ballots are available at the Information Center and may be placed in the absentee ballot box, signed and in an envelope prior to the meeting. Absentee ballots are not to be used simply as a matter of convenience.

We thank all those who submitted nominees and those nominees that have prayerfully considered and engaged in this process. We ask that all Covenant Partners prayerfully consider who God desires to serve on the Consistory.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Prayer Activity Night – Women's Ministry is hosting a prayer activity night on Friday, November 8th at 6:30pm. You'll have the option to make a prayer basket, prayer board, or prayer wheel. We'll have kid-friendly activities for the kids to help assemble the baskets and boards. \$10/prayer basket or board, wheel is free. Sign up at the Information Center by November 6th.

YA Friendsgiving – November 15th at 6:30pm. Young adults, let's celebrate Thanksgiving together with a potluck dinner! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving food and get ready for a Pie Tasting Competition.

Volunteer Opportunities – If you would like to be added to or removed from any of the following volunteer positions, please sign your name on the form at the Information Center or email Megan at office@altoreformedchurch.org. Greeter, Hospitality Bakers or Servers, Media Delivery, Nursery, Parking Assistance, Sound Tech, Video Tech.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – We are looking for bell ringers for Fri, Dec 13th and Sat, Dec 14th at Piggly Wiggly. Please sign-up at the Information Center or contact Darryl Navis for more details. Seating is available.

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: 11/3 Remember the Children, 11/10 Mighty Oaks Foundation, 11/17 Missionary Salary, 11/21 Bread for the World. If you feel led to give specifically towards the parking lot 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 toward the project, which will be shown in the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

Mission Backpack – Join us to help pack bags at our Mission Backpack Family Night on Wed, Nov 6th 5:30-7:30pm. We will start the night out with pizza and then we'll move into packing bags. Our goal is to pack 600 bags.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are available in the handicap entrance to pack on your own at home. If you would like to pack a box: please take a box and shipping label brochure, pack the box at home, and return the box to the handicap accessible entrance along with the \$10 shipping donation in the envelope provided by Nov 17th. Any questions, contact Renee Jurjens.

Puzzle Exchange – We have a puzzle exchange located in the far, right cupboards (top and bottom) in the tiled area of the basement. Take a puzzle and bring it back when you're done or keep it. Have a puzzle you'd like to donate? Leave it in the cupboard.

Tribute Quartet – You're invited to the Tribute Quartet concert Sunday, November 24 at 6pm at Bethel Church, Brandon.

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

Praise: Lord Jesus, we praise you for giving your life for our sin. We thank you for taking the punishment we deserve to reconcile us to God. We exalt you above all else & praise your name.

Repent: Father, forgive us for rebelling against your Word and pursuing evil. Forgive me for dabbling in the sin of _____...

Ask: Holy Spirit, lead us and guide us into your mission. Give us a clear vision of what you desire for our church and for me, personally. Direct me in prioritizing what matters most. Help me accomplish your vision without losing track of the greater mission.

- Guide our consistory in every decision, so that your mission will be pursued and lives transformed by your grace and truth.
- Stir up a conviction in our political leaders to support life, liberty, and justice. Uncover evil and deception in our leaders that they may lead us toward truth.
- Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the oppressed, encourage the weak, and bring peace to embattled nations.
- 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: 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 the family of Milton & Cameron Ortiz as they grieve the loss of their baby boy.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Jade Bresser, Renee Bruins, Bruce Buwalda, Barbara Gordon, Desarae Hull, Faye Janey, Lynette Loomans, Phil Loomans, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Joyce VanBuren, Jodi Vande Berg, Scott Van De List, Jean Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, and Tom Winscher.

Military Personnel:
Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas;
Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in North Carolina, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;
Matt Saunders, nephew to David Grulich & Rosemary Tschinkel
Cyler Ruis, stationed in California, nephew to Joel & Pamela Ruis

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Beaver Dam Rehab:** Faye Janey **Charleston House:** Brian Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Barrie & Ardyce Tenpas, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld **Home:** Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma **Christian Homestead:** Betty Bruins **Markesan Resident Home:** Margaret Hoekstra **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp, Eleanor Loomans

Missionaries: Bob & Amy Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ

