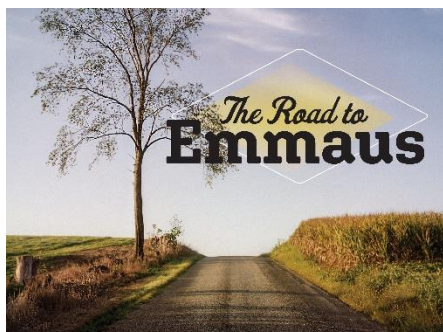


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

After his resurrection, Jesus walked alongside two travelers whose eyes were kept from recognizing him. They extended hospitality to Jesus, and just when Jesus broke bread, they recognized him. Today we consider how we receive and extend the hospitality of Christ.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering *Hyfrydol ~Payne [VT 745]* Mary Schmidt
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~Page

Welcome Pastor Caleb Yoder

Gathering Easter Hymn *Low in the Grave He Lay* VT 333

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship *Celtic Benediction, J. Philip Newell [SS 177] adapted*

Leader: We watch this morning
for the light that the darkness has not overcome.

People: **We watch for the fire that was in the beginning
and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.**

Leader: We watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth
and glistens in sea and sky.

People: **We watch for your light, O God, in the eyes of every living
creature and in the ever-living flame of our own souls.**

Leader: If the grace of seeing were ours this day, we would glimpse You in
all that lives.

**All: *Grant us the grace of seeing this day.
Grant us the grace of seeing.***

Prayer of Invocation+

Easter Hymn *Thine Is the Glory* VT 355

Children's Story Delbert Peters

Morning Prayer Kris Schmucker

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Sonata in F minor ~Telemann* Sherie Klassen, flute

Karen Unruh, piano

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Caleb

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Luke 24:13-35	Brendon Nafziger
Message	<i>"Hosting Jesus"</i>	Pastor Caleb
Song of Response	<i>The Bread We Break</i>	VT 466
Responding to the Gospel	<i>(Open sharing)</i>	

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Sending Song	<i>Come, Walk with Us</i>	VT 23
*Benediction		Pastor Caleb
*Postlude	<i>Old Hundredth ~arr. Jordan</i>	Mary Schmidt

*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: Kyle Unruh

Greeters: North – Evan and Maryanne Esau
South – Suzanne and Greg Meier

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Chrystiana Miller, Jayley Schmidt, Susan Nafziger

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

April 16 Attendance: Sunday School – 103; Worship -- 144 in person, 11 Zoom households

April 16 Offering: Sunday School -- \$31.69; First Fruits – \$5,045.58

Questions for reflection and sharing (Luke 24:13-35)

1. Why do you think the two disciples didn't recognize Jesus?
2. What does this story, with the exchange of hospitality between the two travelers and Jesus, teach us about hospitality?
3. (Share joys or concerns in your own life)

Next Sunday we will continue the theme of hospitality from a different angle. Pastor Caleb will preach from Acts 2:42-47.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ Congratulations to Tia and Kyle Regier on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, born April 16. Grandparents are Tim and Judy Goertzen.
- ❖ We pray for those who are navigating medical changes, recovering from procedures, or beginning treatment, as well as for family members who care for them.
- ❖ We pray for the peace of Sudan as the country slides toward civil war.

- ❖ With Earth Day taking place yesterday, we pray for the well-being of the land on which we live and the planet as a whole. We pray for insight to find ways to live more lightly and care for the good Earth that God made.

+*This week pray for: Brian, Rachael and Caleb Burkholder, Carol and Terry Danahy, Jeremy and Maggie Schroeder family, Jared and Laura Unrau family, Amanda and Anthony Voth family*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 23

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, April 25

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 pm – Daughters of Grace Salad Supper

Thursday, April 27

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| May 19 | Senior Coffee |
| May 21 | Bethesda's "Welcome Summer" Fundraiser at White Owl Barn |
| May 26-29 | Goessel Community Junior High at Camp Tawakoni |
| May 31 | Book Study begins |
| June 5-9 | Goessel Community Vacation Bible School at Alexanderwohl |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lois is on sabbatical April 17 - May 7.

The Alexanderwohl Peace Committee in collaboration with the Board of Mission and Service invites you to a book study. Beginning on Wednesday, May 31 and meeting each Wednesday through the month of June from 7:00-8:30 p.m. we will read and discuss Raylene Hinz-Penner's new book, *East of Liberal: Notes on the Land*. The book is a memoir that includes research on genealogy, geology, history, farming, theology and more. **Sign up by Sunday, April 30** if you'd like us to order you a book for about \$20. Get your copy and start reading; come prepared for lively and meaningful discussions!

New Children's Bible: The Board of Christian Education will be purchasing the new children's story Bible produced by MennoMedia, *The Peace Table*, for the children's Sunday School classes and each family with preschool and

elementary age children. *The Peace Table* includes stories that will correspond with the preschool/elementary Shine Sunday School curriculum for the next several years. These Bibles are being offered at a discounted price right now—with an estimated price of \$30 per book. If you would like to order a book for yourself, grandchild, friend, or neighbor, please sign up on the sheets located in either lobby by **Sunday, May 7**. Payment arrangements will be coordinated with individuals following this date. Sample pages from this Bible can be viewed at <https://shinecurriculum.com/resources/sample-sessions/the-peace-table-sample-pages/>. This is a wonderful new resource to check out!

A two-page front and back summary of our Church Leadership Retreat is available in the lobbies. This retreat took place Saturday, March 4. Please keep the leadership groups within our church in your prayers, and feel free to give your feedback to pastors or any of the ministry board chairs.

Tabor Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: The Food Pantry is sponsored by Goessel Ministerial Alliance and is already generously supported through donations by the Goessel community. Help make a difference for families who may need help in difficult times by joining the team of volunteers who oversee the general needs of the Food Pantry. Tasks include shelving donated items and organizing the Food Pantry, purchasing gift cards from Goessel Grocery and Deli, and meeting with people who come to fill their grocery needs. Contact Kim Funk or one of the Tabor Pastors (367-2318) to volunteer, to understand the process of working with a client, or if you have questions.