



Welcome to Alexanderwohl! Scripture gives many names and images for God, who we know as Father, Son, and Spirit. This week we explore the scriptural names and images for the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to us as an Advocate and Encourager. The Spirit of God has been active from the beginning of creation. Let these names and word-images open our awareness of what God is doing.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Andante and Allegro* ~Ropartz Jacob Schrag, trumpet

Welcome and Opportunities for Celebration and Service Pastor Caleb Yoder

Call to Worship

All: We praise you, Spirit of creation, Wind who swept over the face of the waters. Gen. 1:2

Leader: We worship you, Spirit of Wisdom and understanding, Isaiah 11:2
who teaches the fear of the Lord.

People: We receive you, Breath of God, as Jesus breathed you on the disciples. John 20:22

Leader: Our hearts cry "Abba, Father!" through You, Spirit of adoption. Gal 4:6

People: We pray through You, our Intercessor with sighs too deep for words Rom 8:26

Leader: Fill us with your words like Fire, as you filled the disciples at Pentecost. Acts 2:3-4

All: We want to know You, Spirit of Truth, John 14:16-17
our Advocate who abides in us and is in us.

Peace Prayer+ Susan Voth

Song of Invocation *Spirit of the Living God* VT 740

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Dedication of new hymnals

Gathering Song *Joys are Flowing like a River* VT 375

1 Joys are flowing like a river
since the Comforter has come,
who abides with us forever,
makes the trusting heart a home.

2 Like the rain that falls from heaven,
like the sunlight from the sky,
so the Holy Ghost is given,
coming on us from on high. [Refrain]

Refrain:
Blessed quietness, holy quietness
what assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me
how the billows cease to roll!

3 See, a fruitful field is growing,
blessed fruit of righteousness,
and the streams of life are flowing
in the lonely wilderness. [Refrain]

4 What a wonderful salvation,
where we always see God's face!
What a perfect habitation,
what a quiet resting place! [Refrain]

Children's Story Aileen Esau

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois Harder
Worship Music *At the River* ~arr. Copland Logan Sterk, tenor
Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving
*Prayer of dedication Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading John 14:15-27 Chrystiana Miller
Message "Another Advocate" Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Response *Come, Gracious Spirit* VT 371
Come, gracious Spirit, Lead us to Christ, the living Way, Lead us to heav'n,
heav'nly Dove, nor let us from that we may share
with light and comfort his pastures stray. fullness of joy forever there.
from above. Lead us to holiness, the road Lead us to our eternal rest,
Come, be our guardian that we must take to be with God forever bless'd,
and our guide; to dwell with God, to be with God forever bless'd.
o'er every thought that we must take
and step preside (repeat) to dwell with God,

Sending for Pastor Caleb's Sabbatical

Benediction Pastor Caleb

Song of Sending *Move in Our Midst* (v. 1, 4) VT 827
Move in our midst, thou Spirit of God. Kindle our hearts to burn with thy flame.
Go with us down from thy holy hill. Raise up thy banners high in this hour.
Walk with us through the storm and the calm. Stir us to build new worlds in thy name.
Spirit of God, go thou with us still. Spirit of God, O send us thy pow'r!

Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ~Fleischer Karen Unruh

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Amy Sterk

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Delton Voth, Caiden Duerksen

+ 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.

Questions for Reflection – John 14:15-27

1. What names and images of the Spirit are new to you? Is there a difference between a relationship with Christ and a relationship with the Spirit?
2. Do you experience the Spirit coming "alongside" you? What practices or daily habits might you try to discover that truth?

Next Sunday we will dedicate young children and their parents to loving care and upbringing in Christian faith. Pastor Lois will give the meditation.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for the family of Darrel Voth who died on April 21. A graveside service was held for him yesterday at the Greenwood Cemetery in Newton. Darrel was a nephew of Irvin Voth and a first cousin to Lloyd Voth.

- ❖ We offer prayers of thanksgiving as well as petition for further healing for Janice (Funk) Voth who will have an outpatient procedure on Wednesday, May 5. Hopefully this procedure will conclude the process begun with the original breast cancer diagnosis this past November.
- ❖ We are grateful for the healing and recuperation that Darlene Schmidt has had at Bethesda after she fractured her hip. She was able to move back to her apartment this past Thursday. We pray for her ongoing healing.
- ❖ We pray for Lois Janzen as she recovers from a slight stroke on Wednesday morning. We praise God that the stroke was discovered early and treatment was offered quickly. We ask for God's continued healing for Lois.
- ❖ We thank God that five years ago, on May 3, Pete Flaming had a successful heart transplant! May God continue to bless Pete and Marilyn with good health and well being.
- ❖ We thank God for Pastor Caleb, for the many gifts he brings to our congregation! We ask for God's blessing on him, Beth, Austin and Josiah during the coming weeks of sabbatical; may Caleb be renewed and inspired for his ministry here.
- ❖ We pray for energy for Pastor Lois, the deacons, and other congregational leaders involved in ministries in our congregation during Pastor Caleb's sabbatical. We pray for the Spirit to guide and sustain them in this work.

