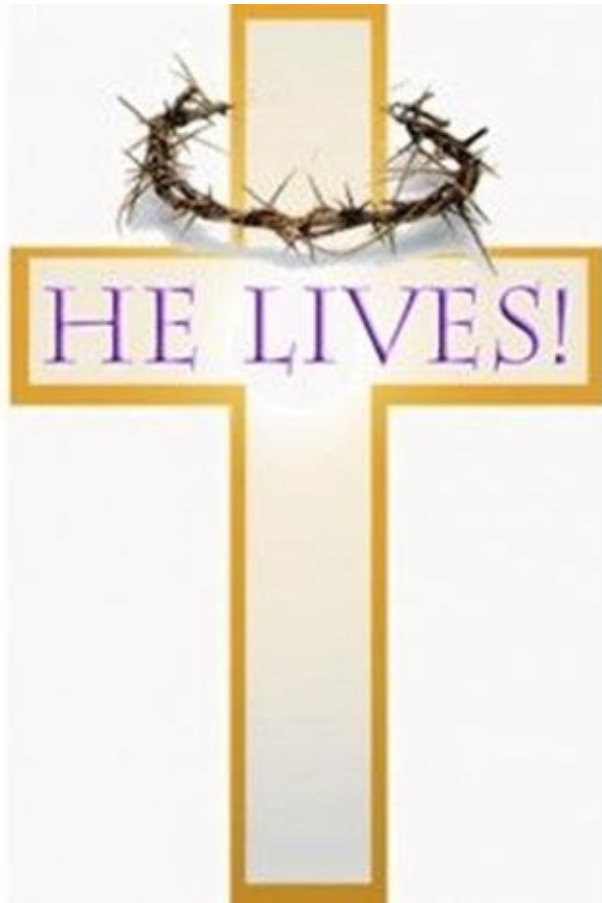


*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*

*April 26, 2020*



**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

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*"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

**Sermon & Children's Story:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck

**Worship Leader:** Henry Peters

**Music:** Hilda Franz, Andrew Richert, Tamara Franz Martin

**Sound Techs:** Ben Dueck, Andrew Rempel

Our guiding scripture for today's time of worship: **Luke 24:13-35.**

Our worship service will be posted to [abchurch.libsyn.com](http://abchurch.libsyn.com) [Audio]  
[abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca) [Video] first thing Sunday morning.

**PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Menno Funk**, part of our church family, passed away on April 21. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life, and pray for the family and extended family. A private family interment took place April 24, with a memorial service planned for a later date.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**  
**Pray: Complications with Anabaptist event planning for Latin American youth** - The Colombian Mennonite Church asks for prayer for the Anabaptist Andean youth meeting happening in Colombia on July 20-24. Three hundred youth usually come from Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela, Uruguay, Paraguay, San Salvador, Argentina and Brazil. The theme of this meeting is "Anabaptist identity in the Latin American context." Pray that leaders know how to proceed with planning for this important event, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**WORSHIP CALENDAR**

Our Weekly Worship Services will be available online until further notice. For the next weeks our services will explore stories from the Gospels.

## **From the Pastor** – Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

During this time that can feel quite dark like night I want to share one of my favourite prayers with you. This prayer is taken from the Sing the Journey #183.

Lord, it is night.

The night is for the stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done;

what has not been done has not been done;

let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world  
and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us,

and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys,

new possibilities

In your name we pray. AMEN

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Pastor Josh** Janzen will be returning to ministry at ABC on Tuesday, April 28. He will be working from his home in Nebraska.
- **During** this time of separation, it is harder for us as pastors to know what the needs and prayer concerns are of those in our congregation. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, struggling, or in need of some pastoral care please be in touch with Mark or Virginia.
- **If you are not** receiving our midweek email update from the pastors and wish to be on our email list please let the office know.
- **Previous videos** of worship services are available on our website [abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca). Click 'videos' to access older recordings.
- **It's time** to renew your REJOICE devotional subscription. If you wish to subscribe or renew please call the church office. Subscription price \$46.19 [PST and GST included]. Deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Though** the church doors remain closed, the church continues to operate. We will continue to strive to meet our financial obligations. Please continue your giving. Here are ways you can continue giving:
  - Dropped off at Don & Grace Fehr, 38 Sunflower Crescent.  
A basket is located on the front porch...Just drop it in and ring the doorbell - No cash please.

- Mailed to the church. We still pick up the mail on a regular basis. 117nd Street NW Altona, MB R0G 0B1.
- Electronic transfer - If you have not already set this up, Call Don & Grace Fehr 204-324-5908

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **In late** February our Chaplain Marlene Wiebe, who worked in Eastview Place and at The Apartments of Gardens on Tenth, tendered her resignation. In the interim we have contracted Peter Bartel to handle the spiritual care duties and the Ministerial has been working to develop a plan for the ongoing spiritual care needs of our community health institutions. Due to COVID 19, at this time, no Chaplain visits are being made in Eastview and Gardens on Tenth.

As well, if you have not already been informed, a working document has been prepared and was made available to all area churches through Pastors/Ministry staff for discussion at your board/leadership levels. If you have any questions please direct them to your Pastor to share with the Rhineland Ministerial process.

With thanks, Ted Enns – Dyck, Chair of the Rhineland Area Ministerial

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) 896-1616

- **The Executive Minister Search Committee** invites your prayers as they wait for and receive applications. Please pray that God will guide this entire process and guide the committee in their discernment.

**Mennonite Church Canada** – [office@mennochurch.ca](mailto:office@mennochurch.ca) 888-6781

- Mennonite Church MB provides this week's online service to view at: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>.

**Mennonite Collegiate Institute** – [info@mciblues.net](mailto:info@mciblues.net) 327-5891

- Please pray for MCI as they navigate the COVID-19 storm.

**Canadian Mennonite University** – [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)

**Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – [Manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:Manitoba@mccmb.ca)

- Joyce Ngumbao welcomes you to her table! Watch the video to learn about cooking, drought and agriculture conservation in Kenya, at [mcccanada.ca/stories/welcome-my-table-video](http://mcccanada.ca/stories/welcome-my-table-video). Find more exciting resources and videos to keep you busy at [tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources](http://tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources)
- The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament has been postponed from July 8<sup>th</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you for a beautiful day of golf in the fall. Register today at [mccmb.ca/golf](http://mccmb.ca/golf).

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