

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

On this second Sunday of Easter we'll hear the story of Cleopas and another disciple walking the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. On their way, a funny thing happened...

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Lift High the Cross* ~Weber Karen Unruh

Variations on "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues" ~Hobby

Welcome Ben Schrag

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer + Zechariah 9:9-10

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

All: *Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.*

Leader: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

All: *Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

***Gathering Hymns** *Praise to the Living God* VT 204
 Sometimes a Light Surprises VT 618

Children's Story Kyle Unruh

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ~Held Karen Unruh
***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35 Ben Schrag
Message *We had been hoping...* Pastor Lois
Song of Response *The Risen Christ* VT 345

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Lift Your Glad Voices* VT 340
***Benediction** VT 1066 Pastor Lois
***Postlude** *Lift High the Cross* ~Weber Karen Unruh

*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.

Bulletin Graphic: The Pilgrims of Emmaus on the Road, James Tissot, Brooklyn Museum

Greeters: North – Evan and Maryanne Esau
South – Chelan and Megan Duerksen

Organ/Piano: Karen Unruh

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Tina Schrag, Noah Schrag
(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

April 20 Attendance: Sunday School – ; Worship -- 169 in person; 17 Zoom Households

April 20 Offering: Sunday School -- ; First Fruits -- \$4,848.71

Next Sunday – Travis Duerksen will bring the message, sharing with us about a recent project he's been doing at work (Mennonite Mission Network) having to do with conscientious objectors during WW II.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Steve and Sandy Banman as Steve moves into a different stage of the illness and treatment. We pray for calm clarity for them and the medical team as they continue in the process.
- ❖ We pray for those who are struggling with illness and disease of all types -- physical, mental, spiritual... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for healing.

- ❖ We pray for the family of Ama (Boese) Reimer whose husband, Murray Reimer passed away at the Hutchinson Regional Medical Center on April 23. Ama is a sister to Anita Boese, Alan Boese and Aileen Esau. Arrangements for a memorial service are pending.
- ❖ We pray for the family of Glen Unrau whose service will be here this afternoon. Glen died on March 24 at Bethesda.
- ❖ We pray for courage and commitment to follow Jesus' mandate to love God and love our neighbors. We thank God for the hope we have in Jesus' resurrection.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 27

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 4:00 pm – Glen Unrau Memorial Service

Tuesday, April 29

- 9:00 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 30

- 6:00 pm – Bible Study *The Chosen*
- 7:00 pm – VBS Staff Orientation at Tabor Mennonite Church

Saturday, May 3

- 1:00 pm – Tobie Plett and Jaden Unruh Wedding

Sunday, May 4

- 9:30 am -- Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois

COMING EVENTS

- 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

The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team is collecting donations for the upcoming fall semester. Please place contributions in the designated envelopes found in church mailboxes and return to the church office or Gretchen Schrag today. 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 30, May 7 and 14 to finish Season 3.

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!