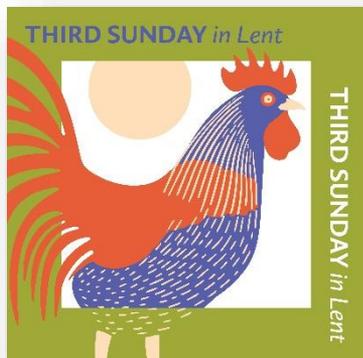


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Welcome!

Welcome to the third week of Lent at Alexanderwohl! This week in John 18:12-27, Simon Peter has just said he's "all in" with Jesus when Jesus washed his feet earlier that night. But after Jesus has been arrested, Peter adamantly denies having had any connection to him whatsoever. When things get rough, do we stick with Jesus' way of suffering love, or choose something that seems less costly?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *To God Be the Glory* ~Powell Marcia Brubaker
 In the Morning When I Rise ~Hayes
 Dona Nobis Pacem ~Behnke

Welcome Lynel Unrau

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer + VT 877

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: enter our silences.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: into the depths of our longing.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: unmask our pretending.

Enter our trusting,
enter our fearing,
enter our letting go,
enter our holding back.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: embrace and free us.

***Hymns of Praise** *Morning Has Broken* VT 495
 Great Is Thy Faithfulness VT 419

Children's Story Chrystiana Miller

Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois Harder
Song of Lament	<i>Tears of Suffering</i> [VT 694]	Chancel Choir
Peace Prayer		Elaine Banman
Worship Music	<i>Hope Lingers On</i>	Chancel Choir
	~Lissa Schneckenburger, arr. by Andrea Ramsey	
Commissioning Prayer for Conroe, Texas for MDS work group		
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offertory	<i>Wondrous Love</i> ~Behnke	Marcia Brubaker
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	John 18:12-27 CEB	Lynel Unrau
Message	<i>Peter: The Rock?</i>	Pastor Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Sending Song	<i>God Is Working This Purpose Out</i>	VT 770
*Benediction		Pastor Chris
*Postlude		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: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Laura Unrau and Grace Meier

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

March 1 Attendance: Sunday School – 97; Worship -- 130 in person;
14 Zoom Households

March 1 Offering: Sunday School -- \$73.67; First Fruits -- \$29,727.13

Next Sunday – Lent 4. Pastor Lois will bring the message from John 18:28-40. Jesus is caught between the Jewish religious leaders and the Roman government – between Caiaphas and Pilate. “What is truth?”, Pilate asked. This question continues to be relevant. Greeters are Weston and Courtney Hiebert and David and Aileen Esau.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ God, in this season of Lent we thank you for the stories of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Help us to take hope and courage from his examples of steadfast faithfulness in the midst of grief and betrayal.

- ❖ We offer prayers of confession and repentance as our nation's leaders, as well as others, make war and bring destruction to many parts of the world. Lord, hear our prayers...
- ❖ We pray for those who are recovering from illness, medical procedures, injuries or other kinds of dis-ease. May your hand of healing be on each one.

THIS WEEK

Daylight Saving Time Begins - Set clocks forward 1 hour

Sunday, March 8

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, March 9

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, March 10

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

5:45 pm – Midweek Fellowship Meal

Midweek Activities (Final Session)

Sunday, March 15

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| Mar 15-21 | AMC group to Conroe, TX for MDS assignment |
| Mar 20 | Senior Coffee with Nick Peters, KARL Program |
| Mar 21 | Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's Annual Heritage Dinner |
| Mar 21 | MCC Verenike Making at Parkview MB Church, Hillsboro |
| Mar 22 | Sierra Williams shares about her recent trip to Israel/Palestine |
| Mar 29 | Palm Sunday |
| Apr 2 | Maundy Thursday meal and service |
| Apr 3 | Good Friday |
| Apr 5 | Easter Sunday |
| Apr 10-11 | Kansas MCC Sale at Hutchinson |
| Apr 17 | Senior Coffee with Jim Grawe, Executive Producer at PBS
Kansas (KPTS) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth will be retiring at the end of May. We will be recognizing her years of service at that time. The trustees will be looking for job applicants to fill the Administrative Assistant position here at Alexanderwohl from March 4 - 21. If interested, you can contact Tina Schrag or Chelan Duerksen for a job application and job description.

Maundy Thursday service - April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are planning a service that will be **more kid-friendly** this year! **All children are invited to be in the Fellowship Hall for the service through the meal. After that there will be child care in the nursery for children age 3 and under. The older children are invited to stay for the whole service.** Maundy Thursday is a time to remember Jesus and his disciples as they gathered to celebrate the Passover. As it turned out, this was the last time that Jesus and his disciples ate together. We will also eat together and remember God's faithfulness. A simple meal of potato soup, veggies, grapes and bread, (pb & j will be available) as well as take Communion together around tables (grapes and crackers for children with a special prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for them). The service will not be longer than 1 hour. Sign up on the sheets in either lobby to attend.

New Church Merch! The AMC Youth Group is making Alexanderwohl merchandise (T shirts, long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts & hoodies) available online. There are two colors to choose from (ivory and pepper). This merchandise features the new church logo designed by Steve Banman. Order and pay online BEFORE March 15. The youth group will pick up the orders from Hesston and distribute them at church by the end of the month. Click "Group Delivery" for your order to be delivered to Alexanderwohl at no charge. If you would like your order shipped to your address, click "Flat Rate Delivery" for a charge of \$7.50.

LIVE LINK TO ORDER:

<https://wearatomic.com/product-category/alexanderwohl-mennonite-church/>

There are still wrapped books available from the *Blind Date With A Book* event in the church library. If you would like to participate or select another wrapped book, please visit the library. Kindly record the number at the bottom of the card on the sign-out sheet.

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual Heritage Dinner will be Saturday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., at Tabor Mennonite Church. Featured speaker Gregg Schroeder will present "A Journey Home: Tracing my Ancestry," reflecting on Mennonite journeys from Prussia through Ukraine to North America and the faith that carried them. 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 16; call 620-367-8200 or email goesselmuseum@gmail.com. Please join us and support the museum!

Your generosity has been appreciated! The Tabor Food Pantry shelves are stocked and overflowing with non-perishables. So much so that we are asking you to refrain from donations at this time. Don't worry, we will let you know when we start running low! Thank you so much for your support of this ministry in our community!