



**Special points of interest:**

Sunday Worship  
 8:00 AM Traditional  
 10:00 AM Praise Worship  
 with Children's Church  
 10:00 AM YouTube Live

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

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*From the Pastor's desk:*

**The End of Ordinary**

The season of Pentecost is the longest season of the church year, covering just about half of all Sundays. The Roman Catholic church and some Anglican/Episcopal churches call this season, along with the Sundays between Epiphany and Lent, "Ordinary Time." Ordinary does not mean "common," or "no big deal," but it means "numbered," "ordered," "in a series."

Thus November 10th is the 25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 17th is the 26th Sunday after Pentecost. This extended season focuses on life in Christian community fueled by the Holy Spirit, which was given to many people on Pentecost following Jesus's death, resurrection, and ascension. If we're intentional, the season of Pentecost offers the possibility of growing in love for God and others through walking alongside Jesus.

But over such a length of time, Jesus can become an afterthought or background figure. Even in the shorter seasons of Christmas and Easter, we are often ready to move past them once Christmas gifts have been put away or exchanged, and after Easter baskets have been emptied. The church in the book of Acts gathered daily in homes to keep life centered in Jesus and led by the Holy Spirit. We meet less frequently and often less expectantly, and are more prone to lose sight of Jesus as our center.

But Ordinary Time ends in a far from "ordinary" way. Beginning with the Roman Catholic church and soon adopted by Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches in the 1920's, the last Sunday after Pentecost, the last Sunday of the church year was designated "Christ the King" Sunday. This year Christ the King Sunday is November 24th. On November 24th we proclaim Jesus Christ as King. Not for a day, not for a four-year term, but forever. And if Jesus is king forever, He is also king for the next four years, and king for today, regardless of any competing claims at any time.

I look forward to finishing the church year strong with you, keeping Jesus Christ the King as our center, and look forward to beginning another church year December 1st and the season of Advent.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink

### BY THE NUMBERS

10/27/24	36 + 38	74	11/3/24	39 + 67	106
Online Views		27	Online Views		12

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

Gen Fund 10/13/24	\$4,503.87	Gen Fund 11/3/24	\$6,905.05
Forward in Faith	\$968.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,415.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,853.68	Surplus/Deficit	-\$45.98

53/54th Week.....\$507.43

Unexpected Blessing.....\$500.00



#### **Pray for Alpine members:**

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Tim Beynon, Diane Billert, Donna Brenner, Cindy Bulthaus, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Heidi Lykken, John McCue, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

#### **Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:**

Sally Atkinson, Angela Boogard, Kim Braun, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Ali Younglove, the recent hurricane victims, and all those in the Ukraine & Israel-Gaza conflicts.

### All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Violet Peterson. Chuck & Lynn Valentine** send their thanks for the condolences and prayers after Chuck's brother's passing.

#### 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, resuming September 8<sup>th</sup>, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday, Everyone is invited to join us.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1<sup>st</sup> (in person) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 - meeting every Thursday.

**Pastoral Needs:** 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 on that day or when he is not in 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.**

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>** — Kathy Cordonnier; Mike & Marlene Bukowski; and Brad, Teresa, Ellina & Jenna Bastian.

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** — David & Marianne Hoel; Paul & Margurite Godlewski; and Nick, Katie, Trent & Shaun Elder.

## Sunday, November 17, 2024

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson

Ambassadors: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Becky Toro

Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Mike Schultz

Praise Singer: Becky Toro

## Sunday, November 24, 2024

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Jack Phillips (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy

Ambassadors: (8) Gwyn Brechtel (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Gwyn Brechtel (10) Lynn Valentine

Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale (10) Chuck Valentine

Praise Singers Chuck & Lynn Valentine:



On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, **All Saints Sunday**, we acknowledged all those saints who have gone before us in the past year. Those saints recognized were: **Jan Pauly, Chris Christiansen, Bill Billert, David Linde and Mary DeNale.**

