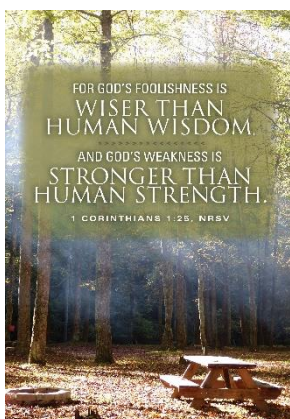


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll hear the fantastic story of Elisha, the prophet of Israel who led the (blinded) Aramean army into Samaria where he instructed the king to feed them rather than kill them!

This story wraps up our series on *Seeking Peace Together*.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name ~Burkhardt

Come, Christians, Join to Sing ~Behnke

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation+

One: We come from the chaos of the world,

Many: seeking to be centered in God.

One: We come from the confusion of the world,

Many: seeking the truth of God.

One: We come from the foolishness of the world,

Many: seeking the wisdom of God.

One: We come from the hunger of the world,

Many: seeking the nourishment of God.

One: We come from the violence of the world,

Many: seeking the peace of God.

One: We gather together now, with God and with each other.

Many: May God bless our time of worship.

*Gathering Hymns

Jesus Calls Us

VT 30

Sing a New World into Being

VT 809

Children's Story

Laura Voth

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship Music *When Pain or Sorrow / Hold On* ~Tice Mary Schmidt, violin
[VT 612] Karen Unruh, piano

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture	2 Kings 6:8-23	
Message	"Saying Grace"	Eric Schrag
Song of Response	<i>There's a Wild Hope in the Wind</i>	VT 828

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Responding to the Message (Open Sharing)

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *God of Grace and God of Glory* ~Hobby Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

***Sending Song** *God of Grace and God of Glory* VT 716

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ~Rinck 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.

This service used resources from *Current: Seeking Peace Together* from the Shine Curriculum, written by Joanna Harader.

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – Analene and Sherie Klassen

South – Evan and Maryanne Esau

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Brittany Hiebert, Delaney Duerksen

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

August 20 Attendance: Sunday School – 104; Worship -- 136 in person, 8 Zoom Households

August 20 Offering: Sunday School -- \$25.34; First Fruits – \$3,575.00

Questions for Reflection – 2 Kings 6:8-23

1. *Have you ever had a meal with people you considered enemies, or people with whom you had strong differences? How did you feel? How did that meal come about? Did the nature of your relationship with those people change after you ate with them?*
2. *Describe a current situation that weighs heavily on your heart where peace seems impossible. What might it look like for God to transform this situation?*

Next Sunday will be an introduction to the Narrative Lectionary. This is an organized way of reading the broad arc of the Biblical story. The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture and they invite us to hear those voices in ways that nurture our faith and lives.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We're grateful for healing and returning health for Norma Duerksen after a stay at the Newton Medical Center. We continue to pray for health and well-being for Norma and Dennis.
- ❖ We pray for Norman and Leona Schroeder as Norman adjusts to living at Bethesda and Leona anticipates a move soon to the duplexes.
- ❖ We thank you God for Bethesda and other care facilities where our elders and those who work with them can create caring community.
- ❖ We're grateful, God for our schools where our students, teachers and staff can learn and grow together.
- ❖ We pray for Steve Unruh as he anticipates hip replacement this week.
- ❖ We pray for Steve and Sandy Banman and their family as they grieve the passing of Steve's mother, Mary in Asheville, NC on Tuesday, August 22. A service will be held for her in Buhler at a later date.
- ❖ We pray for Marilyn Unruh Flaming, for D.J., Grant and Rachel, and Marilyn's siblings as they grieve the passing and celebrate the life of Marilyn's mother, Elva Unruh whose service was yesterday at the Grace Hill Mennonite Church.
- ❖ We give thanks for the meeting at 9:00 a.m. this morning with our youth and the adults who support them. We pray for continued guidance in the faith formation of our youth.
- ❖ We pray for our leaders at local, state, national and international levels; may your surprising Spirit of Love and Wisdom be present with them.

+This week pray for: Pete and Marilyn Flaming, Rick and Dorlee Freeman, Duane and Karen Unruh, Josh and Diana Voth, Zane and Joyanna Unrau

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27

9:00 am – Breakfast Potluck in Shelter House – Youth Ministry at AMC
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, August 29

9:00 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 30

7:30 pm – Music Committee, Conference Room

Thursday, August 31

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons, Conference Room

Sunday, September 3

9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
1:00 pm – Worship Service at Bethesda with Pastor Lois leading

COMING EVENTS

Sept 4	Church offices closed for Labor Day
Sept 10	Teacher Dedication, First Grade Bibles and Peace Table Bibles
Sept 10	Noon Teacher Appreciation Meal
Sept 24	Community Service Day (no regular church service)

Oct 1-4 Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton
Oct 15 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last call for subscriptions to *Anabaptist World*. Please get your \$39 (make checks payable to Alexanderwohl) to Dwight M. Flaming **today**.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch – September 10, 2023 following the worship service. This is for all teachers/helpers who have taught Elementary, Youth and Adult Sunday School or Midweek classes during the 2022-2023 year. Sign-up sheets are in both the north and south lobbies, where you can indicate how many from your family will attend. Deadline to sign up is September 3.

Community Service Day September 24th -- If you have a suggestion that you'd like to propose for a community service project, please fill out a submission form found in both the north and south lobbies. Turn the form into Judy Goertzen, Board of Mission and Service Chairperson, or to the church office by **Sunday September 3rd**.

You can now return church library books in either lobby in specially marked book return slots in the mailboxes. Thank you—AMC Library Committee

The garden sharing table is in the south lobby. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others.

New Address: Lois and Tom Harder, 2306 Rosewood, PO Box 354, N Newton, KS 67117.

The shelves are getting bare! Please consider picking up some groceries for the **Tabor Food Pantry** the next time you are shopping. Donation suggestions include: canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, pancake mix, cereal, granola bars, ketchup, cake mixes, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Frozen meat donations are also accepted. Please contact Tabor Church about making meat donations. Additionally, monetary donations are appreciated! The food pantry benefits individuals and families in our own community. Thank you for your generosity!