



Sermon	The Coming Day of the Lord	Tom Harder
*Hymn	O day of God, draw nigh	HWB 370

### Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions  
Announcements and Activities  
Joys and Concerns  
Prayer

*Hymn	I want to walk as a child of the light	SJ 95
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\*Benediction

Postlude	We Gather Together	Bach
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\*Congregation Stands

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;  
SS = Sing the Story; PB = Pew Bible

**We light the peace lamp** as a reminder that peace is God's will for all of creation, that Christ is the Prince of Peace, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim boldly the gospel of peace.

**We welcome you to this service of worship!** Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

**For those with hearing difficulties**, assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

**Greeters this morning** are Dale and Vicki Blaine. **Nursery workers during worship** are Rachel Reimer-Kouame and Erica Schmidt; **during Sunday School**, Dale Blaine. **Fellowship workers** are Marla Kauffman and Warren Yoder.

**Following the worship service**, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation, until the bell rings for Sunday School. (Please see the list of classes below.)

**Thanksgiving Day invitation!** Today is the last day to sign up! Turkey will be provided, along with drinks, and table settings. Sign up is on the sofa table in the south lobby. Meal will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

**...in our community, our city, and beyond.**

**This morning, LAMC folks Pete Krause, Andrea Unzicker and Mike Fetters** are at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church to participate in a panel discussion about “radical hospitality”. They will share about LAMC’s involvement with refugees and immigrants through the IRC.

Mark your *December* calendar! **The children’s Christmas program is December 17, 6:30 p.m.** You are invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ornament Exchange! Bring any ornament (stars are really appreciated) for the children to choose for their home Christmas tree!

**The Chancel Choir will not rehearse on November 22.** On November 29, choir will meet at 7:00 to allow more time for the tasting meal with Greater Faith. New signup sheets on the sofa table.

**Inter-Faith Ministries OPERATION HOLIDAY 2017 is on!** There’s lots of work and if you’re eager to help, *check with Linda Doll*. LAMC folks will volunteer as a group with food distribution Friday, December 15, 11 am-2 pm. You may consider a monetary donation to Inter-Faith Ministries/Operation Holiday or donating gently used/new clothing, blankets, etc.

**Ten Thousand Villages/Fair Trade International Gift Festival** is coming to Newton, KS at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest, 601 N. Main. It will be open on November 24-25, December 1-3, 8-10, 15-17. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays: 10 am-5 pm. Hours on Sundays: 1-4 pm.

Spread cozy, colorful warmth around the world! All you have to do is tie knots! **Mennonite Central Committee has a generous number of comforter tops, and now we need your help tying them!** MCC has paired tops and backs that are ready to be tied, and we are inviting you or your church group to pick some up (or we can ship them to you)! If you are interested, please either stop by the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, or contact Kate Mast at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), or 316-283-2720. We ask that you

provide the batting and the crochet tying thread if possible. Thank you in advance for helping to spread warmth and love to our brothers and sisters around the world!

Many people do their **Christmas shopping at the Newton Et Cetera Shop!** Please bring us your **clean, gently-used toys, shoes, jewelry and children's coats.** Your donated items might end up as cherished gifts under someone's Christmas tree! Support MCC Thrift Shops because you care . . . about your family, your community, and beyond. Thank you!

**TODAY– Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble and Bethel College Jazz Combo I** in concert, 4:30 p.m., featuring guest artists and student compositions, *Memorial Hall.*

“Jerry Holsopple: 7x7: **Lament for an Age of Sexualized Power**” is in the *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center* through Dec. 7; hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., 2-4 p.m.; closed Nov. 22-24 and Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving break.

**Five Places of Christmas, Saturday, December 2, 10 AM-4 PM,** presented by Bethel College Women’s Association, offering the rare chance to see the decorated main floor of Goerz House, traditionally the president’s residence, with baked goods, home-made candy (by the pound) and Bethel gift items for sale. Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War”), refreshments, sale items in the museum store, and Karen Bauman Schlabauagh playing Christmas music at 3 p.m. on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-van der Smissen parlor organ. (***Bethel College Women’s Association has an urgent need for donations of baked items. These may be dropped off at Goerz House, 2512 College Ave., Sat., Dec. 2, before 10 a.m. All proceeds from the bake sale are used to benefit Bethel College students, faculty and staff. Questions: contact Cindy Erb, cindy.l.erb@gmail.com.***)

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray that gratitude, wisdom, and generosity would flow through WDC and its congregations, helping us to be faithful stewards of the spiritual gifts and financial resources God has entrusted to us.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for Goshen College students, especially those who will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday far away from their families.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Pray for Francisco Machado Leiva and Juana Lemus Lopez de Machado, working alongside the Burgos Mennonite Church and Anabaptist Network in Spain.