The **Adult Forum** for November 17<sup>th</sup> will be led by Charmel Jacobs from **Rockford Rescue Mission**. A list of items that are of need is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. The most urgent needs are as follows: travel size shampoo & body wash, detergent, men's razors, men's antiperspirant, Individually wrapped fall candy, women's underwear (all sizes), and long sleeve t-shirts (all sizes). If you are able to assist, please bring them to the forum. We will not meet in December but details for January's forum will be coming soon. (Christian Ed)

Alpine is planning our traditional **Thanksgiving Meal** to follow our 11:15 AM Tuesday worship service the week of Thanksgiving. We are asking for donations of turkeys or monetary donations to purchase turkeys. We also need volunteers to cook turkeys, help serve the meal, and help with clean up. Additional items needed: pasta salads, Jello salads, and desserts. Please see Scott Dabson if you can help in any way, 815-494-3002.

**Alpine Ladies Luncheon - Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM**, all Alpine ladies are invited to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at Stockholm Inn for lunch and fellowship. We order off the menu and everyone is responsible for the cost of their meal. This is an informal group meeting for lunch and conversation - no structured program. Feel free to bring a friend! Any questions, contact Nancy Matthews 920-427-9563, or Anita Ramage 815-329-4723. Please contact Nancy to be added to the group text for reminders and reservations! We hope you will join us! Our next meeting will be **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Altar Guild is collecting orders for the **Christmas Poinsettias**. The cost will be \$15 per plant (red only). Order envelopes are on the kiosk in the narthex and will be collected until Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. (Laurel McVinnie)

**Please Note:** Daxon and Amelia Christy's birthdays were switched on the birthday list. November 14<sup>th</sup> is Daxon's birthday. We apologize for the mix-up.



Alpine will have a **Thanksgiving worship** service on **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM**. Outreach will host a Thanksgiving Feast in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 following the worship service. Come and give thanks to God for all of the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to attend as well.

We would like to have a meeting for the **ushers and ambassadors** to discuss procedures and changes. We will meet **Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM** in the conference room. If you are interested in becoming an usher/ambassador you are welcome as well.

On **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, the Worship & Music Committee would like to try a **"Give Thanks" Bread Exchange** as a part of the worship services. Bring a loaf of bread, place it on the table in the front of the sanctuary, it will be blessed during worship, and then take a different loaf of bread home with you. Please label the bread as to type, any allergens, gluten-free etc. Any bread that is not taken will be used for the Thanksgiving meal the following Tuesday. (Worship & Music)

Many thanks to everyone who either contributed to or volunteered for the **2024 Trunk or Treat**. We had many goblins and ghouls who attended and filled their bags with candy. A big thank you to those who provided trunks and treats! We had many who were able to decorate their trunks for all the kids to enjoy. We look forward to next year! (Scott Dabson)

This year, Altar Guild will put up the **Mitten Tree** early in hopes to donate all the items collected before Christmas. If you are out doing some early Christmas shopping keep donations of mittens, hats and scarves in mind. (Laurel McVinnie)



### **Join us for Children's Church!**

All kids are invited to join us during our 10 AM worship service. We will learn about the lessons from the worship service through crafts and a children's worship folder.

**Come and invite your friends!**



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The **Social Ministry Committee** has begun collecting for the **Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets**. All items need to be collected by Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Here is a list of items needed: instant mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, dry gravy packets or canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned fruit, and Jell-O. Additional non-perishable non-expired foods can be donated for the families. As always, money to purchase the foods can also be donated. Please make a notation for the baskets on your check. Food collection will continue in December for our Christmas baskets. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others.

Hurricanes Helene & Milton have brought life-threatening storm surge, flooding and winds, even wiping out whole towns in their paths. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is prepared to serve our neighbors impacted by both hurricanes. Please visit [elca.org](http://elca.org) to donate.



We continue to collect **2025 Stewardship Commitment** cards. You may mail them, drop them off to the office, or place them in the offering plate on Sunday. We appreciate your financial support of Alpine Lutheran and our ministries. As we collect your 2025 commitments we are better able to plan our budget for next year.

As a part of Outreach, a **new website** is being assembled with a more updated look. Our current app will no longer be live after the end of November. We hope to have most of the new website ready at the same time. Please look for more update coming soon! (Scott Dabson, Outreach/Operations Director)