

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

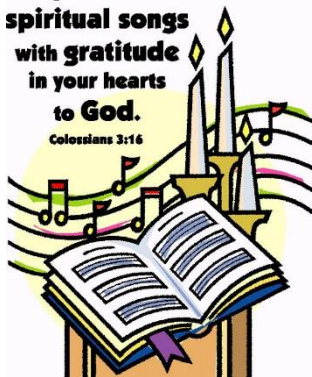
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**...sing psalms,  
hymns and  
spiritual songs  
with gratitude  
in your hearts  
to God.**

Colossians 3:16



Welcome to our worship service at Alexanderwohl! Colossians 3:16 encourages us to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we admonish one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Let us worship God in our hearts with gratitude as we welcome the Elbiata Singers from Goessel High School and the Bel Canto Singers of Hesston College.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering** Karen Unruh, organ  
*Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* ~Burkhardt  
*When In Our Music God is Glorified* ~Hobby

**Welcome** Pastor Lois Harder

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 95:1-3, 6)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**People: O Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

*For This Joy* ~Lobe Den Herren, arr. Susan LaBarr Bel Canto & Elbiata  
Mallory Schroeder, clarinet

**Invocation Prayer+**

**Scripture Reading** Colossians 3:16 Pastor Caleb Yoder

**\*Gathering Song** *Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT 42

**Children's Story** Delbert Peters

**Child & Parent Dedication** Pastors & Kim Voth

*Lillian Isabel Voth (b.10.28.16) and Greyson Tobias Voth (b. 7.27.18)  
daughter and son of Matthew and Laura Voth*

Grandparent Blessing David Voth  
Words of Dedication

### **\*Congregational Covenant:**

You have offered your children to the strong and tender providence of God. We rejoice and give thanks for their presence in this congregation. We promise, with humility and seriousness, to share in your children's nurture and well-being. We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a home where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. May our prayers surround your family now and always.

### **\*Hymn of Response**

*How Great Thou Art*

VT 436

### **Written Reflection by Laura Voth**

What is a family?

Families can be genetically related, have traditions that span generations, and memories that last a lifetime

Families can also be transient, built by offering love, safety, and presence for a day, a week, or more for one in need

You may be born, chosen, adopted, accepted or blessed by a family

The ultimate family, however, is God's family

We all are God's children and God our father

We recognize the love within our earthly family may be one of the closest representations of unconditional love

The love God shows us as his children

May we emulate Christ's ways and strive to be as he has modeled

Thank you, father

### **Morning Prayer**

Pastor Caleb

### **Worship Music**

*Over My Head* ~ Traditional Spiritual, arr. Adam and Matt Podd

*Beautiful City* ~ André Thomas

Bel Canto & Elbiata Singers

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

### **Reflection**

Emma Schroeder

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 4:16-19

Pastor Lois

### **\*Song of Praise**

*We Praise the Word of God*

VT 404

### **Scripture Reading**

Amos 5:8

Pastor Caleb

### **Song of Creation**

*Planets Humming as They Wander*

VT 175

### **Scripture Reading**

Zephaniah 3:17

Pastor Lois

### **Song of Assurance**

*The Lord Your God Is with You*

VT 173

### **Reflection**

Alyssa Burkholder

### **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

First Fruits Giving

### **Offertory**

*Wash Me Clean* ~Josh Garrels

Alyssa Burkholder

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Caleb

## **SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **Worship Music**

*He Never Failed Me Yet* ~Robert Ray

Bel Canto, Elbiata

### **\*Benediction**

(VT 882)

Pastor Lois

*The Blessing of Aaron* ~ Norman Ramsey, arr. Walter Rodby

Choirs

**\*Postlude**      *Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song ~Leavitt*      Karen Unruh  
    \*\**Following the service, everyone is invited to a  
    potluck meal in the fellowship hall.*\*\*

\*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

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

**Song Leader:** Russell Adrian

**Greeters:** North – Duane and Agatha Duerksen  
              South – Delton and Janice Voth

**Visual Arts:** Anita Boese

**Nursery Staff:** Susan Nafziger, Emma Schroeder, Beth Yoder

**Worship Technology:** Myron Goertzen, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

**January 22 Attendance:** Sunday School – 96; Worship -- 121 in person, 9  
Zoom households

**January 22 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$41.53; First Fruits – \$1,999.22

**The next three Sundays** will focus on stewardship – our call to be faithful  
and generous with the resources God has given us. Pastor Caleb will preach  
next Sunday from Matthew 13:44-52.

