



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**Renewal Through Trust and Yieldedness**

**January 26, 2025**

**10:30am**

*“Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit...” - John 15:5b*

## **GATHERING TO PRAISE**

Prelude – *Be Thou My Vision* (arr. P. Manz)

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (arr. P. Manz) Sharon Waltner

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Proverbs 3:5-8) Nathan Epp

L: Gathered siblings, may we learn to trust in the Lord with our whole hearts!

**P: No more will we rely on our intelligence.**

***ALL: We will trust in the Lord! With wholehearted resolve, we will employ our minds and our intelligence in the service of the Lord.***

L: Brothers and sisters, may we come to know the Lord in all our paths;

**P: for it is the Lord who will keep our ways straight.**

L: Trusting the Lord will mean we're not puffed up with our rightness or wisdom.

**P: We will trust in the Lord. We will not be puffed up with our rightness or wisdom, but in fear and awe of the Lord, we will turn away from evil.**

***ALL: Then our bodies will be healthy, and our bones will be strengthened.***

***Thanks be to God.***

Prayer of Invocation

\* Singing our Praise – *When We Walk with the Lord* VT #570

\* Greeting each other

Children's Story Lori Hofer

Offering – Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning

Offertory – *Simple Gifts* (arr. W. Held)

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Responsive Scripture Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8 (on screen)

Special Music – *Jesus, Like A Shepherd Lead Us* (Robert Lau)

Children's Choir

\* Gospel Reading Matthew 18:1-5

Sermon – “Yielded to God” Pastor Corey Miller

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Song – *I Bind My Heart This Tide* VT #556

Intergenerational Ritual: Remembering/Anticipating our baptism

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

## **SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS**

\* Song – *Go, My Children* VT #830

(children sing v. 1, congregation joins on vv. 2 and 3)

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Der Tag, ist so Freudenreich* (J.S. Bach)

## **Church Calendar**

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

### **TODAY**

Gelassenheit (yieldedness) is an attitude of “self-surrender and joyous acceptance of God’s will” that characterized early Anabaptists. By yielding their lives to serve the reign of God above all, Anabaptists learned to trust in Jesus and obey him in life. As we remember the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first baptism, we remember the faithful witness of so many who continue to inspire us. Welcome to this time of worship where we yield to God’s Spirit.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning.**

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### **THIS WEEK**

**Jan. 29 (Wed)** – Feeding Our Faith. Supper at 6:15pm and Bible Study for all ages at 7:00pm. We grow communities of hope when we spend time together eating, listening, and learning. Come dwell in God’s Word together.

**Jan. 31 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### **NEXT SUNDAY – Feb. 2**

Next Sunday we continue our “*Services of Renewal*” that guide our worship.

The focus of the day is “*Renewal Through The Lord’s Table.*” The texts include I Cor. 11:23-26, Lk. 22:14-23, and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will be remembering Christ’s love for us at the communion table.

The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

## **Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News**

### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Last Tuesday on January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Anabaptists celebrated the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first believer’s baptism and the movement of the free church tradition.

### **Remember to praise God for:**

- the story of the Anabaptist movement that sought to follow Christ above all else.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Helen Tieszen.

**Anabaptism at 500:** Several Mennonite colleges have been hosting events that emphasize this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At College Mennonite Church in Goshen, a special service highlighted stories and songs that commemorate this anniversary. You can go on the **MC USA** website and look for “*Anabaptism at 500 anniversary event*” and click on the link which will lead you to that service.

**Rachel Miller** has shared an update from Oklahoma with us. Her letter was attached to the emailed bulletin and a copy is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Schmeckfest sign-up sheets** are in the narthex.

Summary **minutes** from the January Deacons’ meeting have been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We have nearly \$3000 to give away! What a blessing of wealth! What do we want to use it for? What is important to us? Who is in need locally...or further away? The Outreach and Service Committee/Team, twice a year designates **gifts for local and/or global needs**. If you have an idea, request, or suggestion, please share your thoughts with someone from the O&S team by February 3rd. Some of the members include: Charity Ortman, Teresa Dick, Lacey Friesen, Tim Eisenbeis, Nathan Epp, Corey Miller, Gwen Ortman, Janette Epp, Marlyce Miller, Anita Eisenbeis, Clara Beseman.

**Anabaptist Community Bible:** The Anabaptist Community Bible is available for purchase. If you wish to order one, you can do so online at: <https://www.mennomedia.org/anabaptist-community-bible>.

## Community Connections

**Rural Revival to meet Monday, January 27:** Rural Revival will host a presentation by Megan EisenVos about the Farm to School program at 7:30pm at the Freeman library. The regular Rural Revival meeting will follow. All are welcome to attend.

**FA Noodle Making Day Planned:** You are invited to join the volunteer crew in making noodles for the 2025 Schmeckfest meal and Country Kitchen on Saturday, Feb. 1, starting at 9:00am. Snow date is Feb. 8, if necessary. This is a great time of work and fellowship for folks of all ages! A pizza lunch will be provided.

**Learning more about Christian Nationalism:** Dr. Drew Strait will present the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Mennonite Bible Study Series in Mountain Lake on Jan 31-

Feb 2, on the timely theme of “**Following Jesus in a World of Political Idolatry and Polarization**”. The meetings will be held at Bethel Mennonite Church beginning Friday evening, January 31 at 7:00pm. Two Saturday, February 1, sessions will be from 9:00 to 11:30am and at 7:00pm. The Sunday morning, February 2, worship service begins at 10:00am at Bethel Church, followed by a Sunday evening session at 7:00pm. Dr. Drew Strait is Associate Professor of NT at AMBS in Elkhart, Indiana. All are warmly invited.

Bellwood Mennonite Church and Central Plains Conference invite you to participate in a **Prayer School with Brian Zahnd**, Feb. 28 & Mar. 1, 2025, in Milford, NE. In three sessions, participants will learn about prayer as a practice and gain practical ideas for deepening their relationship with God through prayer. Prayer School will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, and 9 a.m. on Saturday, Mar. 1; wrapping up with lunch at 12:30 p.m. There is no cost for the Prayer School, but registration is required. Please register by Feb. 14th on the Central Plains website ([www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org)). Additional information is posted in the narthex.

**The Great Winter Warm-Up is back!** Spread warmth around the world this winter by helping MCC reach a goal of 7000 comforters by the end of March. You can sponsor, donate one (or more!) comforters, or attend a comforter event to tie in community with others! If you host an event in your home, church or community please let [tinaschrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinaschrag@mcc.org) know about it (we’ve got some small gifts for those who host events!). Check [mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up](http://mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up) for instructions, coloring pages for kids and more!

**Seeking God’s Peace:** *“We who were formerly no people at all, and who knew of no peace, are now called to be a church... of peace. True Christians do not know vengeance. They are the children of peace. Their hearts overflow with peace. Their mouths speak peace, and they walk in the way of peace.”* - Menno Simons

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