



Welcome to our Easter service at Alexanderwohl! Christ is Risen! Death does not have the last word! Even though we still have disappointment, grief, or fear, we celebrate that Jesus is risen and is in our midst. The way of Christ ultimately prevails!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* ~Behnke Marcia Brubaker
This Joyful Eastertide ~Behnke
The Strife is O'er ~Kerr

Welcome Pastor Caleb Yoder
Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Choral Call to Worship *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* [VT 354] Ch. Choir

Prayer of Invocation+

***Easter Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* VT 346

Scripture Reading Isaiah 65:17-19, 21-22, 25 Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Easter Anthem *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Chancel Choir
~arr. Neil Harmon [VT 347]

Children's Story Ann Hiebert

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois Harder

Easter Hymn *Lift Your Glad Voices* VT 340

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *In the Garden* ~Wood Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12 Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Message "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Pastor Caleb

Song of Response *Christ is Alive, and Goes Before Us* VT 565

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Affirmation of Faith "In his hands" (VT 919) Pastor Caleb

***Sending Song** *Christ Who Left His Home in Glory* VT 361

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* ~Behnke Marcia Brubaker

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ 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.

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – Bryant and Christiana Miller
South – Analene and Sherie Klassen

Visual Arts: LaNae Unruh

Nursery Staff: Maryanne Esau, Nicole Hein, Brooke Nafziger

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

April 10 Attendance: 184 In person, 9 Zoom households

Questions for Reflection –

1. What does it look like to practice a resurrection faith when you live with disappointment or loss?
2. What difference does believing that Jesus is risen mean for how we live our lives?
3. What does it look like for the church to be a people who have resurrection faith on behalf of one another?

Next Sunday is Education Sunday and we will be joined by students from Bethel College involved in two musical ensembles. Our primary scripture reading will be from Psalm 92:1-5.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for those who have been sick at this time of year.
- ❖ We pray for the family of Louise Schmidt who passed away peacefully this past week at Pine Village. Her service took place yesterday at the church.
- ❖ For those remembering loved ones this Easter season for whom the grief is still raw.
- ❖ We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the successful MCC Sale last weekend, for the proceeds raised to support relief and peace work, and for community-building through service. We are thankful for all who have dedicated hours in this form of service.
- ❖ We pray for the Holy Land, for Israel and Palestine as the conflict there continues; Lord, have mercy.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 18

7:30 pm Board of Worship

Tuesday, April 19

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 20

6:45–8:00 pm High School Youth

Friday, April 22

2:00 pm Senior Coffee – Gayla Ratzlaff (see announcement)

Sunday, April 24 – Mennonite Education Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am JH Noon Fundraiser at Goessel High School, Camp 412

COMING EVENTS

Apr 28 VBS Staff Night – Fellowship Hall

May 15 Mission Sunday

--Our guest speaker for **Senior Coffee on Friday, April 22, at 2:00 pm** will be Gayla Ratzlaff from the Marion County Department on Aging. Gayla will visit with us about life transitions.

--**The Junior Highers are going back to camp this year!** Goessel Community Junior High will be hosting Camp 412 at the Disciple Center at Tawakoni near Augusta. In order to help cover the costs of camp, we will once again be having our fundraiser meal on April 24 at Goessel High School. Serving will start at 11:30. **This is an in-person meal with to-go boxes available.** The meal is by donation with \$8 per person being the suggested amount. We're excited to be able to go to camp again and appreciate your support!

Monumental VBS: June 6-10

Here's what you can do:

1. Sign-up *today* and tell your friends! VBS is open to all children ages 4-current 6th grade! Register at online at alexanderwohl.org
2. Consider volunteering or donating
3. Pray for our leadership team as they prepare material and plan to welcome new faces.

EASTER LILIES – In Memory Of...

- ❖ **Milferd Schmidt** – from Marilyn Schmidt and family
- ❖ **Debbie Schroeder** – from Jeremy, Maggie, Emma & Mallory, Brody and Emmalyn Schroeder
 - ❖ **Irvin Voth** – from Susan Voth and family
 - ❖ **Mary Lou Unrau** – from Glen Unrau family
- ❖ **Ken and Lois Frey** – from Lynel and Vickie Unrau family
 - ❖ **Paul and Phyllis Unruh** – Radene Unruh
- ❖ **Judy Schmidt** – from Craig and Jody Schmidt family
- ❖ **Andy and Elva Plett and Ethel Wedel** – from Marcia and Karl Brubaker
- ❖ **Willard and Julia Regier** – from LaNae and Steve Unruh
 - ❖ **Carol Friesen** – from Jenny and John Fast
 - ❖ **Ezekiel Hill** – from the Janzen family

During this time of Lent *broken twigs* have been placed on the communion table. These twigs represent the dryness, brokenness, and hopelessness that can distance us from our relationship with our Lord. But Lent is not the end of the story during this Season. After Christ's death his resurrection embodies the hope, joy, release and rebirth we experience at Easter. *Birds* symbolize this cycle as they build their nests. They gather the dry, broken twigs and build a nest that will bring new life. During this Easter Season a wish for all of us will be that out of our brokenness, Christ will bring us hope and rebirth. ~LaNae Unruh