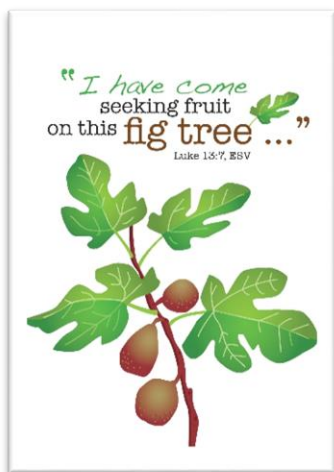


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

On this second Sunday of Lent we'll hear about how Christ collides with our condemnation. Who were the "worse" sinners in the story told in Luke 13? Are there any "worse" sinners?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Prelude and Fugue in C* ~J.S. Bach Jared Janzen

Welcome Kyle Unruh

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer + Psalm 63 from *Psalms/Now*

All: *Like a thirsty child reaching for a drink, I grasp for You, O God. And I have found you.*

Leader: I have sensed Your holy presence in the worship service;

People: **and in the hour of prayer I have felt You to be near.**

All: *I realize now that Your love for me is far better than life itself.*

Leader: My heart is full of joy and contentment. My mouth is filled with praises for You.

People: **Even the night hours are no longer lonely as I contemplate Your tender concern for me.**

Leader: The enemies of my soul still seek to betray me, but they shall not snatch me out of Your hand.

All: *And now that I have found You, I shall be secure and happy forever.*

***Gathering Hymns** *God of Our Strength* VT 47
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VT 88

Children's Story Ann Hiebert

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Panis Angelicus* ~Cesar Franck Jared Janzen

***Prayer of Dedication**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9; 31-35 Matthew Voth

Message *Christ Collides with Our Condemnation* Eric Schrag

Song of Response *Gentle God, When We Are Driven* 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 are quick to pass judgment and to assume your authority to condemn others.**

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 quickness to condemn so we may more genuinely share your peace in the world, through your name. 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** *My Hope Is Built* VT 621

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** *Elevation* ~Gordon Young Jared Janzen

*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 – Weston and Courtney Hiebert
South – David and Aileen Esau

Organ/Piano: Jared Janzen

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Gretchen Schrag, Julianna Kaufman

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

March 9 Attendance: Sunday School – 100; Worship -- 132 in person; 13 Zoom Households

March 9 Offering: Sunday School -- \$22.71; First Fruits -- \$7,221.00

Next Sunday – Dale Schrag (yes, Eric’s dad!) will bring a message that follows on the heels of Eric’s message – with an Anabaptist emphasis. His text will be Mark 12:28-34.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We continue to pray for Steve and Sandy Banman in Phoenix, AZ where Steve will continue to be in the clinical trial for two more weeks.
- ❖ We pray for Greg and Suzanne Meier and their family at the death of Greg’s mother, Brenda Meier, on Saturday, March 8. Her service was held on Friday, March 14, in Wichita.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 16

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, March 18

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 19

5:00 pm – Board of Worship

7:30 pm – Safe Sanctuary Committee, Conference Room

Friday, March 21

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Kris Schmucker as guest speaker

Sunday, March 23

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

Mar 29	Menn Heritage & Ag Museum’s Heritage Dinner
Apr 11-12	Kansas MCC Sale
Apr 13	Palm Sunday
Apr 13-15	Serve at New Hope Shelter
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.

VBS 2025 Staff Sign-up: Tabor and Alexanderwohl churches are joining together to hold VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church the week of June 2-6. We will need staff volunteers from both churches to make this week a success! Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved and share your willingness to serve by filling out our [2025 VBS Staff Sign-up form](#) (see the link in the church email). We look forward to making this a meaningful week for the children in our community!

Can't find Tblisi, Georgia on the map? Come to Senior Coffee on March 21 to find out. Kris Schmucker will share about a trip to Georgia (the country) to visit her daughter, Kara. A beautiful country with a fascinating history and connections with the beginnings of Christianity.

For the Spring Sunday School quarter, our **offering money from the elementary students will support Bethesda Home.**

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

There is a copy of the newly updated 2025 Handbook in the church library as well as a copy on the church website (www.alexanderwohl.org) under Resources / Bulletins & Links / Downloads – AMC Handbook, Updated February 2025. Thanks to Carol Reimer Duerksen for organizing this project and to Nancy Stucky for tech support! (You may place outdated yearbooks in the box outside the office door.)

The Bible study group invites any who would like to join us in the Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. to watch *The Chosen*. We'll watch March 26, April 2, 9 and 16.

Address for Steve & Sandy for two more weeks:

Steve & Sandy Banman, Help In Healing Home, 5811 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85054

Save the date: The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual Heritage Dinner will be 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, 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.