

April 1, 2007
Palm Sunday

“Christ the King Comes on a Colt”

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

-Luke 19:38

Gathering

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

OPENING HYMN & PROCESSIONAL *“Hosanna, loud hosanna”* No. 238

SONG *“Low, He Comes”* Children of Light and Sonbeams

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Leann Toews
From Psalm 63 and Psalm 118

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We thank you for being our salvation,
for being our chief cornerstone.

**People: We bless you as we bind the festal procession with
branches, up to the horns of the alter!**

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,
and you uphold us.**

*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Open now thy gates of beauty”* No. 19

*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Lift your voices high”* Children of Light

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Philippians 2:5-11*
“He is Lord”

CHILDREN’S STORY Gayle Funk

Hearing God’s Word

SEEING THE GOSPEL STORY *Luke 19:28-40*
“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

SERMON *“A King on a Colt”* Corey Miller

Responding to God

*SONG OF FAITH

"Ride on, ride on in majesty"

No. 239

CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Leader: We are all invited to seek the Lord today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: Living God, give us the courage to confess your son Jesus as our Lord. When others vie for our loyalty, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

Leader: When earthly powers claim supremacy (*pause*), we will confess Jesus as Lord.

When our souls hunger for reality and truth (*pause*), we will confess Jesus as Lord.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will seek the face of our God.

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

SONG

"Philippian Hymn"

Insert

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord we give you our thanks

-*"Thanks be to God"*

Lord we pray to you

-*"Hear our prayer"*

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"I walked today where Jesus walked"

Bill Froese

POSTLUDE

Today

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, he found himself in a unique parade of power, but it was a different kind of power. Are we willing to proclaim "*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord?*" and really mean it? Will we say this at the end of this week? On this Palm Sunday, we invite you to be a part of Christ's parade.

We are so glad you are here to worship with us.

Drama Team: Doug Krehbiel, Peter Goerzen, Kenton Nickel, Jim Schmidt

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Alvin & Wilma Schmidt and Corey, Nancy, Hannah & Rachel Miller. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Bertha Schroeder's 95th birthday, April 4. They are shared by her family.

10:45—Sunday School for all ages.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the church service today for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

On the table in the foyer are **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

5:30-7:00 p.m.— Goessel Area 7th & 8th Graders: Mystery Supper
Please bring \$3.00 and your appetite to Goessel Church and be prepared to order your 3-course meal without getting fooled by the names they are given.

7:00pm— SERVICE TRIP REPORTS. We will hear reports from the Texas service project, from those who went to the Peace March in Washington, and view pictures from the youth who went to Rocky Mountain Camp. We will receive an offering to help with the expenses of the service trip and the peace march. Please bring a dozen cookies to help with the refreshments after our service.

This Week

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 p.m.—Education Committee Meeting.

7:30 p.m.—Trustee Meeting.

Wednesday, April 4

7:00-8:00 p.m.—FaithWeaver Friends, Youth Explorers, TGYF, Adult Choir with social following.

FaithWeaver Friends have been memorizing the books of the Bible.

Pine car kit for the annual end of year race on April 25 will be awarded for memorization.

Thursday, April 5

6:30 p.m.—Maundy Thursday service.

Meal with worship to follow. Please sign up on the posted sheet. Families are encouraged to attend this event as our worship will include their participation.

Friday, April 6

Good Friday service at Goessel Mennonite Church
(see insert)

Saturday, April 7

7:00 a.m.—No Men's Bible Study.

Next Sunday, April 8

7:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service in the Tabor Church Park, bring lawn chairs.

8:00-9:00 a.m.—Easter Breakfast in the fellowship hall. Please bring Easter breads, sweet rolls and other Easter goodies to share.

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is Easter Sunday and the focus will be praise and worship. The theme of the morning will be "*Transformed by our Resurrected Lord.*" The texts are Psalm 118, I Corinthians 15 and John 20:1-18 and Corey will be preaching.

The choirs and special music will boldly proclaim Christ's resurrection over death! Please consider bringing a friend who needs to hear God's Good News!

No Sunday School.

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

The families that were affected by the devastating tornadoes over this past week.

Western District Conference: Pray for our conference youth ministers, Doug Krehbiel (KS-based) and Hugo Saucedo (TX-based), as they empower youth leaders and youth to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers Andy & Susan Wade request prayer that the All Nations Mennonite Worship Centre in Hong Kong will reach out to lost & hurting people as it seeks to be the body of Christ to people of all races, without regard to education & economic status.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Freeman (SD) Academy community as it breaks ground for Sterling Hall, a new activity center. Offer thanks to the Lord for leading as Freeman Academy continues building His kingdom.

Answer to prayer:

We have our Gift Discernment Committee complete! Joining Van Schmidt, Warren Schmidt and Bob Unruh is Barb Banman! We are blessed!

