

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

Volume LXV

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No. 15



Welcome to worship here at Alexanderwohl! This morning we find ourselves in a grove of olive trees at the foot of the Mount of Olives with Jesus. Some of his most intimate, difficult moments with God are recorded in this story. Here we read of the depth of Jesus' sacrificial love for us.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Renae Schmidt Peters
Song	<i>Jesus is Coming</i>	Women's Trio
Instrumental Call to Worship		Mary Schmidt
	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i> ~arr. Payne	
Procession of the Palms		Children
Welcome		Eric Schrag
Opportunities for Celebration and Service		
	(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers.)	

Call to Worship

Leader: We are in the Garden with Jesus, tired, afraid, wanting to trust, to follow faithfully, to be assured that He is the Messiah, the Savior.

All: *Lord Jesus, we have come to worship you and remember you in your passion. Send your Spirit upon us.*

Invocation

*Hymns of Praise and Reflection

<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	HWB 238
<i>Ride On, Ride On in Majesty</i>	HWB 239

Children's Story

Laura Voth

Scripture Reading

Psalm 31:9-16

Hymn of Response

Go to Dark Gethsemane

HWB 240

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Meditation on Wondrous Love* ~arr. Phillips

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lois Harder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:32-42

Message "In the Garden" Pastor Lois
Procession of the Cross/Song Jared Unrau
Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley Women's Trio
Responding to the Gospel (Open sharing)

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Morning Prayer Pastor Caleb Yoder
Sending Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This* HWB 530

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Were You There?* ~arr. Berry Mary Schmidt

*All who are able are invited to stand.

HWB - *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue) SWJ - *Sing With Joy* (Red)

TODAY

A Supervised Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are Tina and Levi Schrag.

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Women's Trio: Laura Unrau, Beth Yoder, Renae Peters

Scripture Readers: Denise Voth, Judy Goertzen, Marilyn Unruh
Flaming

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Greeters: North - Darla Banman; South - Kimberly Voth

5:00 pm Finger Food Potluck with Travis Duerksen

7:00 pm Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concert - Bethel College

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ Thanksgiving for the experience of prom for high school youth, and prayers for rest and recovery.
- ❖ Thanksgiving for the MCC Sale, for the many hours of work from many hands that went into it, and for the Spirit to give MCC wisdom in allowing these funds to bless people around the world.
- ❖ For those living with uncertainty about health concerns, embracing the gift of each day.
- ❖ For the leaders of our town, our state and our nation; may they be given compassion and wisdom.
- ❖ For all Christians who will be observing Holy Week; may God's Spirit move us all to deeper understanding and conviction of God's love.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 15

3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

5:30 pm Board of Deacons

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 19

9:00 am Senior Coffee

12:00 - 3:00 pm Faith Ex

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Message: Pastor Caleb Yoder

Nursery: Kent and Amy Sterk

Greeters: North - Alan & Sharon Boese; South - David & Aileen Esau

COMING EVENTS

Apr 24 Daughters of Grace Salad Supper

Apr 28 Noon Teacher Appreciation Meal

Apr 30 Goessel Blood Drive

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Today (4.14.19):

Based on the focus passage - Mark 14:32-42

- 1) Try to imagine how Jesus felt. Have you ever felt "distressed and agitated... deeply grieved even to death"?
- 2) Try to imagine how Peter, James, John and the other disciples felt as they repeatedly fell asleep.
- 3) How are you affected when you read that Jesus called God "Abba", a child's intimate address to a Father?

For Next Sunday (4.21.19):

This week we challenge you to finish reading the Gospel of Mark from wherever you are at. Chapters 14-16 cover the events of the second half of Holy Week. Our focus passage for Easter is Mark 16:1-8.

- Can you picture the Gospel of Mark originally ending at verse 8? If that's true, what is Mark trying to say?
- Do you feel like the women, who flee afraid?
- Where in your life and discipleship do you need a resurrection? What stops you from believing in it and embracing it?

Today -- Travis Duerksen will share more of what God is doing among Anabaptist churches in Southeast Asia **at 5 pm**. You are invited to hear Travis speak and bring finger foods to share, as a continuation of potlucks organized by the Peace Committee.

Everyone is invited to a Maundy Thursday service on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a simple meal of soup, bread and fruit, receive communion with a simple table liturgy. Then we will move to the sanctuary and continue with readings from the Gospel of Mark and songs to remember the journey of Jesus through his time in the garden, arrest, trial, and death. Join us for this time of fellowship and remembering. Sign up in

one of the lobbies by Monday, April 15. Child care will be provided for infants through 2nd grade -- sign up in the south lobby.

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, April 7

Attendance:	Sunday School	124
	Worship	179
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$36.21
	First Fruits	\$5,339.25

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.

The Chancel Choir will be singing "Cornerstone" by Kirchner on Easter Sunday. Rehearsal will be April 17 from 7:00-7:45 p.m. in the choir loft. Anyone is welcome to sing in the choir!

The Daughters of Grace Salad Supper will be Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Ladies, join us as we listen to Woven 4 share stories of faith that have molded their lives, partake in an array of salads and sandwiches, and enjoy delightful fellowship. Bring a salad or sandwiches to share (and a friend or two if you'd like)! Sign up in either lobby by April 14. Hope to see you there!

Senior Coffee will be Friday, April 19, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Lois will lead us in a Good Friday service. Invite your friends. Sign up in either lobby by Monday, April 15.

Easter lily plants may be shared on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one. These plants will be part of the Easter display in the sanctuary on April 21. Please call or email the church office by Tuesday, April 16, with the name of the loved one that you are remembering. Plants should be brought to the church during office hours (8:30 - 4:30 Mon - Fri) or by 9:00 am on Easter Sunday.

The Board of Christian Ed invites teachers and their families who have taught any Christian Education classes this year to a teacher appreciation meal on Sunday, April 28. If you have taught in any capacity this year, whether for Sunday School, midweek, or anywhere in between, you are invited to this meal. Invitations were put into mailboxes last Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet in the south lobby by Sunday, April 21st.

Adult Faith Ex: Would you like to reexplore the foundations of your Christian faith from an Anabaptist perspective? Pastor Caleb would like to form a group of 6-10 individuals to meet regularly using the Faith Exploration curriculum we use with our youth, but from the life experience you bring as adults. This is one of the ideas that was generated at our Growth in Leadership retreat last month. Contact Pastor Caleb. We will work out time and location based on preferences of the group.

VBS will be **ROARING** in June 3-7, 2019, and registration is now open for the "**MANE**" event of the summer! Families, please register online at alexanderwohl.org, or pick up a paper copy at the Goessel Elementary School or here at the church. Paper forms may be returned to the school or to the church office. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for an adventurous week as we learn together that *God is Good!*