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, May 2	10:30 am	Worship Service in the sanctuary and via Zoom
Monday, May 3		Pastor Caleb's sabbatical begins – through July
	4:30 pm	COVID taskforce
	6:30 pm	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday, May 5	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Sunday, May 9	10:30 am	Worship service in sanctuary and via Zoom
		Mother's Day and Parent/Child dedications
Monday, May 10	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Monday, May 24	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
	7:00 pm	VBS Staff Meeting
Wednesday, May 25	6:30 pm	Children's Ministry Team – Fellowship Hall
June 7-11	9:00 – 12:00	Vacation Bible School – Rocky Railway

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation is soon approaching! Please share with us the name of your graduate, the grade or institution they're graduating from and the degree they're graduating with as well as the date of graduation. We'd like to acknowledge these accomplishments and celebrate together!

The church nursery will be staffed by two adult volunteers beginning May 9.

As Pastor Caleb goes on sabbatical in the coming weeks, Pastor Lois will continue to preach once a month. Other preachers will be:

- **May 9** -- Parent/Child dedication – Evan and Maryanne Esau, dedicating Cameron; Garrett and Brittan Hiebert, dedicating Elliot; Weston and Courtney Hiebert, dedicating Wyatt; Bryant and Chrystiana Miller, dedicating Nolan; Kyle and Justine Unruh, dedicating Myles. Pastor Lois will preach.
- **May 16** – Matthew Lehman Wiens will preach. Matt is the Director of Fund Development at Bethesda Home. This will also be graduate recognition day.
- **May 23** – We will welcome back Pastor Peter Emery who will bring us the Pentecost message.

- **May 30** – Memorial Day service – Pastor Lois will preach and a brief memorial service in the Alexanderwohl Cemetery will follow the worship service. This will be in place of the traditional Monday service in the cemetery.
- **June 6** – Nathan Stucky serves as Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary. He grew up on a farm in Kansas where his love for Christian faith and agriculture first took root. After earning a BA in Music from Bethel College (KS), Stucky spent six years doing ecumenical youth ministry on the eastern shore of Maryland, and two years farming back in Kansas. After farming, Stucky earned an MDiv and a PhD (Practical Theology, Christian Education and Formation) from Princeton Theological Seminary. His scholarship explores the integration of theological education and agrarianism, and he sees the Farminary as a locus for enacting that integration. Ordained in the Mennonite Church (USA), Stucky engages Farminary work as integral to his calling to teaching ministry. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey, with his wife and three children. (taken from the PTS website.) Nate will come to us via a recorded message; sadly, he is not planning to travel in-person to Kansas this summer.
- **June 13** – Children’s Day! A worship service outdoors (hopefully) following a week of VBS.
- **June 20** – Pastor Lois will preach.
- **June 27** – Sara Dick will preach. Sara is the general manager of the EtCetera Shop in Newton.
- Stay tuned for the **July** schedule!

Save the dates! June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14 and 21. These are the dates of your Board of Mission and Service and Peace Committee’s **book study for summer 2021**. These groups are encouraging further study and conversation around the topics of **care for the earth, racial and wealth inequity and the connections between them**. Specific resources are still being discerned, but rest assured, they will be substantive and thought-provoking! Bring your lawn chair, water bottle and discipleship convictions as we continue to learn together how to follow Jesus more faithfully.

As with many things this last year, camp for our 7th and 8th graders will look different as well. After cancelling camp last year, we are excited to be able to gather in a new way this year! Here is our plan: three “day camps” from 3:00 PM-9:00 PM on May 29, June 26, and July 31. Each month, we will be hosted by a different Goessel area church: May 29 (Tabor Mennonite), June 26 (Goessel Mennonite), and **July 31 (Alexanderwohl Mennonite)**. Be looking for more details via email the week leading up to the event! Our goal is to provide a camp experience for our junior high youth. And even though we aren’t going to camp this year, we are excited to be able to bring camp to our community! See the attached brochure for more information!

The link to register is <https://forms.gle/589UmVHBp14T3MNRA>

If you have any questions, please contact one of us!

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All aboard for VBS! It’s time to register your children for **ROCKY RAILWAY VBS, taking place June 7-11, 2021, 9 a.m. - noon**, daily at Alexanderwohl. You may sign up several ways:

1. Through the church’s website (alexanderwohl.org) - click on the "Register for VBS" button.

2. Follow this direct link: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/goesselvbs2021>

3. Grab a paper registration form from the church office or the Goessel Elementary School and turn it in there as well.

We are looking forward to welcoming children for this exciting week! Please contact Chrystiana Miller (620-747-2392) or Megan Duerksen (620-747-2592) with questions.

Because No One Should Go Hungry: The purpose of the Tabor Church Food Pantry is to provide food at no cost for families in need in the Goessel area. If you are struggling financially to make ends meet, know that you are not alone. We are here to help! Please call to set up a time to get your food. 367-2318 - Tabor Church; 747-0408 - Kim Funk; 367-2747 - Janna Duerksen; 367-2437 - Laura Unrau. This is a ministry supported by the Goessel area churches and community.

