

**Special points of interest:**

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM Traditional
10:00 AM Praise
10:00 AM Facebook Live

Church Office Hours
Mon.—Thurs.
8:30 AM—4:30 PM
(Lunch 12:30—1:30 PM)

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*From Pastor Don's Desk:***Holy Week**

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it."
(Psalm 24:1)

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." (Deuteronomy 6:5 and Matthew 22:37)

We are God's and God is ours. When we take away all the noise and clutter in our lives and in our minds, we may see and hear God more clearly. Now add God's word and one another and God's presence becomes even more prominent.

The week from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday is called Holy Week. "Holy" means "set apart." Going back to childhood, I've always thought of Holy Week as being a week that is set apart for a lot of church services. And a lot of church services for a kid is a LONG week!

This year is no exception. Alpine will be gathering on Palm Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m., on Maundy Thursday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., on Good Friday at 7 p.m., and on Easter Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. Weeklong passes are available for the same price as individual day or evening tickets, paid in full by Jesus.

I invite you to also think of "holy" as applied to us, that this be a week in which we live as having been set apart by God and claimed as his own. In this sense, every week is a holy week, and every day a holiday (holy day). This is in no way limited to gathering in worship, but it includes it.

I look forward to celebrating this particular Holy Week, March 24-31, 2024 as people of God set apart and gathered together in worship.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

3/3/24	48 + 41	89	3/10/24	30 + 54	84
Online Views		7	Online Views		11

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98

*Some initial deposits of the year include full year pledge amounts

Gen Fund 3/3/24	\$7,395.87	Gen Fund 3/10/24	\$3,093.87
Forward in Faith	\$2,025.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,493.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$307.89	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,876.11

Festival.....\$985.00	Unexpected Blessings.....\$5.00	53/54 Week.....\$100.00
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Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Kyle MacCrimble, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Cary Ralston, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Wally Bastian, Kim Braun, Lindsay Earnest, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Ron Johnson, Brenda Newcomb, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Slothower, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Michael White, Deb Williams, Ali Younglove, and all those in the Ukraine & Israel-Gaza conflicts.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from Marlene Bukowski. Ed & Nancy Lorenzen wish to thank everyone for the altar flowers they received. **Cary Ralston** expressed her thanks for the many prayers, calls and Pastor Don's visit.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will meet at the 10 AM worship during the service, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, 9:15 AM every Friday Preschool—K Everyone is invited.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st (in person) & 3rd (Zoom) Thursday, 6:00 PM** This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Thursday Bible & Brews:** 7:00 PM, Brewsky's



Pastoral Needs: During Lent, Pastor Wink plans to be in his office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, He will be working from home on Mondays and can be contacted through the office.



Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an ongoing part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received are "power of prayer - it works!", "just what we needed", and loads of thanks! Even though we are praying for a few families each week, please call the office whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

**Together we worship, together we pray,
together we love.**

March 24th— Elliot, Rebecca, Charlotte & Elizabeth Kallstrom; Deb & Ryan Matthews; Kent & Barb Milton; Charlie & Gail Davidson; and Greg & Barb Lee.

March 31st — Brian Ziemer & Kari Humphry; Paul Stenberg; and Pastor Dan & Joy Wink.

Sunday, March 24, 2024—Palm Sunday

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Gene Seefeldt (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassador: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Becky Toro
Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale (10) Nancy Matthews
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday

Ushers: (8) Jack Phillips, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Jim Burnett
Ambassador: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) John Linde
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Martin Scott
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Martin Scott
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

***Please note that we will not observe the 5th Sunday, one service in March.** The 5th Sunday, March 31st, is Easter Sunday and we will have 2 festive worship services at 8 & 10 AM with an Easter Breakfast between services.

Alpine is serving a meal at **Rockford Rescue Mission** on **Sunday, March 24th at 12 PM**. Lunches must be assembled in a certified kitchen so we can contribute the food and help assemble lunches at the mission. Please contact John Linde for more information. Monetary donations can be marked for Rockford Rescue Mission meal.

We have one more push to finish **filling Easter eggs** for the Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday, March 23rd. We will meet Wednesday, March 20th at 5 PM in the room off of Fellowship Hall. The more the merrier!

John Linde is planning on having an **Easter Breakfast** between services this year but he needs your help. He needs volunteers in the kitchen to help serve and donations of egg casseroles. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex if you can help or you may speak to him directly.

Fellowship is a very important part of every congregation. We all enjoy conversing after church especially with coffee and a treat. We need people to provide those treats. You do not need to be a master baker. Purchased treats are just as good. We also need juice to be served along with the coffee. Then all you need to do is man the table. It is very simple. (Help with clean-up is also appreciated.) A sign-up sheet is available by the coffee.

From the SCRIP Desk:

This year's transition from winter to spring has been a roller-coaster. If you are ready to start cleaning up your yard, we have cards that can help you purchase your supplies. We will order any cards we don't have or around the 15th of every month.

(Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Our **Lenten Soup Suppers** will come to a close this **Wednesday, March 20th** at 6 PM. **Lenten worship** will follow the meal at **7 PM** in the sanctuary with Holden Evening Prayer. We thank everyone for volunteering to bring soup, bread and desserts and look forward to more Alpine fellowship in the future.



The Alpine C & E Choir and friends invites you to a performance of our **2024 Palm Sunday Cantata** entitled "**Witness**" by Lloyd Larson. Our performance will be at the 10 Worship as in years past. Please plan to attend this beautiful musical presentation.

Summit Schedule: Due to the Holy Week schedule, we will skip one week with the Summit. You will receive the next issue on Monday, April 8th.

A new **Those Who Serve** schedule was sent out last week. We thank you for serving Alpine as a worship volunteer and encourage others to help with our services in whatever way you can. If you feel called to help serve, we are always accepting new volunteers.

The Christian Education Committee would like to bring back our **Adult Forums** once month on the **3rd Sunday** of each month between worship services. Do you have a topic that you would like to see for a forum? Please contact Lisa Slothower, hopefrom12@yahoo.com, 815-289-6933. Forums will begin April 21st.

First Communion: Pastor Wink would like to offer a First Communion class to all students 2nd grade and up. We would like to plan the date in April. If you feel your child is ready for the class, please contact the office as we make a decision on the date.

Bible & Brew taking a break until after Easter! Bible & Brew, an Alpine Bible study held currently at "Brewsky's", will be starting a new Bible study written in part by famed football star, Tim Tebow. The study entitled "Mission Possible" leads us through a "biblical plan for discovering you life's mission". Join us every Thursday at 7 PM. (Scott Dabson)



Join us for Children's Church! We are now having the kids leave the 10 AM service at the beginning of the worship service allowing more time for learning. Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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Sun. Worship Times
8:00 & 10:00 AM



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Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.



Thursday, March 28th—**Maundy Thursday**
 worship services at 11 AM & 7 PM

Friday, March 29th—**Good Friday**, Tenebrae
 worship service at 7 PM

Sunday, March 31st—**Easter Sunday**,
 worship services at 8 & 10
 Easter Breakfast between services

The 2024 prom season is upon us and **Becca's Closet** needs your help. We are looking for volunteers at all ability levels including those who need to sit or cannot lift. Please call our program coordinator at 779-707-1255 for more information on dates.

The 2024 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts are up. Remember your loved ones passed or celebrate a special event by sponsoring the flowers each week or eternal candle each month. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

Are you a Thrivent member? Every year you can direct your Choice Dollars to a non-profit organization of your choice. This needs to be done by March 31st. In previous years this amounted to over \$1500 for Alpine. We thank you in advance for choosing Alpine.