

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to worship here at Alexanderwohl on Palm Sunday!** We join the crowds waving palm branches as Christ enters Jerusalem. Pastor Luann will bring the message from Matthew 21 remembering this festive procession leads to Christ's death.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

Karen Unruh  
*Partita on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ~arr. Burkhardt*

### Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

### Call to Worship and Invocation+

**Many:** Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

**Many:** Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, God's light shining on us!

**Many:** Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

### \*Gathering Hymns

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* VT 313  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* VT 411

### Children's Story

Aileen Esau

### Rosebud | Grandparent Blessing for Tate Matthew Miller

### Morning Prayer

Pastor Luann Yutzky

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11 Dwight M. Flaming

### Message

*Eyes of Tears* Pastor Luann

### Prayer of Confession

One: When we get caught up in embracing the world's power,

**Many: forgive us.**

One: When we lose sight of the humble donkey and put our trust in horses of war,

**Many: remind us of this Palm Sunday.**

One: When we begin to get pulled into the darkness of the “now,”

**Many: bring us once again the peace of looking toward the “not yet.”**

**Song of Response** *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** *He Is Exalted* ~arr. Hayes Karen Unruh

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Luann

### SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

**\*Song of Sending** *Holy Lord* VT 314

**\*Benediction** Pastor Luann

**\*Postlude** Karen Unruh

\*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.

*Leader Worship Resources* will be used throughout the Lenten season.

**Song Leader:** Renae Peters

**Greeters:** North – Blake and Kris Schmucker

South – Lynell and Vickie Hiebert

**Visual Arts:** LaNae Unruh

**Nursery Staff:** Tammy Flaming, Natalie Church

**Worship Technology:** DJ Flaming, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

**March 17 Attendance:** Sunday School – 103; Worship -- 126 in person; 10 Zoom Households

**March 17 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$17.05; First Fruits – \$4,948.00

**Next Sunday is Easter!** The Chancel Choir will lead in a service of Easter Lessons and Carols. Come to hear from scripture and to sing and listen to the beautiful songs and hymns of Easter morning.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ On this Palm Sunday morning, God, we acknowledge the mixture of emotions that Holy Week brings. We feel joy and confidence, along with anxiety and uncertainty. We feel hope as well as grief. We acknowledge our need for your steady, faithful presence in our lives.
- ❖ We pray for those who are struggling with health issues. Put your hand of healing on their bodies, minds and spirits; let them know your comfort and love.
- ❖ Thank you, God, for springtime growth and beauty bursting out all around us.

- ❖ We pray for peace. In our homes, our towns, nearby and in places around the world where there is violence, war, hunger and fear... Lord, hear our prayers for your peace.

+*This week pray for: Elaine Banman, James and Christine Bestvater, Scott and Cindy Erb, Caiden Duerksen, Kate Flaming, Heath Goertzen, Scott and Janelle Reno, Timothy D. and Debbie Voth, Mark Young*

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, March 24** – Palm Sunday

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

4:00-5:30 pm – Exploring the Immigration System, Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, March 26**

9:15 am – Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 27**

6:45-8:00 pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:45 pm – Gabriel's Trumpets rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 28**

6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday service, Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, March 31** – Easter Sunday

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

## COMING EVENTS

Mar 29	Good Friday
Apr 3	Youth Group activity, 7:00 pm
Apr 5	Heritage Dinner at Tabor Church – Fundraiser for Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum
Apr 6	Verenike making for MCC Sale, Parkview MB Church, Hillsboro
Apr 7	KMMC Concert, 4:00 pm, Memorial Hall, Bethel College
Apr 8	Goessel Community Blood Drive
Apr 9	Stay Strong Stay Healthy class begins, 10:30 am, Chapel
Apr 12-13	Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Hutchinson
Apr 15	Meeting with Mitch Stutzman (see announcement)
Apr 17	Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper
Apr 19	Senior Coffee
Apr 21	KMMC Concert, 4:00 pm, Tabor College
Apr 24-27	Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton
May 1	Transitional Conversation with Pastor Luann (see announcement)
June 3-7	Vacation Bible School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**There will be a processional of palm branches during the first congregational hymn.** Young children (and their parents) are encouraged to come to the back of the sanctuary to receive a palm branch to take to the front. All are welcome to participate!

**Today (March 24) will be the final event** in the migration/immigration series hosted by the Peace Team and the Mission Board. **Peter Goerzen will be our guest speaker.** He will offer perspectives on the historical, biblical and theological significance of Israel/Palestine. Come to learn and participate - and have fasha! 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Board of Deacons will host a soup and bread supper on Maundy Thursday, March 28,** as we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples. This event will include singing, scripture, prayer and taking communion together, and will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. Please sign up on either bulletin board **today** (March 24) or call the church office on Monday. Child care will be provided.

**Easter lily plants may be shared on Easter Sunday** morning in memory of a loved one. These plants will be part of the Easter display in the sanctuary on March 31. Please call or email the church office by **Tuesday, March 26,** with the name of the loved one that you are remembering.

**Two important opportunities for transitional conversations** are coming up; the entire congregation is invited to participate in both! The **first** will be hosted by the **Board of Christian Education** on **Monday, April 15.** **Mitch Stutzman,** Director of Development and Partner Engagement for MennoMedia will be the guest presenter/convener. Mitch will help us think about *how* we educate and form the faith of our children and ourselves. RSVP to the church office by Friday, April 12. The **second** will be hosted by **Pastor Luann** on **Wednesday, May 1** as she continues her transitional work with us. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 29. **Both events will have childcare provided and will offer a light meal/finger foods, served from 6:00-6:15. Meetings will run from 6:15-8:00 p.m.**

**The Daughters of Grace salad supper will be Wednesday, April 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Featured speaker is Diana Schunn sharing her heart transplant story. You will remember our congregation prayed for her during the summer of 2022. Alyssa Burkholder and Julianna Schrag are providing the music. There are sign-up sheets in both lobbies. Let your attendance be known by Sunday, April 14. Invite your friends, and please bring a salad.

**There is a collection container in the south lobby for "Bags to Benches".** See poster or Friday's email for more information.

**Blood Drive:** Give the gift of life in this spring season of new life! Donate blood on April 8, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. Sing up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to donate. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.