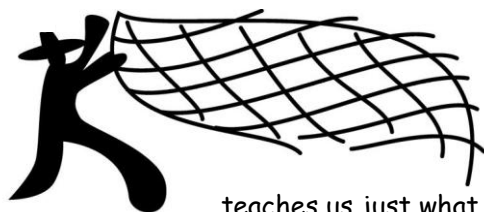


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to our time of worship! Today we begin our worship focus on the Gospel of Mark. Mark

teaches us just what it meant for Jesus to be God's chosen Messiah, and challenges us to follow Jesus by participating in the same Kingdom work.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

DJ Freeman

Welcome

Gayle Voth

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers.)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 62)

Leader: We must find rest in God only, because our hope comes from him!

People: Only God is our rock and our salvation

Leader: All you people: Trust in God at all times! Pour out your hearts before God!

People: God is our refuge!

All: Faithful love comes from you, O Lord.

Invocation

Instrumental Call to Worship

Jason Peters

Gather Us In ~Haugen, arr. Sensmeier

***Hymns of Praise**

What is This Place

HWB 1

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

HWB 229

Worship Music

Until All Are Fed ~McFarland & Brown

Chancel Choir

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* ~David

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Caleb Yoder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

(for children through grade 3)

Laura Voth

Scripture Reading

Mark 1

Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Focus verses: Mark 1:16-20

Message

"Following an Unlikely Messiah"

Pastor Caleb

Responding to the Gospel (Open Sharing)

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Lord's Supper	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i> <i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i> <i>He Comes to Us as One Unknown</i>	HWB 340 HWB 493 HWB 498
*Song of Sending	<i>I Come with Joy (v. 1-3)</i>	HWB 459
*Benediction		Pastor Lois
*Postlude	<i>Bread of Life ~Krehbiel</i>	Jason Peters
*All who are able are invited to stand.		
	HWB - <i>Hymnal A Worship Book</i> (Blue)	SWJ - <i>Sing With Joy</i> (Red)

TODAY

A Supervised Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are Laura Unrau and Chrystiana Miller.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Flute: Megan Duerksen

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ Pray for all who are returning to school after the holiday break.
- ❖ Pray for Dennis and Lavina Schroeder as he receives hospice care.
- ❖ Pray for leaders of the nations of our world – may they be compelled by God's wisdom and compassion in their decision making.
- ❖ From the Prayer Vine, Mennonite Mission Network – In March, a learning tour to Mississippi will lead participants through the Civil Rights movement and allow them to serve alongside the current Service Adventure unit and SOOPers in Jackson. Pray that alumni of Mission Network will further their own understanding and contribute to God's work through this opportunity.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 14

- 1:30 pm Prayer Team
- 2:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:45 pm Board of Mission and Service
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Tuesday, January 15

- 7:00 pm Children's Ministry Team

Wednesday, January 16

- 5:45 pm Fellowship Meal Served
- Menu: Spaghetti, garlic bread and dessert
- Midweek Activities

Thursday, January 17

- Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

Friday, January 18

- 9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, January 20

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- Message: Pastor Caleb Yoder

Nursery: Ann Hiebert and Liz Schmucker

COMING EVENTS

Jan 20 Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum's Annual Meeting
Jan 27 Annual Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we begin a worship focus that will take us through the Gospel of Mark. After the message, there will be an opportunity for focused sharing on how the preached Bible passage speaks into our lives.

For Today (1.13.19):

Questions to ponder as you listen to the scripture reading and message:

1. Putting yourself in the sandals of the four men, how would you respond to Jesus' invitation?
2. What choices as a disciple of Jesus have you made that have given joy and meaning to your life?
3. How does the good news of Jesus speak to the challenges of life?

For Next Sunday (1.20.19):

This week, we invite you to read through the second chapter of Mark reflectively. You may wish to re-read the first chapter with it. Come back to the story of the healing of the paralytic (v.1-12)

- Who might you be called to carry to Jesus? How do we include into meaningful community those who feel excluded/alienated in some way?
- Have you had an experience of disability or temporary disability? What has it taught you?
- How would you like to be empowered to walk forward with freedom?

If you would like a paper copy of the 2018 annual reports, sign up in either lobby today (January 13) or call the church office by Tuesday, January 15. Reports will be in your church mailbox Sunday, January 20, in preparation for our annual meeting on January 27. Annual reports will be emailed to all those who regularly receive bulletins and announcements via email.

Adult Midweek Bible Study continues this Wednesday at 5 or 7:45. We will go through the Gospel of Mark, concurrently to our worship series. Everyone is invited to take this opportunity to see what the Spirit says as we interpret scripture together!

On January 20 peace committee invites you to our next dessert potluck at 7:00 pm. Our speakers will have an environmental focus. Sarah Balzer, a junior at Bethel College, won the national C. Henry Smith Oration Contest. She will share her speech on how plastics create many environmental justice issues, and invite questions/discussion. Maynard Knepp will then share how

the MCC Center works with recycling, and their dreams for expanding it. Everyone is invited to attend -- bring your favorite dessert to share.

All older adults are invited to join us for Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be playing table games! Sign up in one of the lobbies by **Monday, January 14.**

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported us after the death of our mother, Verna Goering. Whether you called, emailed, sent a card or attended the visitation or funeral, you gave us comfort. Thank you so much!
~Chet and Jeanette Roberts

Our Purpose Statement

- ❖ Be present with one another across ages
- ❖ Be present in our community, sharing life with neighbors
- ❖ Be in prayer for our community and our church
- ❖ Be authentic in worship and witness

Sunday, January 6

Attendance: Sunday School	155
Worship	203
Offerings: Sunday School	\$29.64
First Fruits	\$5,855.29

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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If you would like a visit or a phone call from one of the pastors or deacons, please feel free to contact us.