

Welcome to all who join in worship in a variety of ways with our faith community at Alexanderwohl! After spending the past couple of months with the book of Revelation we come to the final vision of what it looks like when heaven and earth are fully joined. Hallelujah! May we find ways to live faithfully in a broken world with a passion for working to reconcile earth and heaven.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Marcia Brubaker

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation (lighting of the peace lamp) (from Rev. 21:3, 6; 22:20)

Leader: God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.

People: We will be God's people and God himself will be with us and be our God!

Leader: Christ says, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

Hymn of Praise (instrumental)

O Power of Love

HWB 593

O Power of love, all else transcending,
in Jesus present evermore,
I worship thee, in homage bending,
thy name to honor and adore.
Yea, let my soul, in deep devotion,
bathe in love's mighty, boundless ocean.

Thou art my rest; no earthly treasure
can satisfy my yearning heart,
and naught can give to me the pleasure
I find in thee, my chosen part.
Thy love, so tender so possessing,
is joy to me and ev'ry blessing.

To thee my heart and life be given;
thou art in truth my highest good.
For me thy sacred side was riven,
for me was shed thy precious blood.
O thou who art the world's salvation,
be thine my love and adoration.

Children's Story

Laura Voth

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Congregational song (instrumental) *We dream of a turning* *Voices Together* Sampler #10

We dream of a turning from ages of wrong,
Earth to Eden restored, and our pardon.
Like Eve and Adam, joined in a story and song
As we wander with God through the garden.

We dream of a feast where there's no one outside,
Turned away due to difference or label,
When all the weapons forged to destroy or to divide /
Turn to rust far from God's holy table.

*Where true peace is shining as hate rolls away,
See, God's bright new creation is gleaming.
The morning rays that dawn on our weary, waking
day / Bring a hope far beyond all our dreaming.*

We dream of a mountain where no harm is done
Where the wolf and the lamb lie together.
A little child shall dance, leading all the creatures
on, / As we join hand to hoof, claw, and feather!

Worship Music (recording)

Eric and Julianna Schrag

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-27; 22:1-5

Matthew Voth

Message

"Heaven and Earth Joined"

Pastor Caleb Yoder

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Response

New earth, heavens new

HWB 299

New earth, heavens new,
Spirit of God moving;
new seed, creatures new,
Spirit of life moving;
new man, woman new,
image of God moving.

New love, mercies new,
Spirit of God moving;
new strength, hopefulness new,
Spirit of life moving;
new hearts, spirits new,
image of God moving.

New minds, wisdom new,
Spirit of God moving;
new law, covenant new,
Spirit of life moving;
new name, nature new,
image of God moving.

Refrain: *Sing a new song to the One who has said, "Behold, I make all things new."*

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

***Prayer of dedication**

Pastor Caleb

Benediction

Pastor Caleb

Postlude

Marcia Brubaker

Sending Song (outside)

Shall we gather at the river

HWB 615

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down.
Grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Special thanks to Marcia Brubaker, Eric and Julianna Schrag, Matt Voth, Laura Voth, Brendon Nafziger and ushers, Tina Schrag (visual arts), the AMC Covid Task Force, Myron Goertzen, Steve Goertzen, and Delton Voth.

Questions for Reflection – Revelation 21:1-10, 22-27; 22:1-5 (broader section chapters 21-22)

1. Do you agree that the goal of God's work is for heaven and earth to be joined or would you say it a different way?
2. What captivates your imagination the most in Revelation 21-22? How can you engage your own imagination about life in God's kingdom?

Next Sunday we begin one of two Sundays with an emphasis on joining God's mission! We will be joined by guest speaker Eric Frey Martin of the Mennonite Mission Network who will join remotely.

Praying for our congregation and beyond

- ❖ We give thanks for student athletes in the sports of volleyball, cross country and football, who have completed their fall seasons and have been able to engage in these activities in spite of the pandemic.
- ❖ We celebrate with Nicki Bartel and Kevin Nolasco who were married on October 30 in Thornton, CO, and Roger and Fern Bartel as they welcome Kevin into their family.
- ❖ We celebrate with Bryant and Chrystiana Miller as they welcome little Nolan Paul Miller into their hearts. Nolan was born Tuesday morning, weighing 7 lbs 10 oz. Big brother is Emmett and grandparents are Delton and Janice Voth.
- ❖ We continue to pray for folks connected to area long-term care facilities responding to the stressors of testing, restrictions for residents, and positive cases.
- ❖ We pray for those working in hospitals experiencing an increase in COVID patients.
- ❖ We pray for peace in our country following a tense election, and for God to work through peacebuilding efforts.

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If you would appreciate a porch visit or phone call from one of the pastors or deacons, please feel free to contact us!

