



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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Monday, January 23, 2023

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From Pastor Dan:

Takeaways from Alpine Lutheran's Worship Series

Advent and Christmas are times when we prepare, acknowledge, and receive the presence of Jesus into our lives. Listed below are the main truths that we encountered as a congregation on our Journey to Bethlehem.

Christmas Takeaways 2023

- The key for Jesus was to allow God's voice (and words) to guide and shape his life and worldview.
- God is speaking. Will we listen?
- God does not give up on us, no matter how much we give up on God.
- God (and all of heaven) rejoices when we turn back to God.

Advent Takeaways 2022

- Hope changes the way we wait and prepare. It changes our perspective on what is coming. We place our hope in God, not in what we ourselves can accomplish
- We get ready for Christ's coming to counteract the selfishness of this world.
- Advent helps us to wake up and focus on the coming blessing of Christmas
- Repentance is the process of discovering the messed-up parts of our lives and doing some house cleaning.
- God is concerned about the next life just as much as this one.
- Sometimes the miracle of Christmas is not that we get what we so desperately want, but that God uses our circumstances to give someone else what they so desperately need.
- Joy comes from trusting God
- Joy comes from realizing that God is with us, always. No matter where our lives are heading, we have a wonderful companion.

Fall 2022 Takeaways

- Do you see and understand that we are torn between two kingdoms? Which one will we choose to put down our roots in?
- What relationships do we consider as most beneficial for us?
- Whom we put our faith in determines how powerful it is (not how much we possess).
- Our faith is that God will take care of our needs. Our task is to live the life God created us to have.
- Our faith is prone to wander
- Expressing gratitude is an act of faith that results in us experiencing wholeness
- Paul regarded his life as wonderful because he spent it helping others encounter God.
- Zacchaeus is not a good person. Jesus sees him and restores him into a community – God's family.
- In response to Jesus' generosity, Zacchaeus makes a commitment to repentance and restoration.

BY THE NUMBERS

1/8/23	31 + 40	71	1/15/23	42 + 44	86
Online Views		13	Online Views		6

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,458.56

Gen Fund 1/8/23	\$4,222.00	Gen Fund 1/15/23	\$10,022.00
Forward in Faith	\$788.00	Forward in Faith	\$3,116.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,448.56	Surplus/Deficit	+\$5,684.44

Unexpected Blessings.....\$5.00	2023 Pledges given in 2022.....\$6,800.00
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Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Kay Lamphere, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, 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, David Rawls, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, and all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Donna Brenner** and **Nancy Lorenzen**. We share our love and sympathy with **Christie Bried** and her family. Rick passed away January 13th. **Jim Hill** stopped in to say thank you for all of the prayers and cards he has received after his surgery. He hopes to be back soon. Thanks came in from **Dave & John Linde** for the prayers, cards, and visits from Pastor Dan while Dave was in rehab. Pam Hodges wishes to thank everyone for the cards, well wishes, visits from Pastor Dan, and visits from others. "They all make the days go faster."

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 1st (in person) & 3rd (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.**

January 29th — Jeanne Tengren; Barb Yahn; and Carl Steele.

February 5th — Emily Christiansen; David & Marianne Hoel; and Dave Lillegaard.

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Jack Phillips (10) Mike Schultz, Craig Shelton

Ambassadors: (8) Karl & Deb Okeson (10) DiAnne Beynon, Amanda Dabson

Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Martin Scott

Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Martin Scott

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, February 5, 2023

ONE SERVICE at 10 AM

Ushers: Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund

Ambassador: David Linde, John Linde

Lector: Bob Fanello

Lay Assistant: Bob & Lori Fanello

Praise Singers: Bob McVinnie

Official Notice:

The congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church is hereby convened for its annual meeting to take place on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 11:30 AM. The meeting will include reports and election of members to the church council.

