



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:

Beyond Hallelujah!

"Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

This is the traditional greeting and response in Christian worship during the season of Easter, following an "Alleluia-less" Lent. "Alleluia!" means "praise the Lord." There are many times in which praising God is appropriate, but none more so than in acknowledgement and celebration of Jesus having been raised from death.

Upcoming Sundays include readings that describe Jesus appearing after his resurrection. We'll notice some unusual things about these appearances. Sometimes Jesus is immediately recognizable, sometimes he is not. He has been raised with the body that suffered before death, but he no longer suffers after his resurrection. His resurrected body is not constrained by time, space, and physics in the same way that yours and mine are. A common theme in these appearances is that Jesus wants to strengthen the faith of his followers so that they can carry his message and ministry forward after he departs (ascends) physically.

And he is successful in doing this. His eyewitnesses (apostles) become highly effective in spreading the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection once given the power of the Holy Spirit. And their message is consistent. The one who fulfilled Old Testament history and prophecies lived among them and taught, healed, cast out demons, and inaugurated God's kingdom rule on earth. His rejection by religious and civil authorities led to his suffering and death by crucifixion. And he was bodily raised on the third day after he died. This confers on Jesus the title "Lord of all." God's intention is that there will come a time when every knee will bow and acknowledge Jesus as Lord. We live today still awaiting that full acknowledgement, while carrying the apostles' message into our lives and relationships.

It didn't take long after Jesus died, was raised, and ascended before his followers began to suffer persecution, including death, for their faithfulness. The four Gospels and Acts do not say much about resurrection for Jesus' followers, but the New Testament letters say quite a bit. They anchor the resurrection of the faithful in Jesus' own resurrection. On Easter Sunday we heard a short passage from 1 Corinthians 15. I recommended Sunday, and I invite you now, to read the whole chapter. It's long and a bit dense, but it is the most thorough description of resurrection for Jesus' followers. I also told those present that I had listened to the last part of Handel's Messiah while preparing the Easter sermon. From the last chorus of part 2 (Hallelujah!) through all of part 3, the focus is on resurrection, much of it drawn from 1 Corinthians 15. Stirring words of promise set to some of the most inspired and inspiring music ever written. But I don't recommend that you listen to this while driving. The power that raised Jesus- and will raise us- is so moving that your driving is likely to be distracted. And while we look forward to resurrection, let's not be in a hurry to get there!

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

4/6/25	38 + 38	76	4/13/25	36 + 56	89	4/17/25	20 + 30	50	4/20/25	58 + 72	160
Online Views		12	Online Views		19	4/18/25	28 + 53	81	No online service		
4/9/25		29									

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,279.29

Gen Fund 4/6/25	\$6,389.00	Gen Fund 4/13/25	\$4,978.00	Gen Fund 4/20/25	\$11,253.50
Forward in Faith	\$2,160.00	Forward in Faith	\$765.00	Forward in Faith	\$3,022.50
Surplus/Deficit	+\$664.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,391.29	Surplus/Deficit	+\$8,909.71

Festival.....\$3,386.00

Unexpected Blessings.....\$67.00

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



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Nancy Lorenzen, 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, Carol Earnerst, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Danny Moorhouse, Michael Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Ali Younglove, the recent earthquake victims, and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

All in the Family

Birthdays thanks came in from **Mark Stohle, Becky Toro and Karl Okeson. Lori Fanello** sends her thanks for the beautiful altar flowers. We share our love and sympathies with the **Mark & Christine Stohle** and family. Carl Stohle died April 8th.

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.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month, between worship services (on hiatus until Fall)
- **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:** On hiatus until further notice.



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.**

May 4th — Aaron Ayen; Louise Dorris; Richard & Connie Dowling; and Paul & Margurite Godlewski

May 11th — Jessica Bakey, Amelia & Daxon Christy; and Nick, Kate, Trent & Shaun Elder.

