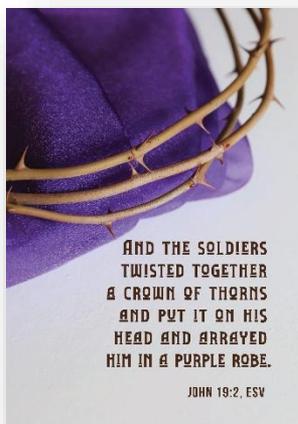


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

On this 5th Sunday of Lent, we welcome Weldon Martens to the pulpit! In John 19, Jesus is still face-to-face with Pilate as he continues to try to understand who Jesus is and how to deal with him. How do WE understand who Jesus is?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

"Romance" and "Intermezzo" Op. 118, No. 2 and 5 ~Brahms

Karen Unruh

Welcome

Eric Schrag

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

from *The Leader*

Leader: Here we are.

People: It is still Lent and we may wish to skip this part.

Leader: We don't really want to remember the violence or hear the horrible cries, "Crucify! Crucify!" We get enough of that from the news.

People: And we really don't want to think that we might be among those voices, or consider our own complicity in such things.

Leader: But it is Lent.

People: So we are here.

Leader: And we tell the story again,

All: trusting that God will meet us in it.

***Hymn of Confession** *Forgive, Forgive Us, Holy God*

VT 149

***Hymn of Grace** *Peace to You*

VT 168

Children's Story

Delbert Peters

Morning Prayer

Pastor Chris Weaver

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *There Is a Balm in Gilead* ~arr. Leavitt Karen Unruh

*Prayer / Song of Dedication

Grant Us, God, the Grace

VT 746

Worship Music

Myra Peters and Olivia Yoder, clarinet duet
Song Without Words, No. 5 –L. Wiedemen

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Introduction to Weldon Martens / Introduction to the Gospel of John

New Testament Reading John 19:1-16a CEB Dwight M. Flaming

Hymn of Response *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (vs. 1, 2, 3) VT 325

Sermon *Who Is On Trial?* Pastor Weldon Martens

SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Let There Be Light* VT 714

***Benediction** Pastor Chris

***Postlude** 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.

Greeters: North – Rick and Sheryl Duerksen
South – Arlin and Maretta Buller

Organ / Piano: Karen Unruh

Song Leader: Jacob Schrag

Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Susan Nafziger and Elly Mai
(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

March 15 Attendance: Sunday School – 70; Worship -- 107 in person;
18 Zoom Households

March 15 Offering: Sunday School -- \$17.24; First Fruits -- \$6,862.22

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday. Pastor Lois will preach as we celebrate the Procession of the Palms and Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem. We will continue in the Gospel of John 19:16b-22 as Pilate continues to be involved in Jesus’ fate. Anyone (but especially children and their parents) is invited to carry and wave a palm branch as you enter the sanctuary. You may receive a palm branch in the lobbies. Greeters are Blake and Kris Schmucker and Nathaniel Schmucker

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We thank you God for safe travels and a productive and meaningful week for the MDS crew who’ve just arrived back from Conroe, TX.
- ❖ Be with us, God, guiding and encouraging us with your Holy Spirit to be peacemakers as the world continues to rage and war.
- ❖ We pray for those who suffer at the hands and decisions of those who are in positions of power. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, March 23

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

Tuesday, March 24

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

7:00 pm – Safe Church Committee, Conference Room

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois leading

COMING EVENTS

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| Apr 2 | Maundy Thursday meal and service – All welcome. Sign up! |
| Apr 3 | Good Friday |
| Apr 5 | Easter Sunday |
| Apr 6 | Goessel Community Blood Drive |
| 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

Sierra Williams, Social Work Professor at Bethel College, will share about her recent trip to Palestine this Sunday afternoon, March 22, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come to hear about Sierra's experiences and learnings from this war-torn part of our world.

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 service on April 5 please bring your lily to the sanctuary by 9:00 a.m. that morning. You may offer it in honor or memory of someone. Let Ruth know who your lilies are in memory/honor of by Wednesday, April 1. Feel free to retrieve your plant 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.

Save the date for the Daughters of Grace spring salad supper on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More information is coming!

Karen Unruh will be on call for pastoral concerns or emergencies the three days the pastors are away (Thurs/Fri/Sat - Mar 19-21). Karen can be reached at 620.755.0211.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Tabor Mennonite Church the week of June 1-5 from 8:30-11:45 am. The theme, #KidsConnect, includes activities that encourage children to connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages. We are looking for volunteers to help make this a wonderful experience! Please consider signing up to help using this link. <https://forms.gle/277uSHJzttXUJVUm6>
Any questions can be directed to Eunice Nickel, Renae Peters, or Pam Abrahams.

Blood Drive: "Give Hope This Spring!" when you donate blood - April 6 between 12:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

Register now to be a part of the MCC Sale Run for Relief - a 5K run/walk along a paved path by a creek! Walkers and runners of all ages and abilities are welcome! Entrants receive a t-shirt and a New Year's cookie. **Deadline for a t-shirt is March 27!** Help support relief and development around the world even further by asking others to sponsor your run/walk! Scan the QR code on the poster on either bulletin board or for more info visit <https://kansas.mccsale.org/>