

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

It's Palm Sunday! Also called  
Passion Sunday, we'll hear  
some about both aspects of  
this part of Jesus' entry into  
Jerusalem. Jesus experiences  
both triumph and humiliation -  
his work is finished and not  
yet complete.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Palm branches will be distributed in both lobbies – All children and their parents are invited to participate.**

**Gathering Music** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* ~Hayes Marcia Brubaker  
*You Are Exalted* ~Hayes

**Welcome** Pastor Chris Weaver

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

**Processional Hymn of Palms** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* VT 313

**Then and Now** Dramatic Sketch

**First Reading** John 12:12-27 CEB Colby Nafziger

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

**All: We gather to worship God and to look back on where we've been.**

Leader: We see old hopes, plans, and dreams, remembered "Hosannas!" and all these weeks of Lent.

**All: We gather to worship God and to look at where we are now,**

Leader: at Jesus re-defining triumph; and the king on the cross instead of a throne.

**All: We gather to worship God and to wonder at this mystery.**

Leader: The mystery of salvation that comes so strangely; of life that comes through death; of brokenness meeting grace.

**\*Gathering Hymns** *The Lord Your God Is with You* VT 173  
*What Can I Leave Behind* VT 154

**Children's Story** Kyle Unruh

**Morning Prayer** Pastor Chris

## Sharing from the MDS Group

### Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Beautiful Savior* ~Rice

First Fruits Giving

Marcia Brubaker

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Worship Music

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates*

Chancel Choir

~Psalm 24:7-10, Andreas Hammerschmidt (1612-1675)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### New Testament Reading

John 19:16b-22 CEB

Colby Nafziger

### A Disciples' Story

### Sermon

Pastor Lois Harder

*Entering Jerusalem as the Upside-Down King*

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Song of Sending *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

VT 432

### \*Benediction

Pastor Lois

### \*Postlude

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* ~Hayes

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 – Kris and Blake Schmucker  
South – Nathaniel Schmucker

**Organ / Piano:** Marcia Brubaker

**Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director:** Renae Schmidt Peters

**Dramatic Readings:** Members of the AMC youth group

**Visual Arts:** Courtney Hiebert

**Nursery Staff:** Brittany Hiebert and Delaney Duerksen

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** Myron Goertzen, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

**March 22 Attendance:** Sunday School – 97; Worship -- 123 in person;  
11 Zoom Households

**March 22 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$33.74; First Fruits -- \$4,025.20

**Next Sunday – Resurrection Sunday!** Pastor Chris will bring a message of resurrection hope and joy coming forth from what seems a hopeless end. Greeters are Travis Duerksen and Erica Stoltzfus and Ann Hiebert and Cindy Hastings.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ Congratulations to Tim and Judy Goertzen on the addition of a grandson to their family! Jett James Regier was born on Monday, March 23, to Tia and Kyle Regier. Big sister is Lucy.
- ❖ Thank you God for this day when we remember both the celebrated entrance into Jerusalem and the suffering and passion of Jesus.

- ❖ We pray for those who are recovering from illnesses or medical procedures; grant your healing mercy.
- ❖ We pray for the elderly as they make the adjustments required by the limits of age and mobility; grant them your peace and grace.
- ❖ We pray for our nation and the world, O God. Be with citizens and leaders alike as we strive to be your Light.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday**

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

### **Monday, March 30**

- 5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

### **Tuesday, March 31**

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am – Daughters of Grace Exec meeting

### **Wednesday, April 1**

- 6.45 pm – Youth meet

### **Thursday, April 2**

- 6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Meal and Service

### **Sunday, April 5 -- Easter**

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship

## **COMING EVENTS**

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| Apr 3     | Good Friday   |
| 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 26    | Menn Heritage & Ag Museum's historic presentation on the Goessel Fire Department at Tabor Church, 3:00 pm |
| Apr 29    | Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper  |
| May 20    | VBS Staff Orientation at Tabor Church   |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Maundy Thursday service - April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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.** We will eat together and remember God's faithfulness. A simple meal of potato soup, 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 TODAY 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!

**Employment opportunity** - the trustees are accepting applications for a new Administrative Assistant at AMC to start working in mid-May. Please get more information and an application from Chelan Duerksen or Tina Schrag. Please share this opportunity with others in your personal networks that could be interested, or give us names of people we can follow up with. Thank you!

**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!

**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](https://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

**Vacation Bible School:** Tabor and Alexanderwohl churches will be hosting VBS at Tabor the week of June 1-5 from 8:30-11:45am. The theme, #KidsConnect, includes activities that encourage children to connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages. We are looking for volunteers from both congregations to make this a wonderful experience! Please consider signing up to help using the link below or scan the QR code in the church email. Any questions can be directed to Eunice Nickel, Renae Peters, or Pam Abrahams.

[VBS Staff Sign-Up Link](#)