

Prophetic Vision: *Israel Falls to Assyria*



So Israel was exiled
from their own land
to Assyria
until this day.

-II Kings 17:23b

... to be continued

Year of the Bible

"Living into God's Story"

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No. 11

Second Sunday in
Lent Unfaithfulness

Gathering / Praising

PFELUDE

Susan Merrifield

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Eric Litwiller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call a solemn assembly and gather the people.
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble before our God.

**People: God knows all the secrets of our hearts and
understands all our ways.**

Leader: The day of God is coming; it is near -
a day of clouds and shadows, a day of darkness and great gloom.

**People: God's judgments are blameless and sure,
but God's grace is sufficient for all our needs.**

Leader: Rend your hearts and not your garments;
come to God with fasting, come with weeping and mourning.

**People: We will worship God with pure and loving hearts.
We will seek to be faithful to the One who has called us here.**

*GATHERING HYMN *"Holy Spirit, come with power"* No. 26

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Lord, with devotion we pray"* No. 79

*PASSING THE PEACE

"The Peace of Christ be with you" ~ "and also with you."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY

Krista Graber

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Love of God"

Jill Brandt

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 17:1-23

Philip Unruh, Denise Nickel

The word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Israel Falls First"

Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF RESPONSE

All: *With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow down before the exalted God?*

People: *Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?*

Leader: *Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?*

People: *Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

All: *God has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly,
and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Micah"

No. 95CS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Children's coin offering for MCC*

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

Sending

*SENDING HYMN

"I bind my heart this tide"

No. 411

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

Today we continue our Year of the Bible by focusing on the Northern Kingdom of Israel's fall to Assyria (2 Kings 17:1-23). The people were unfaithful to God's covenant and therefore faced divine punishment. However, even in the midst of the people's unfaithfulness, God continued to call for justice and righteousness to be done. Furthermore, even in the midst of unfaithfulness and corruption today, God still calls us to live with justice, mercy, and humility as we serve God alone.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Brandon and Kristi Unruh and family and Lewis and Carrie Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Kylee Unruh in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks

11:00—Faith Formation for everyone.

Lectio Divina: Rm 17

Bible Discussion: Rm 112 & 211

Bible Study: Rm 113

Bible Memory: Pastor Rosie's office

Drama: Sanctuary

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.

This Week

Tuesday, March 18

Newsletter items are due.

Wednesday, March 19

Wednesday Evening Activities ~ Spring Break

No supper served, no children's activities, no TMYF

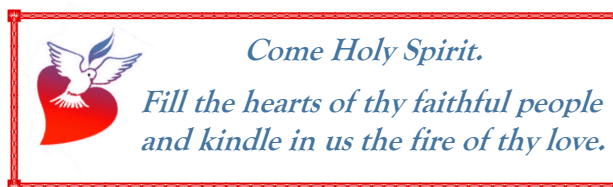
6:30—Adult Bible Study

6:40—Faithful Fitness

7:30—Adult Choir

Thursday, March 20

6:00 p.m.—Women's Spring Supper at Eden Mennonite Church.



Next Sunday, March 23

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Worship. We continue our journey of Lent and our study of the prophets by focusing on Judah and the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 36-37 and II Kings 18-19). What will happen to Judah after seeing their Northern neighbors fall? Will they escape unscathed? Pastor Rosie will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Safe travel for TMYF as they return from Snow Camp today.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC representatives to Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) of Mennonite Church USA – Clarence Rempel, Diana Schunn, and Jaime Cazares. CLC will be meeting on the Bethel College campus, March 20-22.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN thanks you for praying for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo mediation process that took place in December. Praise God for a good outcome and for the cooperation among the three Mennonite denominations in the country. Pray that church unity would continue to grow.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Give thanks for the new collaborative MBA between Bluffton University, Eastern Mennonite University, and Goshen College. Pray for strong enrollment which opens March 20. Pray for the faculty and staff working hard to make this program a reality.

