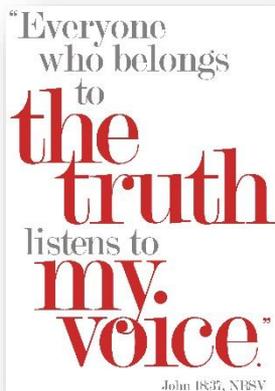


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent. In the lection for today Jesus is handed from the religious leaders to the Roman governor as both try to figure out who he is, where his power comes from and what to do with this "upside-down" man who insists on Love.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**      *Sarabande* ~Vivaldi, arr. Norris      Jared Janzen  
   *Prelude from Violin Sonata Op. 2, No. 7* ~Vivaldi, arr. Norris

**Welcome**      Kyle Unruh

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +**      from *The Leader*

Leader: We gather for worship, seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

**People: Your Kingdom come! Your will be done on earth!**

Leader: We pray. Then we look around... Where is it? What is truth? We gather for worship, asking questions and staying the course. We pray again and again.

**People: Your kingdom come!**

Leader: Looking and longing... Where is it? Where are you? We gather for worship and find that God is here.

**People: On earth as it is in heaven.**

Leader: God's kingdom now and not yet; here and in the world to come.

**All: Let us worship our God.**

**\*Gathering Hymns**      *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*      VT 170  
   *I Know God Loves Me*      VT 158

**Children's Story**      Eric Schrag

**Morning Prayer**      Pastor Lois Harder

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings \*\***      First Fruits Giving

**Offertory**      *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* ~arr. Young      Jared Janzen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**      Pastor Lois

\*\*Photos shown during the offering are from the food distribution on Friday, February 27, at New Life Church and Outreach Center in Wichita.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>New Testament Reading</b>	John 18:28-40 CEB	Matthew Voth
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>My Song Is Love Unknown</i>	VT 320
<b>Message</b>	<i>What is power? What is truth?</i>	Pastor Lois

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>*Song of Sending</b>	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	VT 204
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Lois
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>When In Our Music God Is Glorified</i> ~arr. 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 – Evan and Maryanne Esau

**Organ / Piano:** Jared Janzen

**Song Leader:** Kyle Unruh

**Visual Arts:** Courtney Hiebert

**Nursery Staff:** Rosi Reimer, Celia Peters

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

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

**March 8 Attendance:** Sunday School – 101; Worship -- 135 in person;  
12 Zoom Households

**March 8 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$15.95; First Fruits -- \$6,996.12

**Next Sunday – Lent 5. Guest preacher Weldon Martens will preach from John 19:1-16.** Jesus is whipped and mocked and questioned again by Pilate. Greeters are Rick and Sheryl Duerksen and Arlin and Maretta Buller.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ God, in these Lenten narratives we thank you for your Son's example of what powerful, transforming love looks like. May your Spirit provide us courage that endures through all of life's twists and turns.
- ❖ We lament the loss of life and the trauma of yet another war waged by our country. Help us to keep the dream of peace alive and active in the midst of so much war-mongering.
- ❖ We praise you for successful medical treatments and surgeries and those recovering. We are grateful, O God, for the miracles you work through modern medicine.
- ❖ We remember those of us who have experienced personal loss and are grieving.

- ❖ We pray for the group serving in Conroe, TX working with MDS this week: Dwight & Tammy Flaming, Tim & Judy Goertzen, Jaxson Hein, Chris Weaver, Sandy Banman, Ann Hiebert, David Esau, Verney Voth.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 15

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

### Tuesday, March 17

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### Friday, March 20

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Nick Peters, KARL Program

### Sunday, March 22

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

5:00 pm – Sierra Williams shares about her recent trip to Israel/Palestine (sponsored by the Peace Committee)

## COMING EVENTS

- Mar 15-21 AMC group to Conroe, TX for MDS assignment
- Mar 18-21 Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton
- Mar 21 MCC Verenike Making at Parkview MB Church, Hillsboro
- Mar 21 Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's Annual Heritage Dinner
- Mar 29 Palm Sunday
- Apr 2 Maundy Thursday meal and service – All welcome. Sign up!
- Apr 3 Good Friday
- Apr 5 Easter Sunday
- Apr 10-11 Kansas MCC Sale at Hutchinson
- Apr 12 KMMC Concert at Memorial Hall, Bethel College, 4:30 pm
- Apr 17 Senior Coffee with Jim Grawe, Executive Producer at PBS Kansas (KPTS)
- Apr 18 KMMC Concert at Richert Auditorium, Tabor College, 4:30 pm
- Apr 29 Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Chris is heading to Conroe, TX with the MDS group today and will return Saturday evening (March 21). Pastor Lois will drive to Elkhart, IN with her family, departing on Thursday, March 19, returning late Sunday evening, March 22.** For the three days that both pastors will be away (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), Karen Unruh will be on call for pastoral concerns or emergencies. Karen can be reached at 620.755.0211.

**The trustees are 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.

**If you would like to contribute an Easter lily to the Easter Sunday morning service (April 5), please bring your lily to the sanctuary by 9:00 a.m. that morning.** Feel free to retrieve it after the service and/or leave it (or return it) for one Sunday after Easter to help lengthen the beauty of the season. Thank you!

**The Peace Committee invites you to participate in the "NO KINGS RALLY" on Saturday, March 28 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Harvey County Courthouse.** Sign up on the south bulletin board if you'd like to carpool to the event.

**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/>

**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](mailto:goesselmuseum@gmail.com). Please join us and support the museum!