Thank you for your \$31.75 donation that was made on 3/31/2021. Every act of your generosity helps us further our mission to inspire transformation and create a thriving community. In fact, your gift is helping local families create brighter futures by building relationships, resources, and resilience! We thank you for your support and generosity. ~Jennifer Rose for Peace Connections Board & Staff

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek the Spirit's leading in selecting nominees for positions on the Executive Board and Commissions.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program is offering three learning and service opportunities in the United States this summer. Pray for participants, ages 15-22, to be challenged by the Doctrine of Discovery tour, the civil rights tour, or the immersive peacebuilding experience, which will include cooperative interaction with Colombian Mennonite youth.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Sale

California Roasted Almonds are to arrive in Buhler, May 3. As soon as they are received, we will deliver to Etcetera stores in Hutchinson, Newton and Hillsboro and the MCC Center in North Newton. Selling price will be \$10/bag with donations welcomed. The money will all go to MCC. Richard Ediger will also have some available in Buhler. Call 620-543-2787

Get your MCC Relief Sale gear online at <https://wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/>

The proceeds from the sale of these products go to support MCC.

Camp Mennoscah

There are openings for youth at Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps! Several of the camp weeks still have space for more campers. Register at www.campmennoscah.org and find further information in the camp blog!

Help set up camp! Volunteers are needed to help set up the HUGE tents used for this summer's youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. Setup will happen May 28 and 29. Sign up by May 15 by contacting 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Camp Mennoscah is seeking to fill a part-time custodian/housekeeper position. Hours average 10 per week and are flexible, dependent upon the camp schedule. For more information, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

Nurses needed for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah needs nurses for June 17-19 (First Camp), June 20-26 (Junior I) and July 25-30 (Senior High). Nurses receive a stipend or a discount up to full camp fees for their camper (camper does not have to attend the same camp week). Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for more information.

Bethel College

TODAY (Sun., May 2), 4 p.m. – Spring choral concert, featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir, Woven, Open Road, soloists and small ensembles, on the steps of the Administration Building on campus. Bring your own chairs/blankets or use chairs set up on the Ad Building plaza. *Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus.*

Tues., May 4, 7 p.m. – Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert on the plaza in front of Luyken Fine Arts Center (rain location: KREHBIEL AUDITORIUM). Bring your own chairs/blankets. The concert is free – there will be a freewill offering taken to help support steel drum performance at Bethel. *Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus.*

Weds., May 5, 7 p.m. – Jazz on the Green, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo, a little south of the usual location, on the slab to the east of the art gallery (rain location: Krehbiel Auditorium). Bring your own chairs/blankets. *Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus*

Sat., May 8, 5 p.m. – Trae Gehring junior tuba recital, Administration Building chapel on the Bethel College campus. Free and open to the public with *limited seating, physical distancing enforced for non-family groups, and face coverings required*.

Sunday, May 9, 2 p.m. – Concert by Bethel College’s small a cappella ensembles Open Road (men) and Woven (women), on the steps of the Administration Building on campus. Bring your own chairs/blankets. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be taken to support the Concert Choir's 2022 Europe tour. *Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus*.

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: Senior Art Show, “Requiem aeternam,” paintings by Adam Kroeker, through May 14. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. *Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing practiced on the Bethel campus*.

Mennonite Church USA

The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA approved a \$1.4 million budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, announced a special delegate session for May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri, and reviewed several proposed resolutions during its April meeting. Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/board-approves-21-22-budget/>

MennoCon21

Registration is now open for MennoCon21! Learn more about online and in-person registration options for the first-ever hybrid convention here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/in-person-mennocon21>

En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/en-persona-mennocon21>

#BringThePeace

Mennonite Church USA has released a new online curriculum called, “Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum.” The nine-week interactive multi-media curriculum focuses on a biblical view of personal and community safety, in response to the continued brutalization of Black, Brown and Indigenous people by police. Learn more about the curriculum here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news-abolition-curriculum>

Menno|Snapshots

Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, responded to the verdict in the George Floyd murder case in his blog, “Unfulfilled: A Reaction to the Chauvin Guilty Verdict.” Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/glens-blog-unfulfilled>

Seeking a Chaplain: Bethesda Home, in Goessel, KS, is looking for a part-time chaplain. Interested parties may apply on the Bethesda website: www.bethesdahome.org. Please contact Marci Heidebrecht in Human Resources for additional information at 620-367-2291 x 229 or mheidebrecht@bethesdahome.org.

Everence to hold several upcoming webinars

Everence will host the following free, online webinars during the month of May; all starting at 6:30 p.m.

- ***Making your wishes known*** - Tuesday, May 11
- ***Navigating education savings: 529 plans*** - Tuesday, May 18
- ***Social Security and retirement income planning*** - Tuesday, May 25

To register, or learn more about each webinar event, please visit our webpage at everence.com/kansas.