Announcements

No meal or children's activities this week on Wednesday, **March 19** due to spring break. Meals and activities resume on **March 26** and **April 2**. The last Wednesday event is the Pine Car Derby on **April 9**.

Camp WaShunGa: Just a reminder to parents of Jr. High students, please get your camp registration forms back to Ben Schmidt. If you did not receive one, contact Ben at benjaminjschmidt@hotmail.com.

Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch: March 25 at Bethesda. Please sign up.

Coming Soon! Save the Date! Sunday, March 30, 12 Noon - Soup and trimmings in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to a yummy meal of soup and homemade bread. The only catch is this -- if you are already in a Caring Group, please bring your choice of a side dish. Suggestions for sides are: Cheese & cracker platter, relish platter, dessert or something of your choice. If you are not part of a Caring Group you get to come without bringing anything! Now that's a good deal, right? Please join us for fun and fellowship over our noon meal together!

Mennonite Women's Spring Salad Supper: The location of the Thursday, March 20 supper been changed to Eden Mennonite Church.

The Alexanderwohl Mennonite Men invite everyone to come enjoy the tasty sausage and warm pancakes on Saturday, March 22. The all you can eat meal will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Goessel Grade School. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Invitation to Senior Adults: The senior adults at Alexanderwohl invite the senior adults at Tabor Mennonite and Goessel Mennonite to join us for "Coffee and Conversation" on Friday, April 11, at 9:00 a.m. in our fellowship hall. (A "senior" is anyone from 60 to 100+ years!) We will have a special guest with us on that day. Ron Byler, Executive Director of MCC U.S., will share stories of MCC's work around the world. Mr. Byler is visiting Kansas for several days, including the Kansas Relief Sale, and is taking this opportunity to come and share with us. Join us for coffee, food, and fellowship! The plan is to end around 10:30. We hope to see you there! Contact Pastor Linda Ewert, at Alexanderwohl, 367-8192, if you have questions.

Coming up:

Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum Heritage Dinner, April 4 at Tabor Mennonite Church. Guest speaker: Larry Hatteberg

Easter Sunday: April 20

Membership class in May: Contact Pastor Phil to be part of this class.

MCC Sale: April 11 & 12

Tabor REALLY stepped up with pre sale expenses this week. Our total is now \$1400. THANKS so much for your response. Help us meet the goal early.

A BIG Thank You to ALL who supported the Lasagna Fellowship Meal. Your GENEROUS donations netted \$1500 and we fed nearly 80. It was a FUN event and THANKS to all of you who helped clean up.

Children's Coin offering has brought in \$270.78 so far. THANKS

PLEASE fill the Sign Up Sheets. We have OVER 1000 Volunteer positions to make the KS MCC Sale happen. PLEASE take a shift somewhere you have never tried before. It IS FUN and you get to know some NEW folks and find out that there are GOOD and FUN people everywhere.

Today is the LAST day to view the beautiful hand made quilts downstairs. THANKS to ALL the individuals and Willing Helpers who continue to put in the MANY hours that it takes to create these works of art.

Tabor Contact Persons are Kris & Archie Schmidt; & Jerry & Leann Toews. Questions, see us.

Israel Falls First

2 Kings 17:1-23

"The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them until the Lord removed them from his presence, as he had warned through all his servants the prophets. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria, and they are still there."
(2 Kings 17:22-23)

Exposition (1 Kings 1-11)

Rising Action (1 Kings 12-2 Kings 16)

Climax (2 Kings 17:1-23)

I. Rejection (7-17)

II. Rage (18a)

III. Removal (1-7, 18b-23)

*What will Judah do?
(to be continued...)*

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

March 9, 2014

Offering	= \$9,763.35	Attendance	= 182
Adult S.S.	= \$ 22.00	Attendance	= 56
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 11.81	Attendance	= 19



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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