### **Prayers for Peacemakers:**

*From Christian Peacemaker Teams in Al-Khalil / Hebron, Palestine: "In the spirit of hope, we pray for peace. We pray for the torn and divided peoples, for refugees and uprooted families, for all living in camps and for those who assist them, and for all who have been bereaved, injured and traumatized. Especially we pray for all who suffer during renewed conflict and attack. We pray for Israelis living with the threat of rocket fire, for Palestinians in the West Bank subjected to the violation of their civil liberties and human rights and living under the constraints of military occupation and settler harassment. We pray for the people of Gaza, living under blockade and repeated military bombardment, adding fear to the misery of poverty and We pray for children and young people caught up in terror beyond their understanding or control. We pray for those who have been killed, maimed, bereaved; those who have had their future torn away from them; those whose lives are bleak, lacking opportunity, mobility and hope. We repent of our complicity in silence, of closing our eyes to the needs and well-being of the children and our failure to reject the ways of violence, threat and injustice. In the spirit of hope, we pray for peace. Amen"*

### **Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

26-year-old Mohammad Mousa left home in the small village of Deir Ballut, occupied West Bank, to renew his driver's license and was shot in the back by Israeli soldiers, having unexpectedly met an Israeli "flying" checkpoint. Mohammad later died at Israel's Beilinson Hospital. His sister, also with him, struck by a bullet in the shoulder, currently continues to receive treatment. *Lord, we bring before You the family of Mohammad Mousa and those that have had the devastating experience of having someone close to them suffer a sudden, violent and needless death. We pray that the violent Israeli occupation will come to an end. Lord in your mercy...*

Human rights groups have condemned Israel's decision to withhold the bodies of five Islamic Jihad members who were killed in an Israeli attack on a tunnel dug under the Gaza-Israel border last week. Israel plans to withhold the bodies in exchange for missing Israeli soldiers held by Hamas believed to have been killed during Israel's offensive on the besieged enclave in 2014. *Dear God, steady the feet that rush into war and the finger poised on the trigger. Guide all those in*

*positions of power—whether political, physical or social—give them wisdom to use their power for justice and peace. May all the dead be returned to their families for proper burial. Lord in your mercy ...*

The Israeli government is planning to double the number of Israeli settlers in the Jordan Valley, occupied West bank, to reach approximately 12000. The army has already ordered the eviction of Palestinians in different areas of the Jordan valley by issuing sixty military orders of eviction. Israeli settlements in occupied territories are illegal under International Law. *God, Israel continues to steal our land, evict our people and treat Palestinians as outcasts. We pray that the International community, especially human rights observers, hold Israeli decision makers accountable for their crimes. Lord in your mercy...*

According to prisoners' rights group Addameer, 6,198 Palestinians were detained by Israel as of October. The group has estimated that some 40 percent of Palestinian men will be detained by Israel at some point in their lives. *God, most Merciful, have mercy on the Palestinian people as we continue to be harassed and arrested by the Israeli army. We pray for the day Israel understands that true security is the fruit of peace and not military might. Lord have mercy...*

### **Visitors last Sunday:**

John Harder, Windsor, Ontario; Evie and Alena Thurman, Andover; Karla, Bentley and Nova Hagerman, Israel Deleon, Wichita; Jennifer Thuener, Wichita.

## **This Week at Church**

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due! Library Committee Meeting Centering Prayer Yoga Wellness Group	1:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Women's Group Church Council Meeting	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.m.

## Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

**Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206**  
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

**Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201**  
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

**Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202**  
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

**Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4**  
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,  
and Katie Mitchell-Koch

**Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208**  
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

## Adult Sunday School Classes

**Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)**  
*Radical Hope, letters of love and dissent  
in dangerous times, edited by Carolina de Robertis*

**Men's Study Jesus as seen through the eyes Library**  
of Leo Tolstoy  
*led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz*

**Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room**  
*led by Rose Moyer*

**Young Adult Class**  
*will return December 3*

**Faith and Issues Class Fellowship Hall**  
*Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries*

## Mission Statement\*

We are called to be followers of Christ  
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit  
sharing the good news of love, peace,  
healing, and hope  
through worship, fellowship, and service  
in our community, our city, and beyond.



*\*Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"* (Galatians 3:28)

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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