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Ushers: (8) Andrea Tack, Volunteer (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassadors: (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) Rivera Family

Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) John Fridh

Lay Assistant: (8) Dave DeNale (10) John Fridh

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, May 11, 2025—Mother's Day

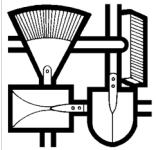
Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Jack Phillips (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson

Ambassadors: (8) Carla Phillips, Volunteer (10) Scott & Jody Dabson

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Violet Peterson

Lay Assistant: (8) Lori Fanello (10) Nancy Matthews

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



The **Property Committee** has planned a **Spring Clean-Up Day** for Saturday, May 3rd at 9 AM (weather permitting). Please bring your rakes and any yard waste bags you would like to donate. Any questions may be directed to Jack Phillips, property co-chair.

Alpine Serving Others: Alpine's In-Reach Committee has starting a new section in our bulletin board case in the narthex (over the Care & Concerns counter). It is called Alpine Serving Others. They would like to post pictures of members serving in our community outside of Alpine. Do you volunteer somewhere? Please contact a member of the In-Reach and they would be glad to meet you where you volunteer and take a photo to post on our board. (Richard Nelson/ Pam Hemenway)

The Christian Ed/Youth Comm. would like to know if we have enough interest in a **VBS program** this summer. In the past, we had kids from the school summer program who attended along with the children and grandchildren of members. If we don't have enough kids on our own, we may join with another local church. Please contact either Barb Milton, 815-298-0046, or the church office, 815-399-5013 if you are interested.

Our "**Snow Birds**" are making their return flights to the Midwest. If you receive your Summit via mail, please notify Lynn, in the office, when you have returned and she will put you back on the mailing list. We pray they all have a safe return!

A summer **Those Who Serve schedule** is being started. If you have dates during the summer that you know you will be on vacation, please let Lynn know in the office so she may try to adjust the schedule before it goes to print. Also, if you know of someone who is willing to join our volunteer schedule or are one yourself, please contact the office to be added. Our list of volunteers keep shrinking but our need for them does not. We welcome anyone to step in to a volunteer opening. (Lynn Valentine)



A **First Communion Class** is planned for **Sunday, May 4th**, between worship services. If your child or grandchild is a 2nd grader or above and is ready for instruction, please call or email the office so we can determine how many will be attending.

Rejoicing Spirits is a community ministry started in cooperation with Mosaic. It provides a time for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others to worship together. At Alpine, the Rejoicing Spirits service meets in person once a month on the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM. We are looking for one or more members to help on that night. We need someone to set up the snacks for after the service and someone to help with clean up after. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

Gensler Garden wants to help you with your Mother's Day gift. On Thursday, May 8th, they will hold **Rosecrance Flower Day**. Choose from all of their greenhouse flowers at both locations. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Rosecrance.

Rock Valley Master Chorale invites you to attend a concert to benefit SheVets. The chorale will present "Sounding Waters" on Sunday, May 4, 3 PM at Grace United Methodist Church on McFarland Rd. in Rockford.

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.

Would you like to give automatically from your bank account? We can schedule your withdrawal weekly, monthly or twice a month. Please see Lynn in the office for more details. (Lynn Valentine)

Do you already give electronically? We have envelopes for celebration Sundays, Lent, Advent, etc. for you. You may pick them up from the counter in the coat room. Thank you for supporting Alpine Lutheran. (Laurel McVinnie)



Join us for Children's Church! We are meeting during 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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Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.

Call Committee

Please check out the Call Process time-line that has been posted
on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We still hope and wait, and pray and dream for who is being led to us as our next called leader. Our committee meets regularly and are thinking about what questions we want and need to ask and to plan for our mock interview and the real one---whenever that might be. Pastor Jen Beamsley (Synod office) reported in our monthly Zoom meeting, that since Christmas, she is seeing more potential candidates submitting papers, stating they were open to a new call. She shared this as hopeful news. And yet she also spoke reassuringly that she depends on the Holy Spirit to guide and direct her process. She will not forward any to us without good information gathering and a Holy nudging. We are in the good space of having Pr. Don Wink as a faithful leader and pastor among us. So, we celebrate our present with continued hope and promise for the future. (Pam Lojewski)



Katie's Cup Choice Book Club: May book selection is "Wish You Well" by David Baldacci. "A moving story...the focus is on young people, and the message about love is heartening." - The Booklist The book will be discussed on Thursday, May 8th, 10 am, at the coffee bar in Katie's Cup. All are welcome to attend.