



**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)

Monday, May 2, 2022

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*From the Pastor:*

*Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong.  
For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither.  
Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.  
Take delight in the Lord, and God will give you your heart's desires.  
Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust God, and God will help you. (Ps 37:1-6)*

Why should I trust God? It sounds like a silly question. Most of us would automatically respond “Of course you should trust God. That’s what Christians do!” The reality though is a bit more complex. It is often hard to trust God. Life has taught us to rely only on ourselves. We tend to trust God in certain areas, but in other ways hold on to control of our lives. We do this because trusting God is scary and at times can feel costly. One of the biggest hurdles we have to trusting God is a myth that we must first be good and righteous before God will bless or provide for us. We must “earn God’s good graces” so to speak. Since deep down we know that we are not worthy it is hard to believe that God will come through when we need it most.

But over and over again we read in the Psalms that God does not hold back good or needful things from God’s people. God simply wants us to delight ourselves in God so that we can see that God does not hold out on us. God longs to bring good gifts into our lives. Sometimes we just need our hearts and minds to change perspective and open ourselves up to what God is offering us and not the earthly desire that is captivating us in the moment.

Pastor Dan’s Top 10 reasons to trust God and follow God’s desires for our life!

1. God knows us better than we know ourselves.
2. God is far better at making sense of our messy lives than we could ever be.
3. We waste tons of time worrying over things we cannot control anyways.
4. When I don’t trust God, I usually screw up and others get hurt in the process.
5. God loves us far more than we could ever love ourselves.
6. God will not let us down.
7. When I trust God, we allow his blessings strength and peace to become predominant in our lives.
8. When I trust God others benefit, not just me.
9. God is more faithful than I could ever imagine.
10. Even when it hurts, trusting in God is better than the alternative.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Maundy Thursday	24	Good Friday	77
4/17/22	58 + 91	4/24/22	28 + 42
4/17 Online views	149	4/10 Online views	14
	36		
Rejoicing Spirits Zoom 4/21/22.....38			
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,458.56			
Gen Fund 4/17/22	\$10,150.00	Gen Fund 4/24/22	\$2,536.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,303.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,203.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$7,790.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,349.56
Festival.....	\$2,556.00	Unexpected Blessings.....	\$100.00
		53/54.....	\$510.00



**Pray for Alpine members:**

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Jim Hill, Rich & Jan Hill, Dave Lillegaard, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, and Pat Turmo.

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

Sally Atkinson, Iris Blake, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Don Moorhouse, Sharon Mund, Dave & Carol Nelsen, Peggy O'Riley, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Pat Seratilla, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those in the Ukraine conflict.

**All in the Family**

Birthday thanks came in from **Richard Dowling, Glen McDonald** and **Karl Okeson**. God's blessings on **Phyllis Damken** who was baptized at Cherryvale Place on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Our love and sympathies go out to **Dave Nelsen** and the family of **Carol Nelsen**. Carol died after an extended illness on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Celebration of Life will be held at Olson Funeral Chapel May 7<sup>th</sup>. **Kathy Cordonnier** wishes to thank everyone for the Easter cards she received.

**Worship Schedule :**

**Sunday Worship:**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (in-person)  
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live (in-person and online)

**Children's Church** will be meeting the first through fourth Sundays of the month in May, monthly Grab & Go packets will also be available for pick-up

**Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday

**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.)

**Men's Bible Breakfast:** Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant, **7:00 AM**



**Pastor Dan's office hours:** Mondays 12:00-3:00; Tuesdays 9:00 – 3:00; Wednesdays 9:00 – 3:00; and Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00. He is also available at other times by appointment.



**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 8<sup>th</sup>** — Scott & Kathy Christiansen; Nick, Katie, Trent & Shawn Elder; Sylvia Emerson; and Paul & Marguerite Godlewski.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** — Mike, Alyssa Kreighbaum, Chase & Camden Valentine; Shawn & Judy Lee; Jeremy Logston; and Jerry & Linda McGhee.



**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**—Rejoicing Spirits in person, 6 PM  
**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**—Mother’s Day  
**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**—Walker Memorial Horse Race, Walker home, 1 PM  
**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**—Academy Board, 3:30 PM  
**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**—Academy Buffalo Wild Wings, 5:30 PM



### Sound Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to run the **sound board and slides** for our **8 AM** worship one to two times a month. We will train you on the equipment. If you are willing to help, please see either Scott Dabson or Lynn Valentine.



