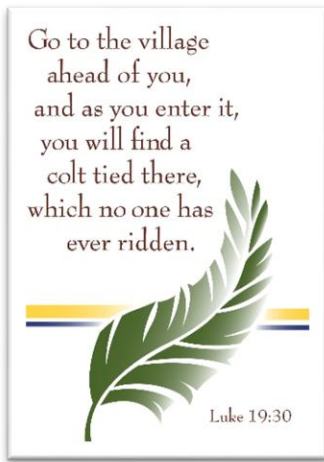


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

On this Palm Sunday, we'll hear from Eric Schrag as he talks about the ways that Jesus collides with our expectations.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music** *All Glory Laud and Honor* ~arr. Paul Manz    Jared Janzen  
*Trumpet Tune* ~Douglas Wagner

**Welcome**

Pastor Lois Harder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +**                      Psalm 118:1-2; 19-24 NRSV  
*The Passover Praise Psalm*

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

**People:** **"His steadfast love endures forever!"**

**Leader:** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**People:** **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

**Leader:** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People:** **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

**All:** ***This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.***

**Leader:** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All:** ***let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

**\*Gathering Hymns**

*Prepare Ye  
Holy Lord*

Godspell  
VT 314

**Children's Story**

Renae Peters

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Lois

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*The Palms* ~Jean Baptiste Faure

Jared Janzen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Lois

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 19:29-44

Brendon Nafziger

**Message**

*Christ collides with our expectations*

Eric Schrag

**Song of Response**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

VT 316

**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 expectations, and we do not make space for you to challenge them.***

**All: *We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Help us open our hearts to your love. Help us let go of our narrow expectations 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**

*Heart with Loving Heart United*

VT 813

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Lois

**\*Postlude**

*Voluntary* ~Douglas Wagner

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 – Kris Schmucker

South – Jeremy and Maggie Schroeder

**Organ/Piano:** Jared Janzen

**Song Leader:** Juliana Kaufman

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Bri Combs, Tammy Flaming

**Worship Technology:** DeAlan Unrau, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

**April 6 Attendance:** Sunday School – 110; Worship -- 148 in person; 8 Zoom Households

**April 6 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$74.75; First Fruits -- \$4,107.98

**Next Sunday** – The Chancel Choir will lead the congregation in a service of lessons and carols as we hear the Easter story in words and music through the ages.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for Lois Janzen as she settles into her new home at Bethesda.
- ❖ We pray for Darrell and Judy Unruh as they unpack their boxes and get acquainted with their new duplex at Bethesda.
- ❖ We give thanks to God along with Garrett and Brittany, Elliot and Reagan Hiebert as they welcome Quinn Taylor! She was born on April 9. Grandmother is Ann Hiebert.
- ❖ Congratulations to Luann and Robert Yutzy on the addition of a grandson to their family! Quinn Oliver Yutzy Wenger was born on April 5 to Jenna and Joe.
- ❖ We're grateful for another successful Kansas Relief Sale. We thank God for this opportunity and for the many volunteers who work together to make this event happen.
- ❖ We pray for those who are struggling with health concerns.
- ❖ We pray for the woes of our world; for those who are imprisoned unjustly, those who have suddenly lost their jobs and livelihoods, those who are suffering catastrophic weather events...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

4:00 pm – Mennonite Men's Chorus concert at Bethel College

Serve at New Hope Shelter April 13-15

### **Monday, April 14**

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

### **Tuesday, April 15**

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

### **Wednesday, April 16**

6:00 pm – Bible Study – *The Chosen*

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm – Board of Trustees

### **Thursday, April 17**

6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service in the Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, April 18 – Good Friday**

Church Offices Closed

8:30 am – Noon – Youth Retreat

### **Sunday, April 20 - Easter**

9:00 – 10:00 am – Potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:45 – 10:15 am – Sunday School for children age 2 - youth

10:30 am – Worship

## COMING EVENTS

Apr 23	Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper
Apr 25	Senior Coffee with David Shelly as our guest speaker
Apr 30	VBS Staff Orientation at Tabor Mennonite Church
June 2-6	VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church
June 8	VBS Worship Service at Tabor Mennonite Church
July 6-12	Youth Summer Service trip to Rocky Mountain Menn. Camp

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holy Week Events --

- **Maundy Thursday, April 17** – a simple meal and a service of remembrance (including Communion together, around tables) in the Fellowship Hall at **6:30-7:30 p.m. Child care provided – please sign up today.**
- **Good Friday, April 18** – Youth retreat 8:30 a.m. to noon. Arrive at 8:20 am for 8:30 departure.
- **Easter Sunday, April 20** – potluck breakfast from 9:00-10:00 in the Fellowship Hall – **please sign up today.** The Easter story will be told and the children will enjoy an egg hunt. *Worship at 10:30. “The Easter story through the ages – in Word and Song”.* Scripture readings in various languages and translations accompanied by the music of the times – Chancel Choir anthems, congregational hymns and special instrumental ensembles.

**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 April 20. Contact the church office by Wednesday noon, April 16, with the name of the loved one(s) you are remembering.

**The Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper will be on Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up today in the lobbies.

**My Coins Count -- Our church's total was \$318.36** and was matched so we actually gave \$636.72! Great job, everyone! Start saving for next year!

**The Pastor Search Committee continues to work toward finding a settled pastor for our congregation.** We remain in the quiet phase of letting the Spirit move and we ask for your prayers as we continue in the process of finding a settled pastor. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome. ~Karen Unruh, Megan Duerksen, Weston Hiebert, Julianna Kaufman & Tina Schrag

**The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team is now collecting donations for the upcoming fall semester.** Our students attending Mennonite Colleges appreciate your support, as these dollars are matched \$ for \$ by the colleges. Please place contributions in the designated envelopes found in church mailboxes and return to the church office or Gretchen Schrag by April 27. Thank you!

**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 April 16, 30, May 7 and 14 to finish Season 3.

**David Shelly will be our guest at Sr. Coffee on Friday, April 25, 10:00 am.** A world traveler (and retired Spanish teacher) he'll talk about "Dreaming of Travel – stories and pictures from lots of places!"

**It's time to register for VBS!** Children ages 4 (by 9-1-25) through current 5th graders are invited to join us for Waves of Wonder VBS the week of June 2-6, 2025 from 8:30a-11:45a at Tabor Mennonite Church. Please fill out the [Tabor-Alexanderwohl VBS 2025 Registration](#) to let us know you plan to attend. Registrations are appreciated by April 27, 2025. Current sixth graders wanting to participate in service projects as part of VBS should fill out the [6th Grade VBS Registration 2025](#) Form. You will find the links on the church email. We look forward to seeing you in June!

**New Addresses:**

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