



**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 Dan:*

### **What is Holy Week?**

Holy Week is the week before Easter that bridges or connects our celebration of Lent (the time of preparing our hearts) with our celebration of Easter (the time of rejoicing in Christ’s victory on our behalf). It begins with Palm Sunday, continues through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Services. I am often asked, “What is the purpose of so many services?” “Do I really need to attend all of them?” “I am busy, can’t one service be enough?” “Between Spring Break, decorating, volleyball practices, cleaning my house, and all the other stuff going on life is busy. My schedule can’t really handle something else!”

I get that our lives are busy and stressful. Americans live with no margins for error or time for “additional stuff.” We are so busy juggling the proverbial balls/aspects of our lives that it feels overwhelming when the church adds to it by having three days of extra services.

But it is precisely because of the way that we live nowadays that we are in desperate need to follow Jesus during these both dark and crucial moments. This is after all the week we walk with Jesus during the most difficult time of his life. During Holy Week, we attempt in our own ways to experience some of the pain, heartache, and rejection that Jesus felt. We began this week celebrating the height of praise as Jesus entered Jerusalem. We accompany Jesus from that mountaintop experience to an emotional last meal and an intense time of prayer. This is the week when we stand witness to a tragic betrayal, devastating false accusations, and the horror of a mocking, torturous death.

We do this each and every year so that we can encounter Easter all over again. So that the wonder, majesty, and power of (Easter) hope and forgiveness can once again revitalize our faith, renew our spirits, and help us to further embrace the new life that Jesus has gifted us. Our observances of Lent and Holy week are - at its core - us making room in our hearts for Jesus. To ignore Holy Week is to minimize the power of the Easter resurrection to bring hope, faith, and change into our already overwhelming lives. Yes, we may need to sacrifice something else to find the time. But isn’t that what Easter is all about? Sacrifice something that is precious so that true and real life can be restored to God’s people!

**Palm Sunday, April 2nd 8 & 10 AM.  
Maundy Thursday Celebration, Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM  
Alpine Academy Easter Program April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Good Friday Service on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.  
Our Easter Sunday Celebration April 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00 & 10:00 AM.**

Easter is when we relive the victory of Jesus when he defeated death by rising from the dead. This is when worship begins with the shouts of the Redeemed: “Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed.” The achingly painful story comes to an amazing ending which truly never ends. This is also when we embrace the new life that Jesus won for us.

Please join us for any and all of these memorable services. All are welcome!

**BY THE NUMBERS**

3/19/23	36 + 33	69	3/26/23	39 + 42	81
Online Views		8	Online Views		9

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44

Gen Fund 3/19/23	\$5,558.00	Gen Fund 3/26/23	\$5,535.00
Forward in Faith	\$548.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,838.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,432.44	Surplus/Deficit	+\$730.56

Festival .....\$333.00    Unexpected Blessings .....\$5.00

\*Many of the beginning of the year financial totals include full year pledge amounts.



**Pray for Alpine members:**

Linda Becker, Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, Jeanne Tengren, Don Torgerson, and Pat Turmo.

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

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, and all those in the Ukraine conflict and Turkey earthquakes.



Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer.

**Worship Schedule :**

- **Sunday Worship:**  
8:00 AM Traditional Worship  
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** meets every Sunday during the 10 AM worship, monthly 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 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:** 7:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** 10 AM, Conference room



**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 on-going 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.**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** — Vince Bertolotto; Mary DeNale; Bryan Garrett; and Beverly Clayton.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** — Joseph & Judah Barron; Scott, Jody & Morgan Dabson; Lori Abbott; Kyle Davison; and Jim & Denice Burnett.