**Darold Walker Memorial Horse Race** is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, (**\*NOTE Calendar lists wrong date**) 1:00-4:00 PM. For years, Alpiners and friends have come together at Walker’s for a great time every fall. Now there is a spring race, too. **Where:** Sharon Walker’s home, 9838 Deerwood Trail, Belvidere **Menu:** Bring one of your favorites: Sloppy Joes( need 3 or 4), salads, desserts, & extras. A sign-up poster is in the church narthex.

#### From the SCRIP Desk:

Graduation season is upon us. Have you purchased a gift for your grad? SCRIP has cards to many local hot spots. Maybe they would like a card to buy new clothes or their supplies for college? Stop by the SCRIP desk and pick up an order form or see what cards we have in stock. If no one is at the desk, you can call Lynn in the church office.

#### KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

**Now is the time!** Have you been thinking of joining one of our volunteer teams and helping during worship? We would like to return to “normal” but without volunteers it is not possible. A meeting is planned for **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, between services, for **Those Who Serve**, current volunteers and anyone new who would like to join us. There are many areas that need more volunteers; ushers, lay assistants, greeters, or even altar guild behind the scenes.

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** has begun collecting scholarship applications through the end of May. Applications can be found on the counter in the coatroom or from Lynn in the office. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, **Sarah Flygare** filled in for Richard while he was away. She not only shared her musical talents with us but also shared about her travels to Ukraine with “**Music in World Cultures**”. She emphasized that even in war the Ukraine people are staying strong. If you are interested in making a contribution through this organization you can visit [miwc.org](http://miwc.org) and click on the “Send Support to Ukraine” button.

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:** Graduation time is fast approaching. As you make your plan to celebrate your graduation don’t forget to please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration by acknowledging you in the Summit. (Lynn Valentine)

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!

We’re entering our final month of the 2021-22 School year this week and excited to see the finish line. It’s been another interesting year for Alpine Academy. Our year started with ongoing Covid guidelines and restrictions and is finishing as we see those fade away. We’re looking forward to our end of year events and sending our students off to summer!

Over the next few weeks we will host several events. You are invited to join us at Buffalo Wild Wings on May 11<sup>th</sup> for another dinner fundraiser. You can go anytime that day and mention Alpine Academy and a portion of your bill will be donated to Alpine Academy. Meet us there around 5:30pm and prepare to cheer on our wing contest participants.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy Field Day with our students. Mr. Hodges, our Gym Teacher, has a fun morning of activities planned and we will end the morning with a hot dog lunch and special treat. We are looking for volunteers willing to help cover these activities that morning. If you would like to volunteer please let me know or call the school office to sign up to help out. I promise it’ll be a fun morning.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm we will recognize our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students who will be graduating from Alpine Academy this year. Our graduation will take place in the Sanctuary and you are welcome to join us to support these students from our Academy.

Please continue to pray for the students, staff and families as we complete the 2021-22 School year.

In Christ  
 Mr. Scott Dabson  
 Director  
 Alpine Academy



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



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 offer you on the Web!  
 alpinelutheran.com

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello  
 (10:00) Bob Peterson, Marge Rakoczy  
**Lector:** (8:00) Donna Seefeldt  
 (10:00) Martin Scott  
**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) David DeNale  
 (10:00) Nancy Matthews  
**Praise Singer:** Bob McVinnie

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske  
 (10:00) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson  
**Lector:** (8:00) Randy Teske  
 (10:00) Terry Hodges  
**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) Pam Lojewski  
 (10:00) Terry Hodges  
**Praise Singer:** Becky Toro



Children's Church will meet  
 the first four Sundays during the month of May.  
 The fifth Sunday of May is still undetermined.  
 All are welcome to join us!  
 We will also continue our Grab & Go bags  
 which are available in the memorial lounge.

**The Ukraine Crisis:** There are many ways to donate  
 to the efforts during the Ukraine Crisis. The ELCA is  
 collecting through Lutheran Disaster Response. Visit  
 ELCA.org and click on the European Crisis Response  
 banner. Lutheran World at lwr.org. Also, for the past  
 few Sunday's Pastor Dan has highlighted an area of  
 ministry that is happening during the Ukraine war. You  
 may contribute to those efforts by visiting International  
 Partnership, ipministry.org.