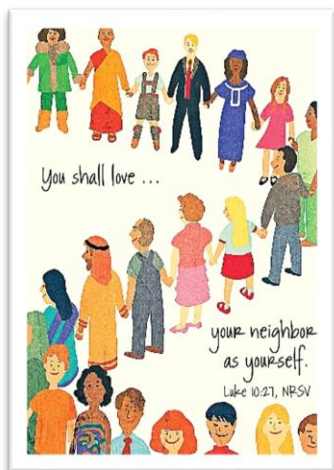


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

On this first Sunday of Lent we'll hear the story of the Good Samaritan. What were the biases of the first people who heard this story? What are ours? Christ collides with our biases.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Menuet ~Schubert Grace Meier, flute
Waltz-Caprice ~Sumerlin Myra Peters, clarinet

Welcome

Lynel Unrau

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer +

Psalm 25:1-10

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

People: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

People: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

*Gathering Hymns	<i>We Praise the Word of God</i>	VT 404
	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>	VT 155
Children's Story		Matthew Voth
Worship Music	<i>I Love Thee, Lord</i> ~arr. Alice Parker	Chancel Choir
Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois Harder
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> ~Wood	Marcia Brubaker
*Prayer of Dedication		

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Luke 10:25-37	Lynel Unrau
Message	<i>Priests, Levites, and Israelites...not Samaritans!</i>	Pastor Lois
Song of Response	<i>Gentle God, When We Are Driven</i>	VT 150
Confession and Words of Assurance		

All: *Loving and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.*

Leader: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

People: *We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.*

Leader: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: *We cling to our assumptions and insist that our point of view is the correct one.*

All: *We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Help us open our hearts to your love. Help us shake free from our biases and assumptions so we may better share your peace in your world. Amen.*

Leader: Now hear these words of assurance: We are created in God's image. We are created for relationship with God and each other. We know that God will never break the relationship with us; God's steadfast love endures forever.

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>Renew Your Church</i> (vs. 1, 4)	VT 717
*Benediction		Pastor Lois
*Postlude	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> ~Jordan	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 that God's shalom will prevail.

Greeters: North – Anita Boese

South – DJ and Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Organ/Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Schmidt Peters

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau and Cambry Duerksen

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

March 2 Attendance: Sunday School – 113; Worship -- 134 in person; 14 Zoom Households

March 2 Offering: Sunday School -- \$29.52; First Fruits -- \$27,699.37

Next Sunday Eric Schrag will bring the message for the second Sunday of Lent. The overall theme is “Christ Collides”. The text is Luke 13:1-9; 31-35 and we'll think about ways that Christ collides with our judgment.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We continue to pray for Steve and Sandy Banman. Steve has a cold that's slowing him down a bit, but he seems to be tolerating the medication well. We pray that the medication will be effective and for healing of the cold symptoms.
- ❖ God, we pray for the Ukrainian people who are in this country seeking safety and are now fearful of deportation. We pray for all Ukrainian people who are fearful.
- ❖ As we mark the 60th year since Bloody Sunday in Selma, AL, we continue to pray for your mercy that there may be Peace, Justice and Righteousness for all.

THIS WEEK

Daylight Saving Time Begins – Set clocks ahead 1 hour Sunday, March 9

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, March 10

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, March 11

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, March 12

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served

Midweek Activities

Note: This is the final Midweek session

Thursday, March 13

7:30 pm – Safe Sanctuary Committee, Conference Room

Sunday, March 16

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship – Eric Schrag will bring the message

COMING EVENTS

Mar 21 Senior Coffee with Kris Schmucker

Mar 29 Menn Heritage & Ag Museum's Heritage Dinner

Apr 11-12 Kansas MCC Sale
Apr 13 Palm Sunday
Apr 20 Easter
Apr 23 Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper
June 2-6 VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that the Board of Christian Education has decided to increase the scholarship amount offered to campers from \$125 to \$150.

Address for Steve & Sandy until mid-March: (correction from Mid-April)
Steve & Sandy Banman, Help In Healing Home, 5811 E. Mayo Blvd.,
Phoenix, AZ 85054

The **Board of Education is excited to share that Alexanderwohl will join Tabor Mennonite Church's 2025 Vacation Bible School.** Renae Schmidt Peters is the Alexanderwohl representative on the planning committee - along with Eunice Nickel and Kara Swartzendruber at Tabor. The curriculum is Menno Media's "Waves of Wonder." VBS will be mornings during the week of June 2-6 at Tabor Church for children ages preschool through 6th grade. We will re-evaluate after VBS and decide if this partnership is something we want to continue in the future. If you have any questions, you are welcome to visit with Renae, Pastor Lois, or members of the Board of Education.

There are 2025 Lent at Home Worship Guides available in the lobbies.

Thank you for coming out to support the HS youth group this past Tuesday to eat pancakes and sausage! You generously gave more than \$1700 to support the upcoming youth service trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Thank you!

Thank you to the Alexanderwohl ladies who joined the Tabor Mennonite Women to help tie comforters for MCC Relief on Saturday, March 1. Together 20 participants tied 10 comforters as we enjoyed an afternoon of visiting and fellowship!

Save the date for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual Heritage Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on March 29 at Tabor Mennonite Church. Our program this year will feature Donna Becker. Her presentation will focus on the voice of a fictionalized Mennonite immigrant woman around 1879. A delicious dinner will be catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Ticket prices are \$75 per adult, \$15 for ages 12 and under, and first-time attendees are only \$40 per person. To make reservations, please contact the museum by Monday, March 24, by calling 620-367-8200 or email: goesselmuseum@gmail.com. The Heritage Dinner is a fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.