



The Summit

Alpine Lutheran Church
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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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Merry Christmas
from the Staff at
Alpine Lutheran
Church

Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

Lynn Valentine

Richard Popp



Wednesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 3 PM

Wednesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7 PM

Sunday, December 28th—Lessons & Carols, Worship at 10 AM **ONLY**

Sunday, January 4th, 2026—Worship at 8 & 10 AM

BY THE NUMBERS

12/7/25 No in-person worship Online Views	60	12/14/25 Online Views	15 + 60 75 25
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,279.29			
Gen Fund 12/7/25	\$2,298.00	Gen Fund 12/14/25	\$4,575.00
Forward in Faith	\$420.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,180.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,921.29	Surplus/Deficit	-\$972.29
Festival.....\$140	53rd/54th.....\$1,620	New Beginnings.....\$1,435	



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Dionne Dundas, Rolly Greenland, Pam Hodges, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Brynn Ballard, Kim Braun, Daniel Hendrickson, Sandy Jackson, Darlene Johnson, Bill LeGault, Rosalind Lykken, Danny Moorhouse, Michael Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Ali Younglove, and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

All in the Family

Our love and sympathies go out to **Lisa Slothower & Brad Bastian** and family. Long time member, Roger Bastian died on December 3rd. A Memorial Service was held at Alpine on Saturday, December 20th at 11 AM. It will be posted on our YouTube channel with our worship services.



Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship & Children's Church/
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 various Sundays. Please watch your Summit for announcements of dates.
- **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



Pastoral Needs: Pastor Rachel will be off on Mondays and in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. She will also be available by appointment on Fridays. All other times, please contact the office, 815-399-5013.

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.**

Dec. 28th — Gyla Tomlinson; and Mike, Ashley, Ava Maxwell & Kamryn Spohr.

Jan. 4th — Kent & Barb Milton; Robert & Jaron Sproule; and Jennifer Sproule.

Sunday, December 28, 2025—One Service, 10 AM
Lessons & Carols

Ushers: Scott Dabson, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: Gwyn Brechtel, Jody Dabson
Lector: Randy Teske
Lay Assistant: David DeNale
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

*New Those Who Serve schedule will be ready soon!

Sunday, January 4, 2025

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Volunteers (10) DiAnne Beynon
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Dick Nelson
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Dick Nelson
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



Candlelight Christmas Eve services are at 3 & 7 PM. The earlier service will hopefully make it easier for families with younger children or those who don't drive at night to be able to attend this very special worship. Both service times will be our traditional candlelight service. Please share these times with your neighbors, family and friends to attend.

Christmas Eve Communion Assistants & Ushers needed: We need volunteers to assist with communion and to usher at the Christmas Eve worship service, at 3 & 7 PM. Please contact the office if you can serve. (Lynn Valentine)

We thank the **C & E Choir** along with our **Hand Bell Choir** and **Praise Band** for the presentation of the **Christmas Cantata "Images of Adoration"** by Pepper Choplin on Sunday, December 14th. We thank Richard Popp, our music director, for his musical direction. If you were unable to attend on the 14th, please check our YouTube channel for the recording of the streamed service.

Christmas Card Blizzard! The Alpine In-reach committee has made a list of Shut-ins and others who might enjoy Christmas greetings from their friends at Alpine. Use your extra cards to brighten some one's day. Need a few more cards to send? There are some available on the Cares & Concerns counter, along with the list. (In-reach Committee)

We have begun using a few songs from the hymnal "**All Creation Sings**" at both of our worship services. We have some copies available in memorial Lounge for your use. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact the office.



The Church Council of Alpine Lutheran has started a collection for a 2025 Christmas gift for our full-time staff; Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama, Lynn Valentine and Richard Popp. If you would like to contribute, all donations can be placed in the offering marked Staff Christmas or dropped off at the office. We will be collecting through the beginning of January. We thank them for all they do for Alpine all year long! (Scott Dabson, Council President)

* **On Sunday, January 11th**, we will be joined by Pastor Josh Ebner of the Northern IL Synod. We will have **ONE SERVICE** followed by a question and answer session led by Pastor Rachel and Pastor Ebner. We will be discussing the results of the vitality survey that was completed earlier this year. The information gathered will help us understand where we are and where God is calling us.

This year has proven a “whiter” start to winter than we have had in the past few years. If we received a significant snowfall before Sunday’s service, please check to see if we are still holding in-person worship. If we are not, there will be a post on our **Facebook page**, an **email** sent out to those on our email list, and a cancelation notice on **WIFR**’s cancelations list. We will always keep the safety of our member’s in our decision.

We thank the **Altar Guild** of Alpine, and special tall helpers, for the beautiful Christmas decorations that they have put up again this year. May they help you celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior.

As the **end of the year** approaches, Alpine has much to be thankful for. We especially thank you for your commitment to Alpine’s ministries both spiritually and financially. The end of the year is also the time to review your stewardship commitment to ensure you are current with your pledge. If you have any questions about where you are at with your giving, please call Lynn in the church office. We will be closing our books for 2025 December 31st. (Finance & Stewardship Committee)

2026 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts will be up soon. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

2026 Pledge Cards will be going out this week, if not sooner. We ask you to prayerfully consider your giving to Alpine and turn in your pledges by January 11th so that we may continue our current ministries and possibly start new ones. You may include them with your offering, drop them off to the office, or mail them directly to the church. As we collect your pledges, we are able to better plan our 2026 budget. We appreciate your continued support of Alpine. (Finance & Stewardship)

***The next Summit will be on Monday, January 12, 2026. Happy New Year!**



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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.

Children's Church



We will take a break from our Children's Church schedule for the holiday season. We will not meet from December 21st through January 4th. We will resume on Sunday, January 11th. Seasonal grab bags will continue to be available to take home.



The **Katie's Cup Book Club** takes a break in December! We'll re-convene on Thursday, January 8, 10 am, at the coffee bar, when we'll discuss "Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. We hope to see you then!

Ruthie's Kitchen & Closet Collection: Recently, a volunteer from Ruthie's Kitchen & Closet spoke at our Adult Forum. With a long history at Zion Lutheran, they serve the people of the Mid-town area. Donations of supplies and money are always welcome. We have a collection box in the front vestibule. Some of their needs are: new underwear; sweatpants and hoodies; socks, shoes and boots; soaps and deodorant; and other hygiene items.