



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)

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Monday, April 18, 2022

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From the Pastor:

Jesus Has Risen! He Has Risen Indeed Alleluia!

On Easter, we celebrate what is arguably the most important event in all human history: Jesus' resurrection. The story of the Bible is the story of Jesus. Jesus came to both reveal the true nature of who God is, but also to die on the cross, defeat death, and repair our relationship with God. This means Easter is not only pivotal to the story, it is the story. Everything in the Old Testament points us to Jesus, everything about Jesus' life points us to the cross, and the cross points us to the resurrection, the very thing we celebrate on Easter.

Here are several important truths about the events of that very first Easter.

There were many witnesses.

There were more than 500 witnesses who testified to the resurrection. In I Corinthians 15:3-6, Paul writes, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep."

The rolled away stone was significant.

The stone was around 2 tons and would have taken many strong men to move it. If the tomb had not been empty, claims of the resurrection could not have been maintained even for a short period of time, knowing that people in Jerusalem could have gone to the tomb to look for themselves.

The resurrection was prophesied.

Isaiah said that Jesus would be cut off from the living and then brought back to prolonged life (Isaiah 53:8-10). Psalm 16:10, Psalm 22, and Daniel 12:2-3 also reveal that the Messiah would be raised from the dead.

Women played a pivotal role in the Easter story.

There were three Marys who stood by Jesus' side during the Easter story. We see Mary of Bethany (anoints Jesus' feet before his betrayal) Then, there is Mary, Mother of Jesus. (She was there to witness his death and resurrection). Finally, we have Mary Magdalene (She is the first to deliver the news to Jesus' followers).

The bodily resurrection was significant.

Many people think that the resurrection of Jesus was only a spiritual resurrection, but it wasn't just spiritual. It was also a bodily resurrection. Paul emphasized the importance of this in I Corinthians 15. The bodily resurrection is the most important event in history, providing indisputable evidence that Jesus is who He claimed to be – the Son of God.

The Easter story is just the beginning.

The power that was used by God to raise up Jesus is the same power that is used in our lives. This power is on display in the new life that Jesus offers to us as we follow him.

BY THE NUMBERS

3/30/22 Wed		23	4/6 Wed		26
4/3/22	43 + 63	106	4/10/22	42 + 61	103
4/3 Online views		10	4/10 Online views		13
		Rejoicing Spirits 4/7/22.....			74
		Required total receipts weekly.....			\$7,458.56
Gen Fund 4/3/22	\$5,437.00		Gen Fund 4/10/22	\$14,595.25	
Forward in Faith	\$883.00		Forward in Faith	\$3,556.00	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$993.56		Surplus/Deficit	+\$11,222.69	
Festival.....	\$525.00		Unexpected Blessings.....	\$150.00	



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, 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, Cornielia 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 **Connie Dowling, Bob & Bea Lundgren,** and **Bill Billert.** Our condolences go out to **Carrie Hargrave** and family after the passing of son, John Hargrave. Many thanks from **Karl Okeson** for the calls and get well wishes after his knee surgery. **Gwyn Brechtel** sends her thanks for the cards and expressions of sympathy after her mother's passing. **Pam Hemenway** expressed her thanks for the altar flowers, cards and hugs following her mother, Audrey Content's death. **Jan Hill** send her thanks for the flowers, birthday cards and thoughts from all her friends.

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 and third Sundays of the month, monthly Grab & Go packets will also be available for pick-up

Academy Chapel: 2:15 PM every Tuesday

Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, via Zoom, 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.

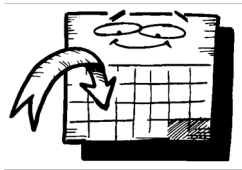


Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an on-going part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received 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 24th — Todd, Kristine, Kinsley & Kylie Cloyd; Joan Greeny, and Warren Burlend.

May 1st— Margo Grigalonas; Sue Peterson; Mike & Loretta Schultz; and Pete, Andrea Tack, Samantha & Alex Todd.



Monday, April 18th—Church office closed
Thursday, April 21st—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM
Sunday, April 24th—Confirmation Class, 4 PM
Tuesday, April 26th—Finance Committee, 6 PM
Thursday, April 28th—Church Council, 6 PM



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.



Mark your calendars for the **Darold Walker Memorial Race** event **Saturday, May 14th**. A sign-up poster is in the narthex. This will be a night of fun and fellowship for all! Time and additional information will be coming soon.

From the SCRIP Desk:

MOTHER'S DAY will be here in just a few weeks. Remember mom likes going out to restaurants, a little TLC from the Ulta store, and of course chocolates are always a hit. SCRIP can help you in all the mentioned areas. Stop by the SCRIP desk pick up an order form and browse all the different restaurants, Ulta gift cards, and chocolates from Fannie May.

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Many thanks to the **Alpine C & E Choir and Hand Bell Choir** for the moving presentation of "It Is Finished" on Good Friday at the Tenebrae worship. A special thanks to Martin Scott for his narration and to Richard Dowling for his direction and leadership.

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!

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)

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 Relief** is doubling all gifts received by April 25th up to \$422,000, 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.

God's blessings on four of our youth who received **1st Communion** at the worship services on Palm Sunday and Easter. **Elizabeth Kallstrom, Karter Lovitt, Kamden Lovitt and Daxon Christy** all received instruction about this holy sacrament prior to receiving their 1st Communion. Please see Pastor if you know of a child who is ready to begin their instruction.

Chipper's golf league is getting ready for the upcoming 2022 golf season. They will be meeting on Wednesday, April 27th at 12 PM, tentatively scheduled at Stockholm Inn. Golf will begin the Wednesday after the meeting at Sandy Hollow. If you have any questions or would like to join the league, please contact Chuck Valentine at 815-742-1335.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

This past week the Academy has been on Easter Break. Prior to leaving for their break students preformed and provided a fantastic Easter Program. We are all so proud of how well they did. If you'd like you can go to the Alpine Academy of Rockford YouTube page to watch the entire program.

This past Saturday we held our annual "Easter Egg Hunt and Open House." I'd like to thank everyone who donated eggs or candy, helped to fill eggs, shared the event on Facebook, passed out fliers, or helped the day of the event. This year we filled 23,000+ easter eggs for our Egg Hunt. We had set a lofty goal of 20,000 eggs thinking we could do it. Turns out we were correct, only that we did 3,000+ on top of it. Huge thanks to all the school and church egg fillers, it was fun filling eggs together.

Now the focus turns to finishing this school year while also preparing for our next, our 25th School at Alpine. We will need your help to make this successful. We'll be looking for staff and needing your help to share those openings, we'll be seeking those who can donate to Empower Illinois in order to be able to continue to serve many of the current students we currently do, we'll be looking for volunteers both during school days and during events we hold, and finally we'll continue to need your prayers that we are able to successfully complete this school year and do the work necessary to start of 25th strong.

In Christ
 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, April 24, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Tonya Bagwell, Jack Phillips
 (10:00) Mari Hanson, John Linde
Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips
 (10:00) Pr. Rick Meier
Lay Assistant: (8:00) David DeNale
 (10:00) Pr. Rick Meier
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski
 (10:00) Craig Shelton
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Pam Lojewski
 (10:00) Craig Shelton
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



Children's Church will meet
 every 1st and 3rd Sunday
 during the 10 AM worship service. We will also
 meet on Mother's Day, May 8th, in May.
 All are welcome to join us!
 We will also continue our Grab & Go bags
 which are available in the memorial lounge.