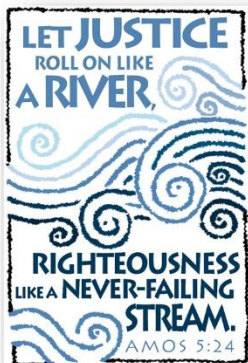


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today is the second in our series on the Prophets, as described by Richard Rohr in his book, *The Tears of Things*. "Amos was an 8<sup>th</sup> century shepherd and sycamore-fig farmer from Tekoa, a prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel."

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music** *This is God's Wondrous World* ~Hobby Marcia Brubaker  
*Hear the Turmoil of the Nations* ~Manz (VT 201)  
*Crown Him With Many Crowns* ~Behnke

**Welcome** John Fast

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +** VT 1043

**\*Gathering Hymns** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* VT 103  
*Touch the Earth Lightly* VT 145

**Children's Story** Ann Hiebert

**Morning Prayer** John Fast

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

**Offertory** *Planets Humming as They Wander* ~Morris (VT 175) Marcia

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois Harder

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Prophetic Reading** Travis Duerksen  
Amos 2:6-7; 3:9-10; 5:21-24; 7:7-8; 9:13-15; 9:11

**Hymn of Confession** *Gentle God, When We Are Driven* VT 150

**Sermon** *Amos: The Social Justice Prophet* Pastor Lois

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*Benediction** Pastor Lois

**\*Sending Song / Postlude** Chancel Choir  
*Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* ~arr. Mark Hayes

\*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 – Bryant and Christiana Miller  
South – Sandy Duerksen

**Organ / Piano:** Marcia Brubaker

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

**Visual Arts:** Janice Voth

**Nursery Staff:** Aileen Esau and Cambry Duerksen  
(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

**April 12 Attendance:** Sunday School – 105; Worship -- 156 in person;  
15 Zoom Households

**April 12 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$25.49; First Fruits -- \$4,902.22

**Next Sunday – Eric Litwiller will be here to share with us about Camp Mennoscah.** He'll offer a Sunday school presentation in the Fellowship Hall to which all adult classes are invited; there will be time for Q & A. Then he'll bring the sermon during our worship service. See announcement from Eric below. Greeters are David and Aileen Esau and Chelan and Megan Duerksen.

**From Eric Litwiller:** The position for which the Board hired me was a 6-month interim position that ended Friday, April 10. However, I have promised the Board that I will remain actively involved with the organization on a volunteer basis which includes all of my speaking engagements on their behalf and assisting them in filling their last two open Board seats, among other miscellaneous duties. And certainly as I receive calls from our donors about being involved in the church matching initiative leading up to the completion of the retreat center and replenishing their financial reserves, I will continue to work with donors to help them in meeting their philanthropic goals related to Camp Mennoscah as well.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for Arlie Schroeder as he continues to recuperate.
- ❖ Jim and Ly Klassen left for Viet Nam on Wednesday morning and will return on April 29. We pray for safe travel and adequate health and energy to enjoy family and friends on their visit.
- ❖ We continue to pray for the world and the leaders of the nations. Grant your wisdom, compassion and peace O God.
- ❖ We pray for Pastor Chris and his sons who are at the Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah this weekend.
- ❖ We pray for Judy Goertzen as she leaves for Hawaii on Saturday to join Tim on the MDS crew for two more weeks. We pray for the crew as they do good work together.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 19

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

### Monday, April 20

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

### Tuesday, April 21

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 22

5:30 pm – Youth meet to eat at the Wagon Wheel

### Sunday, April 26

9:30 am – Sunday School with Eric Litwiller (Camp Mennoscah)

10:30 am – Worship

3:00 pm – Youth Activity to Top Golf

## COMING EVENTS

- 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 15 Senior Coffee – MDS Report from Conroe, TX
- May 20 VBS Staff Orientation at Tabor Church
- June 1-5 Vacation Bible School at Tabor Mennonite Church
- June 28-July 4 Youth Summer Service Project with MDS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**It's time to register for VBS!** Children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2026 through current 5th graders are invited to attend. Scan the QR code to register your preschool-5th grader. Current 6th graders are invited to participate in a week of service projects during VBS and can fill out the VBS service project registration with the additional QR code. Registering your student by Monday, April 27, allows us to best plan for the week. We hope to see you at **#KidsConnect** VBS this year!



VBS 2026  
Registration Form



6th grade VBS  
2026 Registration

**The Daughters of Grace spring salad supper will be Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Bring a salad to share and come enjoy a delightful program by Firebranch Farm owner Amanda Castro about her flower business and flower arranging. The offering will go toward the Bethesda Landscaping Renewal project. Sign up to attend on the forms in the church lobbies by April 26.