

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to this Easter Service of Lessons and Carols at Alexanderwohl! The Chancel Choir will lead us through a series of scripture readings followed by hymns and songs that accompany the story. Let us open our hearts to the gamut of emotions and experiences as we hear the story of Jesus' resurrection and presence with us.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering

*This Joyful Eastertide ~Behnke
The Strife Is O'er ~Kerr*

Marcia Brubaker

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation

Leader: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: The stone has been rolled away, the walls torn down.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: The burial cloth removed, his body transformed.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John see and believe.

All: We find the risen Christ among us who has made all things new! The tomb is empty, the way of Love has prevailed!

Leader: Peace be with you!

People: Peace be with you!

***Gathering Hymn** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
Lift Your Glad Voices*

VT 359

VT 340

Children's Story

John Fast

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *In the Garden ~Wood*

Marcia Brubaker

***Song of Dedication** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

VT 752

HEARING GOD'S WORD

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| Introductory Words | | Pastor Lois |
| Reading | Isaiah 25:6-9 | |
| Congregational Hymn | <i>Your Love Is Amazing</i> | VT 96 |
| Reading | Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24 | |
| Choir | <i>Lord of the Dance</i> Sydney Carter, arr. Don Hart | |
| Reading | Matthew 27:57-66 | |
| Choir | <i>Love Is Come Again</i> arr. John Erickson, with handbells | [VT 353] |
| Reading | John 20:1-10 | |
| Choir | <i>In the Morning When I Rise</i> | [VT 499] |
| Reading | Matthew 28:1-10 | |
| Choir | <i>Easter Song</i> Anne Herring, arr. Mark Hayes recorded by 2 nd Chapter of Acts | |
| Reading | John 20:11-18 | |
| Choir | <i>That Easter Morn, at Break of Day</i> | [VT 342] |
| Reading | Acts 10:34-43 | |
| Congregational Hymn | <i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i> | VT 346 |

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* ~Powell 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.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Schmidt Peters

Pianist | Organist: Marcia Brubaker

Guitar: Eric Schrag

Handbells: Mary Schmidt, Nancy Stucky, Loretta Wiens

Scripture Readers: Tim and Judy Goertzen

Greeters: North – Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert
South – Ann Hiebert

Visual Arts: LaNae Unruh

Nursery Staff: Brittany Hiebert, Delaney Duerksen

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

March 24 Attendance: Sunday School – 104; Worship -- 133 in person;
12 Zoom Households

March 24 Offering: Sunday School -- \$27.51; First Fruits – \$3,717.00

Next Sunday Pastor Luann will bring the message from John 20:19-31 where the followers of Jesus struggle in the post-Easter space of uncertainty and doubt voiced by Thomas as he meets the risen Lord.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ Thank you, God, for Jesus' resurrected Holy Spirit presence with us! We thank you and praise you that you are the God of Life and the source of Love.
- ❖ We continue to hold Les and Ann Flaming in our prayers. Les moved to Bethesda Home this past week. Ann is still in their duplex.
- ❖ We pray for Braxton and Amanda Church as they return today from appointments at the Denver Children's Hospital.
- ❖ We thank you for healing for those we know and love who have been ill and are recovering. We hold those in our prayers who continue to deal with illness, long-term and short; may they experience your healing and comfort.

+This week pray for: Zach and Courtney Frey family, Bill and Donna Hetrick, James and Ly Klassen, Jayce Schmidt, Jacob Schrag, Norman and Leona Schroeder, Alan Stucky and Katie Best family, Kendall Voth

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, April 2

9:15 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 pm – HS Youth Group activity

7:00-8:00 pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:45 pm – Gabriel's Trumpets rehearsal

Thursday, April 5

6:30 pm – Heritage Dinner at Tabor Mennonite Church (Menn Heritage & Ag Museum)

Sunday, April 7

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| 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

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. Alyssa Burkholder and Julianna Schrag are providing the music. Sign up in either lobby by **Sunday, April 14**. Invite your friends, and please bring a salad.

Pastor Lois will be on vacation from April 1-8. She'll be back in the office on Tuesday, April 9. Pastor Luann is here and Gail Graber is also available for emergencies.



EASTER LILIES – In Memory Of...

- ❖ **Heinrich and Anna (Schmidt) Voth family** –
from Lloyd and Marlene Voth
- ❖ **Myron Hiebert** – from Ann, Garrett, Brittany, Elliot, Reagan,
Weston, Courtney, Wyatt, Haydin, Lucas, Michelle
- ❖ **Mary Lou Unrau** – from DeAlan and Alma Unrau family,
Lynel and Vickie Unrau family
- ❖ **Kenneth and Lois Frey** – from Lynel and Vickie Unrau family
 - ❖ **Myron Hiebert** – from Merlin and Velma Hiebert,
Sandy and Steve Banman, Lynell and Vickie Hiebert
 - ❖ **Willard and Julia Regier** – from LaNae and Steve Unruh