

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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JESUS, FULL OF THE  
**HOLY SPIRIT...**

WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT  
**INTO THE WILDERNESS,**

WHERE FOR FORTY DAYS  
**HE WAS TEMPTED**  
BY THE DEVIL.

**Welcome to our service of worship at Alexanderwohl!** The season of Lent is a time to confess and repent from our sin, acknowledge our grief, and die to self through the cross of Jesus, as we hope in the rebirth of the resurrection. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was tested in the wilderness. Today we partake in communion as assurance of God's grace and help when we have our own wilderness testing.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering**

Natalie Church, clarinet  
Delaney Duerksen, horn

**Welcome**

Pastor Caleb Yoder

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

**Call to Worship** *(Melody Zimmerman, The Soil and the Seed Project)*

**Leader:** JESUS, You have the words of life **(Congregation echo)**

**Invocation Prayer+**

**\*Gathering Hymn** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* VT 25

**Children's Story** Karl Brubaker

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

**Prayer of Confession** Pastor Lois Harder

**Song of Confession** *Kyrie ~John Leavitt* Chancel Choir  
*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.* ("Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy")

**Morning Prayer** Pastor Lois

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving

**Offertory** *Beautiful Savior ~Rice* Marcia Brubaker

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Caleb

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 4:1-11 Noah Schrag

**Scriptural Song** *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* VT 307

**Message** "Passing the test" Pastor Caleb

**SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

**Service of Communion**

Pastors and Deacons

**Song of Preparation**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

VT 474

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

**\*Postlude**

Marcia Brubaker

\*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.

This service made use of resources from *Leader*, Winter 2022-23; and *The Soil and the Seed Project*, Vol. 6.

**Song Leader:** Renae Peters

**Greeters:** North – Steve and Sandy Banman

South – Brody and Emmalyn Schroeder

**Visual Arts:** LaNae Unruh

**Nursery Staff:** Bri Combs, Mallory Schroeder, Laura Unrau

**Worship Technology:** DJ Flaming, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

**February 19 Attendance:** Sunday School – 95; Worship -- 123 in person, 9 Zoom households

**February 19 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$48.66; First Fruits – \$10,169.10

**Questions for Reflection (Matthew 4:1-11)**

1. What testing or temptation might we have that is parallel to Jesus’ testing?
2. What testing, grief, or wilderness experiences are you presently going through? How can you seek God’s transformation during this season of Lent?

**Next Sunday** will be the second Sunday of Lent. Pastor Lois will preach from Genesis 12:1-4a and John 3:1-17.

*Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We are grateful for those who use their time and energies to serve on boards and committees. We ask for God’s blessing this week on the Board of Christian Education as they carry out their work and continue to seek additional members.
- ❖ We are grateful for the children and their teachers here in Sunday school and midweek. Thank you, God, that the students are learning about serving you by serving others, giving of their resources and learning about prayer.
- ❖ We thank you for this season of Lent – a time for reflection, prayer and transformation. Give us hearts that are open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

- ❖ Thank you for healing that has come for many who have struggled with illness this winter; we continue to pray for those still under the weather.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 26

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship with observance of Communion

### Monday, February 27

- 3:00 pm – Prayer Team

### Tuesday, February 28

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

### March 1-4

- Serve at New Hope Shelter

### Wednesday, March 1

- 5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal – Junior High Class Fundraiser
- Midweek Activities

### Thursday, March 2

- 5:30 pm – Children's Ministry Team – Conference Room

### Saturday, March 4

- 8:30 am – 1:30 pm – Leadership Retreat

### Sunday, March 5

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship
- Noon JH Fundraiser for Camp 412 at Goessel High School
- 1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel – Pastor Caleb

## COMING EVENTS

- Mar 6-8 MCC Comforter Blitz - Yoder
- Mar 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar 31 Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's Heritage Dinner
- Apr 9 Easter Sunday
- Apr 14-15 Kansas MCC Sale – Hutchinson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Junior High Class will be hosting a fundraiser by serving the midweek meal on March 1.** Our group is raising funds to buy needed supplies for the New Hope Shelter in Newton. If you are not able to join us for the meal and would still like to help, we will have junior high students in the lobbies to collect donations today. Thank you for your support.

**We are excited to announce plans for our upcoming Leadership Retreat on Saturday, March 4, 8:30-1:30.** We have invited Keith Harder, presenting "Curious, Clear, Calm, Connected: A Systems Approach to Congregational Life." The latter half of the retreat will be devoted to the visioning process. All who have interest in the direction of our church's ministries are invited to come. We especially encourage those serving on the church boards to attend. Please RSVP to Ruth by February 27 as we will need to know a number for lunch. John Fast, Council Chair

**The elementary students raised \$1,277.77** for our local MCC Center for school kits. Awesome job!

**Camp 412 Fundraiser Meal is next Sunday, March 5** at Goessel High School. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, applesauce and dessert beginning at 11:30. The meal is by donation with \$8 per person being suggested. We appreciate your support!

**We have a group of 5 people that will work together during the months of March, April, and May to write reflection notes** for the margins of three passages in the forthcoming Anabaptist Community Bible. If you are interested in joining this group or another group, contact Pastor Caleb.

**It's time to register for summer camps!** The Board of Education is offering a \$100.00 scholarship to each camper who calls Alexanderwohl their home congregation. This is for all children grade 3 – grade 12 (fall of 2023). Register at [www.campmennosch.org](http://www.campmennosch.org) for Camp Mennoscah and [www.RMMC.org](http://www.RMMC.org) for Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. As soon as you have your child(ren) registered and have received your confirmation, let the church office know what dates your child(ren) will be attending. You will be reimbursed from the Board of Education. If you are planning to volunteer as a director, cook, counselor, nurse to other staff position let us know that also. If you have questions, please contact Janine Peters at [petersjd@mtelco.net](mailto:petersjd@mtelco.net) or 316-284-4170. Early registration deadline is March 1.

**Last call for notes found in hymnals for Grades 1-4 Midweek project.** Turn in responses to the church office by March 1. Thank you!

**It will soon be our turn to help serve at New Hope Shelter.** The evening volunteer sign-up sheet is in the south lobby for Wednesday, March 1 - Saturday, March 4. The Sunday school classes providing meals will be: Seekers & Sojourners, Upper Room, Young Adults and Friends & Followers. The list of items currently needed at the shelter is on the announcement sheet. You may leave items in the large box in the south lobby designated for the shelter. Thank you for your support!

**The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum is grateful for the continued support of Alexanderwohl, evident in many ways.** We benefit from your gifts of time: providing programming, volunteering as docents and for fundraising activities, serving as board members, attending events, as well as sharing significant financial resources. At our fundraiser meal January 25, more than \$1,100 was received to be used for general operating expenses. We also want to express our appreciation for your contributions and belief in the mission of the museum through your First Fruits Gifts each quarter. We look forward to serving the community as we reopen again March 1st. ~Aileen Esau, Treasurer