NEEDS:

Dear brothers and sisters from Kansas. My name is Tirsia Montes and I have a petition to God and maybe God can make it possible through you. My petition is a vehicle, I really need it to work and to get to places. I would really appreciate it if you would let me know if someone is selling a vehicle that's affordable to me. Thank you so much and God Bless you all.

Many of us will remember Trisa. She is a member of our sister church, Potter House Mennonite, and has been a guest here in Kansas several times. Contact the church office if you can be of help.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

THANKS!

The young adult SS class would like to express our appreciation to the people who care for the church grounds. Freshly cut grass and beautiful landscaping are another way that Tabor provides hospitality, healing, and hope. Thank-you for your hard work!

RETURN TO THE EARTH: The first session for this class will be held on April 15 from 7-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Remaining sessions will be during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary.

JOYFUL NOISE COMMUNITY CHILD CARE: It's not too late to not come to the JOYFUL NOISE LUAU! There is still time to take part in the biggest non-event of the season. Simply return your response card and party "gift" to Joyful Noise or one of the sand buckets located in the foyer. Then sit back and imagine the best party of the year.

SUMMER HELP WANTED: Joyful Noise is currently looking for a part-time (30-35 hours per week) teacher for the summer. Teaching experience or education preferred. Must be 18+. Send resume to JNCCC, P.O. Box 5, Goessel, KS 67503, or call Brandy Ashley at 367-2912.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

Newsletter from **Chuck & Joy Goertzen** serving with Campus Crusade.

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, at Kauffman Museum April 1, 3:30-4:30, "A Bogus Artifact at the Smithsonian." Details are posted.

Camp Mennoscah see posted information for the following:

Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 20-22.

Retirees Relaxation Retreat is coming up April 23-25.

KANSAS MCC SALE NOTES

39th annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 13 & 14, 2007 - Kansas State Fairgrounds
2 WEEKS UNTIL SALE DATE

For information, pictures and more, visit www.kansas.mccsale.org .

Following is a list of the **Tabor 5K Team for 2007**. *Josh Booth, Austin Unruh, Michelle Unruh, Leah Unruh, Jasmine Brandt, Corey Miller, Nancy Miller, Hannah Miller, Rachel Miller, Jerry Toews, Ben Schmidt, Carrie Sommerfeld, Justin Sommerfeld, Barb Banman, Denise Nickel, Elton Nickel, Bill Unruh, Anna Unruh, Sherry Unruh, Martha Ketels, Tim Eisenmann and friend Marco, Lee Goertzen, Phyllis Goertzen, Kevin Nickel, Kenton Nickel, Eunice Nickel, Les Goerzen, Kris Schmidt, Archie Schmidt, Geneva Goertzen, Kindra Goertzen, Kathleen Bair, LaVonne Hermstein.* Runners please ask for donations, Tabor members not running please give a donation to someone on this list. There is also a box on the MCC Sale table for your donation. If there are more who want to take part in the fun please put your name in Jerry Toews mail box and we will add you to the list.

Sign up to help. The most urgent needs are for helping Pam & Brent make new years cookies 4-6pm shift on Friday night and the 9-11am shift on Saturday morning and helping Lewis and Carrie sell sausage on Saturday.

The **Children's Coin offering** last Sunday brought in \$57.44. FANTASTIC!! "Change does Change Lives". THANKS children for helping!!

Located inside the Pride of Kansas Building is the newly organized **Children's Activity Area**. *Children you will have your own auction at 10am on Saturday with about 60 items. You must bring an adult to be able to bid.*

Verenike:

We are in need of people to help clean the 4-H building in Hillsboro in **preparation** for Verenike making day on Saturday, **April 7** from 8-approx. 11:00 a.m. This involves wiping out the boxes and washing all the utensils that we will be using on Tues., April 10. This is a great opportunity for you to come out and help with the verenike process. For more information contact Arlen and Anita Goertzen at 367-8373.

Request: **15 doz. Cookies** from Tabor for breaks on Verenike making day. Drop cookies off at Goessel Church kitchen by Monday evening, April 9, or send along with a Tabor worker on April 10. Sign up sheet on table.

Tuesday, **April 10** is the FUN day of making 21,000 **Verenike**. We can guarantee that YOUR spirits will be lifted if you come. There are many jobs for those of you who can not be on your feet. This is a GREAT opportunity for those of you who are older and still want to take part in the action. About 40 people are needed each shift to do the final quality control of pinching the verenike while sitting at a table.

God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life:

Ultimately, we are reborn to love because in this expanding, gracious space within us, we arrive at the astonishing presence of God at the core of our life. We blunder into the heart of God and find our own.

- -Sue Monk Kidd