

No. 36



Leader: Creator, we name ecological harm that we have witnessed with our own eyes:

All: (name your ecological concerns out loud, or quietly to yourself)

Hymn of Confession

Come Now, O God

VT 143

Assurance

Leader: God who works salvation in the womb of the earth, you who hold power over the waters. The day and the night belong to you; you put the sun and the moon in place. You laid the boundaries of the earth, created autumn, winter, spring and summer.

People: We turn again toward you, knowing that your compassion is greater than our despair.

Leader: Even in our grief, we choose to seek you, God, whose mercy is wider than our ways.

All: Teach us your harmonies and rhythms of covenant that we may rise as a choir to join creation's song of renewal.

Hymn of Assurance

Peace to You

VT 168

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

Renae Schmidt Peters, mountain dulcimer

***Prayer of Dedication**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 6:7-13

Matt Voth

Hymn of Response

Planets Humming as They Wander

VT 175

Sermon

The Big Picture?

Pastor Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song**

O Healing River

VT 706

***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 – Jared & Laura Unrau

South – Larry Voth

Organ / Piano: Karen Unruh

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Brianna Combs

Nursery Staff: Gretchen Schrag, Julianna Kaufman

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

September 13 Attendance: Worship -- 123 in person; 9 Zoom Households

Next Sunday – We'll be at Camp Mennoscah worshipping with the theme "Walking in Wonder." Could there be a more appropriate topic for our sermon series at Camp!? Using Isaiah 55:10-11 and Matthew 6:25-34, we'll focus on our surroundings and our God as the Creator. Sunday morning worship at Camp begins at 10:30a.m. No services here at the church building.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ God, we're grateful for the rain that has come recently and we continue to pray for more.
- ❖ We pray for your healing and wholeness for those we know and love who struggle with illness of all sorts – physical, mental, spiritual.
- ❖ The world can seem full of uncertainty, threats and fear; it's also full of beauty, wonder and life. Creator God, we put our lives into your hands and we commit ourselves to daily following Jesus as faithfully as we can. Give us what we need.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, September 22

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

5:45 pm – Midweek Staff Informational Meeting

6:30 pm – Safe Church Training

Saturday, September 26

Church Retreat – Camp Mennoscah

Sunday, September 27

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10:30 am – Worship @ Camp (no Sunday school or services at AMC)

COMING EVENTS

September 23 Midweek Staff Informational Meeting, 5:45 pm

September 23 Annual Safe Church Training, 6:30 pm

September 26-27 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

October 4 Harvest Giving Walk | World Communion Sunday

October 7 Midweek Begins

November 1 Bethesda Pillars Banquet @ Tabor Mennonite

November 7 Daughters of Grace Fall Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Giving Walk 2026 is Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 1:30 pm. Walkers remember the millions of people around the world who walk to find food, water or shelter. You are able to walk any distance to support this cause! If you prefer, you can simply make a donation in lieu of walking. Donations

support MCC and the Tabor Food Pantry. Pledge forms are available in the back of the sanctuary or from Karl Brubaker.

Our church will have a SAFE CHURCH Safety and Abuse Prevention annual training session on Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is required for all adults 18 years and older who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults in our church in any capacity. Anybody and everybody is welcome! Childcare will be provided. All those attending need to RSVP on the sign-up sheets in the lobbies or contact the church office TODAY. Contact Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Malea Hartvickson or Susan Nafziger with questions.

Midweek is starting up again! Wednesday, October 7, will be Kickoff Night – the first evening of Midweek meals and activities at Alexanderwohl this fall. If your child plans to be involved in Midweek and/or Sunday School this year, please register online by Wednesday, September 30 (see the Friday email from amc@alexanderwohl.org) or scan the QR code on the flyers in the lobbies. Feel free to invite friends from the community! With questions, contact one of the Midweek Coordinators: Sandy Banman, Julianna Kaufman, or Kyle Unruh.

If you plan to eat the Wednesday night fellowship meals, please sign up on either lobby bulletin board or call the church office – 620.356.8192. RSVP by Sunday, September 27 to be included in the count for fall semester.

Wednesday night meals – If you are willing to bring dessert, help serve or clean up, sign up in the south lobby for dates that work for you.

CHURCH RETREAT... it's not too late to register for the Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! Come for Saturday, come for Sunday, come for both days...we want **YOU!!!** Register using the paper form on the back table or online (see the weekly email from amc@alexanderwohl.org). Please consider signing up to bring a food item to help with providing **GOODIES** for us all to eat. Sign-up is on the south lobby bulletin board.

Save the date for an autumn-themed Daughters of Grace brunch on Saturday, November 7. We're trying this new date instead of the typical Christmas brunch due to the many other holiday opportunities in early December. Plan to come for a fun fall festive event! More details to be announced later. ~ Daughters of Grace Leadership Team



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