



Welcome! Christ is Risen! Today we rejoice for Christ has overcome sin and death! Christ is the ground on which we stand.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Crown Him with Many Crowns; Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Llanfair)</i>	Gabriel's Trumpets (all arr. Olcott)
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Welcome		Pastor Caleb Yoder
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*Easter Hymn	<i>Lift Your Glad Voices</i>	VT 340
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Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship	<i>(Melody Zimmerman, The Soil & the Seed Project)</i>	
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The stone is rolled away.	And then a voice gently breaks the silence,
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WHERE IS HE? I cannot always see in the dark.	breaks the darkness, breaks the unknown.
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WHERE IS HE? There is the cloth, where his body lay.	<i>"Woman, why are you crying?"</i> JESUS!
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WHERE IS HE? Why can't I always see Him?	And Jesus said to them, <i>"Do not be afraid."</i>
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WHERE IS HE?	<i>Go and tell the others, and they will see me."</i>
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All: LORD! We want to see you!

Invocation Prayer+

Worship Music	<i>Christ Arose ~arr. Chidester</i>	Gabriel's Trumpets
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Children's Story		Bonnie Gaeddert
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*Easter Hymn	<i>Christ is Alive!</i>	VT 359
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Prayer of Confession	Colossians 3:1-4	Pastor Lois Harder
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All: To you, Lord, we commit all our hope and all our worship. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
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Offertory	<i>This Joyful Eastertide ~Behnke</i>	Karen Unruh
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*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Caleb
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HEARING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading	Matthew 28:1-10	Steve Banman
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Song of Response	<i>Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!</i>	VT 341
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Message	<i>"Ground of new life"</i>	Pastor Caleb
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SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Sending Song	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	VT 346
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*Benediction		Pastor Caleb
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*Postlude	<i>Hallelujah from Messiah ~Handel, arr. Marlatt (Congregation may remain standing)</i>	Gabriel's Trumpets
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*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Gabriel's Trumpets: Kyle Unruh, Evan Koch, Braden Unruh, Tim Regier,
Jacob Schrag, Eric Schrag, Arlin Buller, Karen Unruh - organist

Greeters: North – John and Janell Janzen
South – Ben and Tina Schrag

Visual Arts: LaNae Unruh

Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau, Cambry Duerksen, Kim Voth

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

April 2 Attendance: Sunday School – 102; Worship -- 151 in person, 6
Zoom households

April 2 Offering: Sunday School -- \$33.21; First Fruits – \$4,274.18

Questions for Reflection (Matthew 28:1-10)

1. How does Christ's resurrection speak hope into your life?
2. When or how do you experience grounding in God's love?
3. What is your response to the Good News?

Next Sunday we continue in the season of Easter. Pastor Lois will preach from John 20:19-31.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Pastor Caleb and his family as they travel to Minnesota next weekend as he candidates at Faith Mennonite Church.
- ❖ We pray for Ann Boese and her family as she continues to recover after surgery and has returned to Bethesda Home.
- ❖ We pray for Trinity Mennonite Church in Hillsboro as they end their time as a congregation with a closing service today. We give thanks to God for Trinity's faithful witness and ministry over many years.
- ❖ We pray for the family of Evie Schmidt who passed away March 31 at Bethesda. Evie is a sister to Dennis Schmidt. Her celebration of life service was Thursday, April 6 at Tabor Mennonite Church.
- ❖ We remember Orthodox Christians as they begin Holy Week this week, especially the church in Ukraine in a time of ongoing war.

Please take note of this new prayer list in our bulletin. The Board of Deacons invites you to remember these individuals and families in prayer this week. Eventually everyone in our church yearbook will appear on this weekly list. Some are actively worshipping with us; others received their faith foundation here at Alexanderwohl before moving on to other churches or places. We hope that this weekly list will help us be a blessing as we remember each other in prayer.

+This week pray for: Ann Boese, Ryan and Amanda Janzen family, Jennifer and Claire Lehman, Jacob Schrag, Norman and Leona Schroeder

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, April 10

9:30 am – Faith Ex Class

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

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

Tuesday, April 11

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 pm – Children's Ministry Team, Conference Room

Friday, April 14 – Saturday, April 15

Kansas MCC Sale -- Hutchinson

Sunday, April 16

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel Service with Pastor Lois

4:00 pm – Julianna Schrag Senior Recital, Bethel College Admin. Bldg.

COMING EVENTS

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| Apr 19 | VBS Staff Training |
| Apr 21 | Senior Coffee, 10:00 am |
| Apr 26 | Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper |
| May 21 | Bethesda's "Welcome Summer" Fundraiser at White Owl Barn |
| May 26-29 | Goessel Community Junior High at Camp Tawakoni |
| June 5-9 | Goessel Community Vacation Bible School at Alexanderwohl |



EASTER LILIES – In Memory Of...

- ❖ **Milton Duerksen** – from the Marvin Duerksen family
- ❖ **Marlin Ratzlaff** – from the Marvin Duerksen family
- ❖ **Andy and Elva Plett, Emma Brubaker, Ethel Wedel** – from Karl and Marcia Brubaker
- ❖ **Willard and Julia Regier** – from LaNae and Steve Unruh
- ❖ **Ralph and Martha Peters, Elda and Alvin Flaming, Herb Franz** – from Delbert and Janine Peters
- ❖ **Ken and Lois Frey** – from Vickie and Lynel Unrau
- ❖ **Mary Lou Unrau** – from Lynel and Vickie Unrau, DeAlan and Alma Unrau
- ❖ **Alvin and Audrey Boese** – from Anita Boese

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alexanderwohl provides a sabbatical leave to our pastors during their fourth year of service for the purpose of study, renewal, continuing education or other activities that benefit the pastor and ultimately the congregation. For Pastor Lois, 2023 is sabbatical time! She has developed several three-week plans that have been approved by Church Council. Her first sabbatical segment will be April 17 - May 7. She will focus on reading books, listening to podcasts on leadership/ministry and self-care, social/cultural phenomena, and spiritual growth and wisdom literature. We pray that this will be a rich time of renewal and rest for her.

There is a list of new library books on the tables in the lobbies. Feel free to take one and get ready for your summer reading!

Handicapped parking update - The trustees are happy to see that people are finding the concrete parking area to the south of the church a safe and useful area. However, to be welcoming to those with limited mobility, we will be placing "reserved for handicapped" parking signs in front of several stalls. No handicapped placard is necessary. The trustees ask that everyone work together to share these limited spaces with those that have the greatest need. Thank you!

Perhaps you've seen the beautiful fresh or dried flower arrangements at Goessel Grocery and Deli, or maybe you've driven by the farm just west of Goessel and have seen the flowers and plants blooming and growing? Amanda Castro and her mother Lorna Hakes have been busy growing all sorts of blooming things at the **Firebranch Farm**. They will come to Alexanderwohl on **Friday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.** to be the **presenters at Senior Coffee**. They'll bring a few of their plants and tell us "The Story and Dreams of Firebranch Farm", how they got started, where they are now and where they'd like to go with this dream of local, organic flower gardening. You're invited!