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.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Valentine's Day will be upon us soon. Have you purchased a gift for your Valentine? SCRIP has cards for dinner, movies, candles, and even candy. Stop by now, check out our stock, or put in an order. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

2023 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts are up. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year. (Altar Guild)

Attention All Earthly Angels of Alpine: I am extending my heartfelt thank you to everyone involved with the "Christmastime Miracles" cantata performance on December 18, 2022. Thanks to the choir, C & E singers, Bell Choir, cast, composer Connie Dowling, office personnel, children, school staff, sound techs, as well as the many people performing "acts of kindness" to help the "Miracles" cantata happen. It became a joke (pleasantly) that the "Christmastime Miracles" occurred when it all came together in its first time performance with only one full rehearsal! The miracle was witnessing everyone working together to make this "fresh off the press" cantata work! (still to be polished) You were amazing! God's love was truly all around us. This should be a reminder of why Alpine has withstood the test of time to celebrate its 80th Anniversary with many more years to come. So brush off your angel wings and continue to spread God's love through the many miracles happening all around Alpine Lutheran. God's blessings to each of you.—Richard Dowling, Music Director



There will be one service at 10 AM on Sunday, February 5th. The Those Who Serve schedule was written before knowing the date of the annual meeting. Please see an adjusted list above. The service will be followed by the meeting in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM. At the meeting, we will be having a light lunch provided by John Linde and crew, and the election for the 2022 Church Council as well as going over the financial information from 2022 and the 2023 budget.

2022 Giving Statements are available to pick up from the counter in the coat room. If you find any discrepancies please contact Lynn in the office. The statements will remain on the counter through the Annual Meeting and then any remaining will be mailed out. If you would prefer, they can be emailed out. Please let Lynn know.

The January issue of **Living Lutheran** is here and ready to be picked up and shared. In this month's lead article we learn about the oldest church in the ELCA located in the U. S. Virgin Islands. They were established less than 150 years after the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. It is a very interesting read.

The **Altar Guild** wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the **Mitten Tree**. They were able to donate a full bag of items to Rock House Kids. (Laurel McVinnie)

By now you should have received your save the date card for the **Academy Dinner and Family Feud Night, Saturday, March 4th**. This event was planned back before Covid and literally was cancelled the day of the event due to the state closing down. You can RSVP for this year's dinner beginning January 29th. Scott Dabson will also be available between services.



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



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Busy, busy, busy at Alpine Academy all the time. We're working on a lot at Alpine Academy this time of year and are very excited about all that is happening. We hope that you can join us for some of these events or that you will help us to share and invite others. Enrollment season is beginning and we're looking forward to meeting new families and inviting them to join our Alpine Family.

By now you should have received the save the date postcard in the mail for our Alpine Academy Dinner Auction. We are so looking forward to hosting this event this year. We all remember when we were prepared to host the event in 2020 and were shut down due to the pandemic. We are bringing the Alpine Family Feud back this year. I hope that all of you will be able to join us as we celebrate 25 years of education at Alpine. Mark your calendars for March 4th, 2023 and watch for the invitation and RSVP information for this years event. You can RSVP and register in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, January 29th.

We've also already begun preparing eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. As I announced in our last Summit we will host an Egg Hunt at both Alpine Academy Campuses. On April 1st we will host our Egg Hunt at our Main Campus (at Alpine) and then on April 2nd we will host another Egg Hunt at our Resurrection Campus. This event has continued to grow over the years. Last year have over 23,000 eggs filled and on the field here at Alpine. It takes many hands to fill eggs and we are looking for volunteers. With two Egg Hunts this year and many more eggs to fill we would love to have additional volunteers as we fill eggs. We have also begun to collect donations of candy and eggs. The candy is needed to fill all our eggs and we need additional as in order to meet our goal. We look forward to two successful Egg Hunt events this year.

Enrollment season is beginning and our first Open House event is on January 28th. We will host Open House times at both locations. First we will be at our Main Campus (Alpine) from 9:00a to 11:00a and then at our Resurrection Campus from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Please help us by sharing this Open House event with those you may know that are looking for a great place for their child to learn and grow.

In Christ,
 Scott Dabson
 Admissions Director
 Alpine Academy