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, November 8	10:00 am	Worship service in the sanctuary
Monday, November 9	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
	4:30 pm	Covid Task Force
	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, November 11	6:45 pm	Faith formation for ages 3 through grade 12
Sunday, November 15	10:00 am	Worship service
	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal
Monday, November 16	7:30 pm	Board of Worship
Wednesday, November 18	6:45 pm	Faith formation for ages 3 through grade 12 (final session)
November 20 & 21		MCC Meat Canning, N. Newton
Monday, November 23	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
Tuesday, November 24	7:30 pm	Board of Deacons Zoom meeting
Thursday, November 26	10:00 am	Service of Thanksgiving and Lament

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Goessel Community Drive-Through Thanksgiving Meal - COVID can't stop our good work! The *meal will be catered this year by Keith Banman*. Drive-through will be from **5:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15 at the Goessel Elementary School**. The meal is free; donations are welcome to help Goessel Ministerial Alliance (GMA) provide assistance for community families and the schools. Please help Keith to plan by sending an **RSVP by Monday, November 9** to tinyurl.com/Goessel-T-giving-2020

Meat Canning at the MCC Center in North Newton: Our church is responsible for providing 8 workers from 3 - 6 p.m. on Friday, November 20 and 6 workers from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November

21. Please sign up in the north lobby or call the church office to volunteer. Each work slot must be filled to can the meat. If your schedule allows, your help both days would be appreciated.

We need help, both men and women, especially strong younger men able to carry tubs of meat to the canner. This year, protective precautions will include a sign in and temperature check upon arrival. Masks must be worn in the building. You're welcome to bring refreshments. Drinks will be provided.

Christmas Giving Tree

Jesus' love was the greatest gift that God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to do just that. This tree endeavors to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for those families in need. We invite all parents who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application listing their children by name, age, and some gift suggestions with sizes, if clothing is listed. Besides parents, other people that are aware of needs for children should also fill out the application form.

Applications will be available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the Goessel City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank. All applications will need to be turned in by **Friday, November 20** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Citizens State Bank. Each child's name turned in will get 2 tags on the tree with their age, sex and gift description. The names of the children will not be on the tag.

The tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank on **Monday, November 23**. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Bank by **Monday, December 14**. The gifts should be wrapped and the bank personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

Current and upcoming devotionals (*Upper Room & Rejoice!*) are available in the NE entryway for purchase.

The 2020 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, October 25 beginning and ending at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Twenty-four participants endured an afternoon with near freezing temperatures and completed a route between 2 and 6 miles. Nearly \$4,000 was raised for this event and will be dispersed to MCC's COVID-19 relief efforts and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this annual community event – by walking, donating money or non-perishable items, and praying for us! ~Kevin & Yvette Nickel, area coordinators

Thank you for the many cards and best wishes that Louise Schmidt received for her birthday. She enjoyed reading each one! Thank you again for making this a special day. Louise is doing well. ~The Louise Schmidt family

Alexanderwohl Sunday School Kids – You guys are awesome! Thank you so much for donating your Sunday School offerings to camp, we really appreciate it. As a member of the Camp Mennoscah Board, I want you to know how much we missed having you out at camp this past summer. We are praying that campers will be back next year. Blessings and Peace, Joan Entz and the Board

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for WDC pastor peer groups as they meet virtually or in person to offer support and encouragement to one another in their ministry.

Mennonite Mission Network

Janie and Neal Blough have retired in France after 45 years of ministry there through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they continue to serve by teaching and providing worship resources to congregations throughout Europe and beyond.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

Camp Mennoscah is a year-round campground! Ask about winterized facilities or conquer the prairie wilds in a tent. It's a whole new world in the winter--and available for you! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation.

Western District Conference

Giving Tuesday is December 1 – Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative! Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. You may make an online contribution **HERE** or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

Did you miss the WDC webinar "Connect: Faith Formation in Challenging Times"? You can watch a recording of the web and/or read through a list of the faith formation in the digital age resources that were referred to during the webinar at: <https://mennowdc.org/christian-nurture/>.

Bethel College

The KIPCOR Film Series at Bethel College continues with *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code*, a multiple-award-winning documentary that focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how minorities and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of our nation's disaster preparedness, and forges a link between extreme weather, extreme disparity (income and other) and extreme racism. **Note that watching the film and participating in the talk-back are two distinct, separate events. You must view the film between Nov. 8 and Nov. 14**, using this link and password: <https://vimeo.com/bullfrogfilms/kipcor-cooked>; password: KC30p0 (KC3-zero-p-zero). Then on **Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m.**, KIPCOR will host a **virtual discussion of the film with Christy Miller Hesed**, Hesston, a postdoctoral associate in environmental anthropology at the University of Maryland (Christy and her family attend Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton). To **register for the talk-back**, go to kipcor.org, click on the event, and scroll down to the registration link. The Zoom link will be sent Nov. 13; **advance registration is required for the talk-back**.

Now on display in the Regier Art Gallery, Luyken Fine Arts Center, at Bethel College: "Noir + More," recent work by Denise Brueggeman. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. *Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.*

Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is looking for Newton-area bakers to help support the college by supplying baked goods for this year's "5 Places of Christmas" on Dec. 5. Follow this link for sign-up options: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABAFA2EA4FDCF8-baked>

Everence to hold Medicare webinar: Nov. 16

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Monday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

**Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.*

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Mennonite Church USA

Giving Tuesday is coming up on December 1. Your contribution to Mission Network will help us Be the Gospel through our valued partnerships, ministries, and resources. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Donate to give on or before December 1.