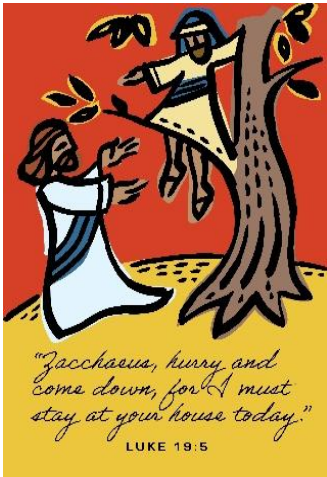


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

We continue in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 19 verses 1-10 - the familiar story of wee Zacchaeus the tax collector in Jericho who climbed a tree so that he could see Jesus. What happens to us when we see Jesus?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Waltz in A minor* ~Chopin Celia Peters
 Down to the River to Pray ~Traditional Elbiata Singers
Welcome ElRoy Wiens

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer + VT 857 (adapted)

Leader: Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your Word and our life in your world.

People: Be with us now as we sing and pray together, that we may hear your voice and understand your way.

All: *This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.*

***Gathering Hymns** *Holy, Holy, Holy!* VT 76
 O Worship Our God VT 129

Peace Prayer Aida Hartvickson

Children's Story Aileen Esau

Worship Music *Hanacpachap Cussicuinin* ~Anonymous Elbiata Singers
 The Promised Land ~arr. Collins

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~Rutter Elbiata Singers

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Luke 19:1-10 NIV ElRoy Wiens

Song of Response	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	VT 540
Message	<i>curiosity or conviction</i>	Eric Schrag

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>Use Us, God</i>	VT 811
*Benediction	<i>Peace I Leave With You ~Shue</i>	Elbiata Singers
*Postlude	<i>Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices ~Burkhardt</i>	Jason Peters

*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.

We welcome the Elbiata Singers this morning! Members of the group are: Grace Budde, Aida Hartvickson, Ellanore Mai, Jenna Flaming, Emily Tyler, Isabelle Alderfer, Janessa Garcia, Hoxie Hiebert, Bella O'Neill, Lydia Rodeman, Ruby Shaver, Anthony Boden, Xavier Garcia, Jackson Hiebert, Levi Schrag, Brayton Base, Eli Gaeddert, Aidan Impson, Wyatt Sommerfeld
Director: Braden Unruh, Pianist: Marcia Brubaker

Greeters: North – Darla Banman
South – Arlin and Maretta Buller

Organ/Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader and Elbiata Director: Braden Unruh

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Chrystiana Miller and Jayley Schmidt
(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

October 26 Attendance: Sunday School – 112; Worship -- 140 in person;
10 Zoom Households

October 26 Offering: Sunday School -- \$30.91; First Fruits -- \$5,347.83

Next Sunday our candidate Chris Weaver will preach on the "weird enough to be interesting" story from Luke 20:27-40. (Look it up!) Next Sunday's greeters are Jeremy and Maggie Schroeder and Dwight and Tammy Flaming.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We're grateful God, for the beauty in the changing of the seasons.
- ❖ We pray for Chris Weaver and our congregation as we prepare to meet one another and discern your call.
- ❖ We pray for those dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 2

2:00 am – Daylight Saving Time Ends – Set clocks back 1 hour

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

5:00 pm – Bethesda Home Pillar's Banquet at Tabor Mennonite Church

Monday, November 3

Church offices closed

5:15 pm – Board of Worship, Conference Room

7:00 pm – Safe Church Committee, Conference Room

Tuesday, November 4

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal

NOTE: This is a fundraiser meal for the Menn Heritage & Ag Museum

6:30 pm – Midweek Activities

Saturday, November 8

Candidating Weekend for Chris Weaver – See schedule in your mailbox

Sunday, November 9

9:30 am -- Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship with Chris Weaver preaching

Noon Potluck in the Fellowship Hall

12:45 pm – Chris Weaver shares his faith story / informal time for Q & A

COMING EVENTS

Nov 6 Tabor Mennonite Church Chicken Barbeque, 5-7 pm

Nov 10-11 MCC Relief Meat Canning

Nov 21 Senior Coffee – Kendra Burkey, Salted Creamery Ice Cream

Dec 6 Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch

Jan 7, 2026 Annual Reports due in the church office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to become acquainted with Chris Weaver (our candidate for pastor) and his wife, Stephanie, during the weekend of November 8-9. A schedule of weekend events was emailed last week and also placed in church mailboxes (extra copies on lobby tables). In addition to events for specific groups, please note the following opportunities for everyone:

- **Meet and Greet Reception on Saturday, November 8, at 4-5 pm** in the fellowship hall
- **Sunday, November 9 worship service with Chris preaching**
- **Sunday, November 9 potluck meal** (everyone bring a main dish and a salad or dessert; singles may bring only one item)
- Following the potluck, Chris will share his faith journey and there will be time for questions and answers
- **Sunday, November 16, a light meal will be served at noon followed by a congregational meeting and vote** (no absentee ballots)
- Childcare will be provided during the November 9 and November 16 afternoon meetings for children 2nd grade and younger

From Pastor Lois: Thank you for the expressions of appreciation I received throughout the month of October. You all really know how to make a pastor feel appreciated!

Reminder -- The **church offices are closed on Mondays** and the building will be locked. The office hours will remain the same Tuesday-Friday (8:30-12:30 and 1:00-4:00). Pastor Lois may be reached on her cell phone 316.617.3497.

If you count the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum as a blessing for our community, come join us for supper in the fellowship hall from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 5. You'll enjoy good company, plus a meal of Menno Bros. Pizza, fresh tossed salad, and delicious cookies. Your contributions will be gratefully accepted and will provide a boost to our general operating budget as we finish the year.

The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team is now collecting donations for the upcoming spring semester. Our students attending Mennonite Colleges appreciate your support, as these dollars are matched \$ for \$ by the colleges. If interested in donating, please place contributions in the designated envelopes found in church mailboxes and return to the church office or Gretchen Schrag by November 30. Thank you!

Daughters of Grace invites all women and girls of Alexanderwohl to a vintage brunch on Saturday, December 6, at 9:30 am in the church fellowship hall to kick off the Christmas season.

We will enjoy a meal followed by a beginner-friendly origami Christmas craft session led by Pat Penner and music. Our offering project will benefit the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum.

Please sign up by Sunday, November 23, sheets posted in both lobbies so we know how many places to set at the tables. We look forward to celebrating with you.

November 5 - 8 will be our last opportunity to serve at New Hope Shelter this year! Please sign up TODAY (November 2) in the south lobby for the evening shifts. The Sunday school classes in charge of the meals are: Route 15, Seekers and Sojourners, Friends and Followers, and Foundation Fellowship. Thank you for your prayer support!

MCC Relief Meat Canning is coming up November 10 & 11. Please sign up in the south lobby. We need your help!

The **Goessel Ministerial Alliance** is again sponsoring the **Christmas Giving Tree**. The tree will be at Citizens State Bank. Through this project the GMA tries to alleviate some of the expenses of Christmas. Families who could benefit from assistance are invited to complete an application (available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank). **Deadline for applications is Friday, November 21.** Applicants' "tags" will be available for choosing from the tree at the CSB on **Tuesday, November 25**. Gifts need to be returned to the Bank wrapped and ready to be received by **Monday, December 15**. For more details see the fliers on both bulletin boards and in the email. Thanks for your consideration and generosity!