## *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for high school and college students in our congregation and community that God may guide their paths as they learn about themselves, discover their gifts, and discern their future.
- ❖ We pray for Dwight M. Flaming and the crew that he's traveling with this week as they work with Mennonite Disaster Service in Jennings, Louisiana to repair and rebuild a home. Grant them safety, perseverance and encouragement as they work in predicted rainy conditions.
- ❖ We're grateful for the work being done at the MDS cabinet shop in Goessel, building and shipping kitchen cabinets to be installed in homes that have sustained damage in storms. Thank you God for each person involved in this project and for blessing and multiplying this work!
- ❖ We pray for our elders in nursing homes or in their own homes for whom these long winter days can feel isolating. God, grant them your comforting presence.
- ❖ O God, we pray for families and loved ones of those who've been killed in recent incidents of gun violence. May there be the wisdom and the will to embrace nonviolent actions in response to anger and injustice.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, January 29**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship -- Hesston Bel Canto & Goessel Elbiata Singers

Noon potluck meal

### **Tuesday, January 31**

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 1**

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal – Fundraiser for Menn Heritage & Ag Museum  
Midweek Activities

### **Sunday, February 5**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

12:30 pm – Annual Business Meeting in sanctuary following light lunch

### **COMING EVENTS**

Feb 6 Goessel Community Blood Drive, 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Feb 11 Alexanderwohl Women's Event

Mar 6-8 MCC Comforter Blitz

Apr 14-15 Kansas MCC Sale – Hutchinson

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We wouldn't call pizza an ethnic food of this community, but the contributions of the Russian Mennonites that migrated to this area almost 150 years ago allow us to enjoy it now! **Please join the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's board and staff for a fundraiser meal on Wednesday, February 1, from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Along with pizza, there will be fresh tossed salad, delicious cookies, and, of course, your good company! Your contributions will be gratefully accepted and used for general operating expenses.

**All updates for the 2023 Yearbook are due in the church office on February 1, 2023.** This includes updates for boards and committees as well as addresses, phone numbers, and any other information that is included.

**All women and girls are invited to attend the Alexanderwohl Women's Event on Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 pm.** Come enjoy fellowship, cookie decorating with Heidi Thurston and a devotional with Jennie Wintermote, WDC Resource Library Director. RSVP via the invitation in your church mailbox.

**Goessel Community Junior High will be hosting Camp 412 at the Disciple Center at Tawakoni again this year!** The dates are May 26-29, 2023 and the cost is \$70 per camper. Scholarships are available upon request. While at Camp, we get to enjoy a variety of activities, including swimming, group games, input sessions, and campfires. Registration can be found here: <https://forms.gle/tywYcnRL56sUgpFZ8>

**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 **March 5** at Goessel High School. We're changing up the menu this year! We will be serving pancakes, sausage, applesauce and dessert beginning at 11:30. 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!

## ELBIATA SINGERS

Braden Unruh, director  
Marcia Brubaker, accompanist

### **Soprano**

Adriana Duerksen  
Miranda Tyler  
Cheyenne Sawyer  
Emma Schroeder  
Jasmine Woelk

### **Alto**

Abbigail Funk  
Aimee Funk  
Mallory Schroeder  
Sarah Spurlin  
Brooklyn Wuest

### **Tenor**

Levi Schrag  
Noah Schrag  
Adam Wonser  
Jake Wiens

### **Bass**

Anthony Boden  
Eli Boden  
Jake Flaming  
Riley Hartvickson  
Javin Schmidt

## BEL CANTO SINGERS

Russell Adrian, conductor  
Marcia Brubaker, accompanist

### **Soprano**

Meg Beyer  
Hadassa Friesen Pauls  
Desirae Rodriguez

### **Alto**

Alyssa Burkholder  
Joy Jones  
Kara Longenecker  
Ginny Miller  
Sadie Oesch  
Rachel Weaver

### **Tenor**

Luke Allison  
Luke Huyard  
Andrew Miller  
Jack Shingler

### **Bass**

Abraham Cadillo Quispe  
Jesse Kanagy  
Daniel Miller  
Eli Stoll  
Aidan Swartzendruber  
Joy Widjaja

