



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:

Monday, April 26, 2026

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Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!!

I pray you all had a love filled Easter season! It was a beautiful three Holy Days here at Alpine and I am grateful to everyone that helped in any way. Thank you to Lynn for the extra work she put in this season, to the Altar Guild for changing the paraments and prepping the Sanctuary, the lay assistants, our custodian Jerry, and everyone else that made this Holy time go smoothly!

As I am reflecting after the Easter season, I find myself thinking about the women who went back to the tomb. The tomb....there is so much symbolism that the tomb represents. We all have a tomb that pulls us back. We all have grief, struggle, loss, pain, suffering, and times of sorrow that pull us back. Pull us away from the Good News of the resurrected Christ. Christ is not in the tomb anymore. Christ has risen from the grave. The tomb is empty. Mary and Mary went back because that is where Jesus was...but when they arrived they saw he was there no longer. They left the tomb. Only after they left did they meet Jesus on the road back. Jesus is with us in our times of pain and sorrow and suffering. But, like the women, we soon realize that Jesus does not stay there. Jesus invites us back on the path of faith and community. Jesus meets us on the road back. It is absolutely okay to visit the tomb. It is okay to sit and stay for a while. But Jesus calls us back to the road. Jesus calls us back to our communities. Jesus calls us back to declare the Good News of the empty tomb! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Peace to you all in this time of resurrection,
 Pastor Rachel

BY THE NUMBERS

3/22/26 One Service 88 Online Views 21

3/29/26 One Service 70	4/2/26 Maundy Thursday 22	4/5/26 One Service 105
Online Views 16	4/3/26 Good Friday 37	Online Views 27

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,680.60

Gen Fund 3/22/26 \$5,336.01	Gen Fund 3/29/26 \$1,256.44	Gen Fund 4/5/26 \$10,524.61
Forward in Faith \$1,460.00	Forward in Faith \$450.00	Forward in Faith \$1,095.00
Surplus/Deficit +\$2,284.04	Surplus/Deficit -\$6,553.16	Surplus/Deficit +\$4,935.01
Festival\$2,601	Unexpected Blessings.....\$3,843.63	53/54th weeks.....\$121



Pray for Alpine members:

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

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Brynn Ballard, Kim Braun, Blake Dummer, Daniel Hendrickson, Sandy Jackson, Darlene Johnson, Bill LeGault, Serenity Messenger, Danny Moorhouse, Michael Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Bob Schult, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Ali Younglove, and all those in the middle of various conflicts of war.

All in the Family

Birthdays thanks came in from **Bob & Bea Lundgren**. They would also like to give thanks for the flowers they received. **Betty Davis** expressed her thanks for the birthday greetings she received for her 97th birthday and for the continued gifts of flowers and special occasion cards. **Kathy Mund** sends her thanks for the continued prayers, cards and lovely flowers that she has received.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship & Children's Church/
YouTube-Facebook Live
***5th Sundays, One Service at 10 AM**
- **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 Thursday, 6:00 PM** This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Tuesdays, Stockholm Inn 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 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.**

Apr. 19th — Allen , Sarah, Matt & Alexis Neumann; Marge Rakoczy; and Gene & Donna Seefeldt

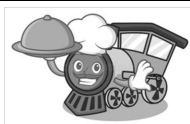
Apr. 26th — Dick & Joyce Veit; Barb Yahn; Keenan, Samantha & Elia Yahn; and Aaron Ayen

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassadors: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) DiAnne Beynon, Volunteer
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Becky Toro
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Scott Dabson
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Jack Phillips (10) Scott Dabson, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson, Karl Okeson (10) Jody Dabson
Lector: (8) Randy Teske (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Allen & Matt Neumann
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



On April 30th, our sister in Christ, **Kathy Mund**, will be going in for open heart surgery at Loyola – we're asking for help to form a **Meal Train** for one mid-day meal a day for **Glen McDonald** while she is recovering in the hospital and during rehabilitation. Doctors are saying two weeks, but it may be longer. Glen is a Diabetic – so diabetic friendly food would be great. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for all those who are able to provide a meal.

Alpine Serving Others: Alpine's In-Reach Committee continues the section on our bulletin board case 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)

*Recently, it has come to our attention that the Post Office is taking longer to deliver our **Summits**. We are aware of the situation and will be watching to see if this continues. An adjustment to our Summit schedule may have to occur if it does.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds that eligible members of Thrivent are offered to direct to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including Alpine. Choice Dollars designated during 2026 can be directed until March 31st. Members can direct Choice Dollars online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 800-847-4836.

2026 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts are up and ready for your dedications. 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)

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.



We welcome a new staff member, Jerry Keller! Jerry will be cleaning and helping to keep Alpine maintained during the week. He will be working part time in the mornings on the weekdays.

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. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service!



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 you all have a safe return!

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)

***The Council has voted to keep our outside doors locked during the week days. Please ring the RING doorbell on the righthand side of the door and someone will be with you as soon as possible.**

Alpine member, Greg Lee, is looking for **old baseball cards** for his grandson. If you are looking to declutter and make some money in doing so, please contact him by email, galbal71@msn.com or call him at 815-703-9286. He thanks you for your consideration in this idea.



Children's Church

Join us for Children's Church! The children leave the 10 AM service at the beginning of the worship service after the opening song to allow for 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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offer you on the Web!
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Our mission statement: Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.



Community Highlight: Lutheran World Relief

In the terrifying first 24 hours after an emergency strikes, there is no roadmap. Your neighbors rely on instinct, love and the desperate hope that someone, somewhere, is already on the way.

When the devastating floods struck Central Texas last year, frightened parents, vulnerable seniors and worried neighbors had nowhere to turn after the Guadalupe River rose with astonishing speed — overtaking roads, homes and camps before anyone could react. YOU were by your neighbors' sides by lunchtime with essential kits, comforting quilts and lifesaving cash grants.

We never know when a crisis will strike or how severe the damage will be. But when caring friends in faith, like you, share your blessings, we can respond quickly, like we did in Central Texas.

To make a donation, please visit <https://give.lwr.org>