



*From the Pastor's desk:*

**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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## A Holy Week

The word "holy" means "set apart." It does not mean "better than," "more Godly than," or even "preferred." It implies something different, uncommon, beyond the everyday. It also implies use, or usefulness.

We acknowledge and profess that God is holy. God is other than us, set apart from us, and yes, God **is** more Godly than us. God also comes to us in and as Jesus, who is also fully human. Very Godly, and very human.

Each Sunday we gather to worship God and to grow in faith, love, community, and service. We hear, usually, three Bible readings, one of which includes words from and about Jesus. And we are invited to God's table to share in a meal by, with, and of Jesus. We call this meal "Holy Communion." It is different from any other meal that we eat, alone or as a group. And just as we absorb the nutrients of anything we eat or drink, we leave God's table with Jesus present within and among us.

Once a year we set apart an entire week to remember and experience the events of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, Last Supper, Passion (suffering), Death, and Resurrection. It's a lot to take in, even stretched across a week. Alpine will observe and celebrate Holy Week by this schedule:

Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion, April 13th, 8 and 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20th, 8 and 10 a.m.

Woven among these worship gatherings will be, for many of us, gatherings with family and/or friends and other traditions. My hope and prayer for each of you is that as you experience this Holy Week you experience Jesus in a new, renewed, and renewing way. Hear the story fresh, and be open to God's work in your lives. We worship Jesus Christ as our Living Lord. Holy Week is the climax of His story, and of history.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Don Wink

### BY THE NUMBERS

3/19 Lent	33	3/26 Lent	33
3/23/25 34 + 35	69	3/30/25 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday One Service	69
3/23 Online views	16	3/30 Online views	18

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

Gen Fund 3/23/25	\$10,446.25	Gen Fund 3/30/25	\$1,986.01
Forward in Faith	\$1,375.00	Forward in Faith	\$750.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$4,826.96	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,173.28

Unexpected Blessings.....\$1,185.00      53/54 Weeks.....\$15.00      Festival.....\$455.00

\*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

Birthday thanks came in from **Bob & Bea Lundgren**.

**Who is missing?** Have you noticed that the person who sits in the pew behind you has been gone for a few weeks? It might be as simple as car trouble or something more. We want to keep connected to our Alpine Family. Drop a note in the offering plate and we will have someone check on them, let them know they are missed and an important

#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, between worship services (none in April).
- **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:** 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.**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** — Don Busekros; Ted, Tiffany & Ben Croisant; Harriett Brown; and Amanda & Morgan Dabson.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** — Jim & Jan Anderson; Tim & Dawn Babcock; Roger Bastian; and Christie Bried.

### Sunday, April 13, 2025—Palm Sunday

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Karl Okeson (10) DiAnne Beynon, Scott Dabson  
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson, Deb Okeson (10) Jody Dabson, Volunteer  
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) John Fridh  
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) John Fridh  
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

### Sunday, April 20, 2025-Easter Sunday

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson  
Ambassadors: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) Volunteers  
Lector: (8) Randy Teske (10) Allen Neumann  
Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Allen & Matt Neumann  
Praise Singer: Becky Toro



This year's Lenten theme is **Fruits of the Spirit, from Galatians 5:22-25**. Many have enjoyed the conversations on Wednesday evenings and Sunday sermons discussing a chosen Fruit of the Spirit. We will continue this series through Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship** will conclude on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will join together for a meal followed by our Lenten Worship with Holden Evening Prayer. This evening of is always an Alpine favorite. We thank everyone for volunteering to bring soup, bread and desserts and look forward to more Alpine fellowship in the future.



#### Holy Week

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>—**Palm Sunday**  
worship services at 8 & 10

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>—**Maundy Thursday**  
worship services at 11 AM & 7 PM

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>—**Good Friday, Tenebrae**  
worship services at 11 AM & 7 PM

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>—**Easter Sunday**  
Festive worship services at 8 & 10

**Palm Sunday Tradition:** We invite any Alpine member to join the Social Ministry Committee on **Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM**, at the **Rockford Rescue Mission** for a chapel service and to help serve a meal to the patrons following the service. Pr. Pam Lojewski will lead the service. Lunches must be assembled in a certified kitchen so we will donate money for the food. The lunches will be assembled by the mission. Monetary donations can be marked for Rockford Rescue Mission meal. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>**.

The **Adult Forum** will be taking a recess until the Fall. Our **Children's Church** will also recess starting May 25<sup>th</sup> through the summer. Summer Grab & Go bags will be available during this time. Christian Ed moved their meeting time and day to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, beginning just before 9 AM

**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.

**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)



"Why not go out on a limb? That's where the fruit is."  
-Will Rogers



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



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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:** Join us Thursday, April 10th at 10 AM, as we discuss the book "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. "Truly original and touching...A story of family, community, and optimism in spite of darkness." All are welcome to attend this free discussion.