

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church
Tabor Mennonite Church
Goessel Church
~ *Community Thanksgiving Service* ~

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**Welcome to this Community
Worship Service!**

This morning we remember
God's faithfulness to all who
have inhabited these
prairies, including the
immigrants who arrived here
150 years ago. Let us praise
and worship God together!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

God of Grace ~Manz
God of Grace and God of Glory ~Krentz-Organ
Gott ist die Liebe ~Behnke
Be Thou My Vision ~Krentz-Organ
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name ~Burkhardt

Welcome +

Pastor Lois Harder

Musical Call to Worship

Brass Quintet

My Spirit Be Joyful ~Johann Sebastian Bach
Sonta from Die Bankelsangerlieder ~anonymous, 1684

Spoken Call to Worship

from Psalm 95:1-7a (NIV)

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

**Many: Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song**

One: For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

**Many: In God's hands are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

One: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

**All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

Gathering Prayer Pastor Luann Yutzey

***Gathering Hymn** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* VT 126

Sharing About the Ministry of GMA Pastor Todd Schlosser

Offering Our Gifts *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* VT 747

Worship Music Handbell Choir
For the Beauty of the Earth ~arr. Mallory

Children's Story Chaplain Peter Wintermote

Worship Music *Here I Am to Worship* VT 227 Rejoice Team
** In Christ Alone* VT 332
How Great Is Our God VT 116

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 3 Pastor Katherine Goerzen

Sermon *No Other Foundation* Peter Goerzen

Hymn of Response *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* VT 4

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Brad Penner

***Sending Hymn** *Take Thou My Hand* VT 631

Musical Blessing *Scherzo* ~John Cheetham Brass Quintet

Spoken Benediction

Postlude *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ~Burkhardt

*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 that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Russell Adrian

Organ/Piano: Marcia Brubaker and Karen Unruh

Brass Quintet: Trumpets – Kyle Unruh, Aaron Ratzlaff; Horn – Austin Russell; Trombone – Fred Bohnenblust; Bass Trombone – Eric Goering; Conductor – Jerry Toews

Goessel Church Rejoice Team: Lynnette Hiebert, Arlen Goertzen, Lindsey Wedel, Denise Woelk, Rick Woelk

Alexanderwohl Handbell Choir: Justine Unruh, Kim Voth, Aileen Esau, Marcia Brubaker, Nancy Stucky, Karen Unruh, Jenny Fast, Loretta Wiens, Mary Schmidt, Kyle Unruh, ElRoy Wiens, Jason Peters

Handbell Choir Director: Mary Schmidt

Greeters: North – Lynel and Vickie Unruh

South – Nancy Stucky and Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Tammy Flaming, Kim Voth, Cambry Duerksen

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Scripture texts are Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36 – Finding hope in God's faithfulness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“**Josie’s Closet – Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling**”, under the umbrella of Goessel Ministerial Alliance, continues to help families in need of medical equipment. As the number of loans continues to increase, your donations of shower chairs, commodes, walkers, transport chairs, and wheelchairs are appreciated. To borrow items or donate gently used equipment, make an appointment with Nancy Stucky, director, to meet at the storage room at Goessel Church. Call (620)747-9359 or email josiesclosetmedequip@gmail.com. Financial donations can be made through the Goessel Ministerial Alliance to help with this ministry.

Christmas Giving Tree: Tags will be available on the tree at the Crossroads Credit Union on **Tuesday, November 26**. All gifts need to be brought back to the Credit Union by **Monday, December 16**. The gifts should be wrapped, credit union personnel will assist with the “checking in” process. The gifts will be distributed by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance.

The annual **Christmas Brass and Elbiata Community Concert** will be held here at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on **Sunday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.** Come early for a good seat!

The Goessel FFA and the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum are collaborating to put on a community Christmas event called **Country Christmas on December 7 from 5-7 pm**. \$1 admission (ages 5 & up); free (ages 4 & under).

- Walk along the outdoor holiday pathway of lights
- Hot cocoa & peppernuts served
- Sing Christmas carols by the fire pit
- Make & take bird feeder craft
- Pet a baby lamp & hear the shepherd’s story
- Listen to the reading of Christmas favorites

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-Françoise Fénelon