**Sunday, April 9, 2023—Easter Sunday**

**Ushers:** (8) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello (10) DiAnne Beynon, Volunteer

**Ambassadors:** (8) Jan Anderson, Janet Gentry (10) John Linde, David Linde

**Lector:** (8) Andrea Tack (10) Bob McVinnie

**Lay Assistant:** (8) Andrea Tack (10) Bob & Laurel McVinnie

**Praise Singer:** Jaime Doubek

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

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

**Ambassadors:** (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Volunteers

**Lector:** (8) Randy Teske (10) Lynn Valentine

**Lay Assistant:** (8) Glen McDonald (10) Chuck & Lynn Valentine

**Praise Singer:** Becky Toro



Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>—**Maundy Thursday**  
worship services at 11 AM &  
Academy Easter Program at 6 PM

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>—**Good Friday**, Tenebrae  
Cantata worship service at 7 PM

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>—**Easter Sunday**,  
worship services at 8 & 10  
with Breakfast served between services

John Linde is hosting 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 is in the narthex if you can help. All monies collected will go towards a fund to start a new kids' club which is in the works.

**From the SCRIP Desk:**

Our Scrip program is in need of your help. For the past couple of years (after Covid) our sales of cards have been steadily going down. This makes it hard to keep cards in stock and the shipping cost on small orders eats up all of the scrip credits to be applied and then some. Have you considered making an order of cards? Take a look at what we have in stock or what cards can be ordered. (Jody Dabson)

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

The C & E Choirs of Alpine invite you to a presentation of "God So Loved" by Pepper Choplin, a **Good Friday Cantata** with gradual darkening, Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We will have narration and music by both our choirs. Please plan to attend this beautiful musical presentation.

**Coming Soon!** Lynn, in the office, has been going through the call sheets from the 75th Anniversary Committee and updating the congregation's addresses, phone numbers and emails. As soon as everything is completed, she will be printing out a new "directory" and will make it available for you to take home.

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!



God's blessings on those who received **1st Communion** at the worship services on Palm Sunday. **Alexis Neumann** and **Brantley Raymond** both attended instruction about this holy sacrament prior to receiving their 1st Communion.

**Chipper's golf league** is getting ready for the upcoming 2023 golf season. They will be meeting on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM, at Stockholm Inn. Golf will begin the following Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM, at Sandy Hollow. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Valentine at 815-742-1335.

**Pastor Dan & Pastor Lucy Wynard (along with Travis & Daisy) want to invite everyone to come and celebrate our recent adoptions!** Please join us for an afternoon of stories, fun, food, and games. Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1-5 PM at GPS Faith Community 11189 Forest Hills Road, Machesney Park, Illinois. Drop in, celebrate with us, and share some updates. Anytime from 1-5 PM.

**Sunday Morning Coffee Hour**—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. Thank you.

**Are you making the most of your Thrivent account?** Each year you need to designate where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go.. This does not count the amount we received through the Action Team monies that are available for different fundraising projects. Please contact your Thrivent Financial agent for more information or see the flyers posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



We invite all children to come to our **Children's Church** during the 10:00 worship hour. Grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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**8:00 & 10:00 AM**



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



**Alpine Academy**  
of Rockford

Faith • Family • Future

We've been preparing for Easter at Alpine Academy and can't wait for our students to perform during our upcoming program. Our students have always done a fantastic job sharing the important stories of our faith and will do so again. We are also looking forward to our upcoming Easter Break in just over a week. We're looking forward to warmer weather and more opportunities to learn together outside.

We invite you to join us and bring your families this Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> for our Easter Program. Our program will take place in the gym. We will also broadcast the program live to YouTube that evening. This year's Easter Program will begin at 6:00pm, opening with our students who have participated in band this year. We also look forward to hearing from our students who have participated with the Chimes. Of course, we'll also hear our students sing and tell the story of Easter. We hope that you will be able to join us Thursday at 6:00pm in the gym. All are welcome!

Shortly our students and staff will be taking our Easter Break. What a great time to reflect with family, celebrate Jesus resurrection and refresh ourselves as we prepare for the final push of the 2022-23 School year. We are also already making preparations and enrolling for the 2023-24 School year, our 26<sup>th</sup> year at Alpine. We ask that you continue to share our school with friends, family at those you connect with in our community. Watch for Open House events and Facebook posts to share. Your help in getting information out about Alpine Academy is always needed and appreciated. This is our ministry at Alpine together.

Alpine Academy would like to wish you a very Happy Easter and thank you for continuing to be a part of our Alpine Family. We are blessed to have such a supportive congregation that encourages the success of our school, its students, staff and families.

In Christ,  
Scott Dabson  
Director  
Alpine Academy