



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Healing and Witness”

October 12, 2025

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *We thank you God, we thank you*, Cantata 29 (J.S. Bach)

Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 66)

Lori Hofer

- 1: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth!
- 2: Sing the glory of his name and give to him glorious praise!
- 3: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”
- 4: All the earth worships You; they sing praises to your name!
- 5: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.
- 6: God has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

ALL: Blessed be God; You have brought us out to a spacious place!

Prayer of Invocation

* Singing our Praise – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

VT #638

Greeting each other

Children’s Story Jeremiah 29:1-2, 4-7

Beth Bontrager

Peace Lamp

Offering – Mennonite Church USA

Offertory – *Praise to the Lord* (J. Walther)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the New Testament II Timothy 2:1-2, 8-13

Special Music – *Dance, Sing, Clap Your Hands* (Douglas E. Wagner)

Children’s Choir

Hearing the Gospel Story Luke 17:11-19

Sermon – “The Gift of Healing” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Response Song – *For the Healing of the Nations* VT #705

Anointing with Oil *Healer of Our Every Ill* VT #644

There Is a Balm in Gilead VT #647

Anne Waltner, accompanist

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Sending Song – *Healer of Our Every Ill* (refrain only) VT #644

* Benediction

* Choral Benediction – *Go Now To Love and Serve The Lord* (Dolores Hruby)

Postlude – *All praise to God who reigns above* (arr. Paul Manz)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

A major part of Jesus’ ministry was healing. He healed bodies, minds, and communities. With the Holy Spirit’s power, we are invited to share and participate in Christ’s healing work in the world. Be open to the places where God is calling for healing within your life. Welcome to our worship! We are blessed that you are here!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA**.

TONIGHT – Everyone is invited for a **Fall Gathering** at Salem-Zion from 5:00-7:00pm. A light supper with hotdogs for roasting and s’mores will be provided. You are welcome to bring a side dish. Activities will include soccer and lawn games. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a fun time of fellowship!

THIS WEEK

Oct. 14 (Tues) – Deacons’ meeting at 7:30pm

Oct. 15 (Wed) – Children’s Choir, 6:15-6:45pm

Oct. 15 (Wed) – Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30-8:30pm

Oct. 17 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – October 19

Next Sunday our theme is “*The Kingdom is Among You.*” The texts are Ps. 22:25-31, Exodus 19:1-8, I Thess. 2:9-15, and Luke 17:20-37. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Freeman Academy.

COMING EVENTS

October – Pastor Appreciation Month

Oct. 19 – Fall selection ballots are due (extra copies are in the narthex)

Oct. 19-27 – Pastor Corey and Nancy on vacation

Oct. 22 – Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30-8:30pm

Nov. 2 – Harvest Mission Festival with Salem Mennonite at Salem-Zion.

Linda Shelly is our speaker.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Corey and Nancy visited family in KS for two days. They returned home on Thursday evening.

Remember to praise God for:

- Christ’s healing power that renews us in this life.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Delano and LaVonne Tieszen.

- those who struggle with wounds and pain in their bodies, in their minds, and in their spirits. Lord, have mercy and bring healing by your grace.
- our sister congregations in Iowa: Cedar Falls, Christ Community, Des Moines, First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Wellman, Washington, Wayland, Sugar Creek, Pleasant View, and Donnellson.

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin this week and will continue regularly until Easter. The choir is scheduled to sing the 4th Sunday morning of each month, and will practice the two prior Wednesdays. Rehearsals will be from 7:30-8:30 pm. The choir will also again be involved in an evening Christmas program on Sunday, December 21. All singers are invited to join whenever it suits them. Sherilyn Ortman will direct.

Freeman Academy's Annual Fall Church Drive will begin Sunday, October 19th. The high school choir and instrumental ensemble will share music on that Sunday during worship, directed by Dr. Rolf Olson and Mataya Yilmaz. During this harvest season, we are thankful for the alumni and friends of Freeman Academy and all you do to support students and the school! During the Church Drive, we ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund. Committee members will be available at a table to receive your donations. If you are not in church on the 19th and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available on a table for your convenience, or you can make your donation online at freemanacademy.org.

Our annual **Harvest Mission Festival** will be hosted at Salem-Zion Mennonite on **November 2nd**. Our special speaker is Linda Shelly, recently retired Mennonite Mission Network director for Latin America. Known for her gift of connecting people, churches, and ministries, Linda's remarkable 44-year career is marked by fostering partnerships, empowering local leadership, and advancing peace, justice, and theological education across Latin America. Linda will speak to the youth during our SS hour at 9:30am, preach in our worship service at 10:30am, and enjoy a fellowship meal at noon. During the SS hour for all adults, Tim Eisenbeis will lead a discussion of listening for God's call in local missions. In the evening at 7:00pm, Linda will speak again and we will surround our worship with special music and children's voices. Salem Mennonite is warmly invited to all these services as we celebrate Christ's church throughout the world. An offering will be received on Sunday morning for Mennonite Mission Network.

Josie Epp, daughter of John and Beth Epp, is engaged! To celebrate this couple, we're hosting a **Card shower**. There's a basket in the narthex on the west counter. Please sign the card and if you choose, leave a donation for the couple. We'll collect monetary gifts and cards through October 19. If you have any questions,

please speak with Digna Miller or Elizabeth Janssen, Salem-Zion Bridal Shower Committee.

Native American Day 2025: A document from Rose Bazemore was emailed with this week's bulletin and is also posted in the narthex. Rose writes: "This is information which I am presenting to hopefully help the People to remember a powerful dream which did not die that day in a plane crash back on April 19, 1993, in Zwingle, Iowa."

Estelle Waltner is organizing a food drive for the **Bethany Food Pantry** for the Thanksgiving season, seeking monetary donations with which to purchase items. Donations can be made by cash or check (made out to Estelle) by November 5 so that she can have the food ordered by Thanksgiving pickup time. Please contact Estelle if you have questions: (605) 310-3424, or ecwaltner23@gmail.com.

Greetings from Bethesda Mennonite Church. We have heard that the **MCC Meat Canner** is not going to be making a stop this year in South Dakota. In response to that, we at Bethesda would be happy to invite you to come down and lend a hand at our canner this year. Dates are November 21-22, 24-25. You can come as an individual or a group. As far as housing is concerned, York is nearby with plenty of hotels as well as the many family connections that exist between our communities. Contact person for the Canner is Jay Dee Janzen. Phone number 402-362-0512 (cell). You may call or text. Please leave a message if no answer. You could also contact the Bethesda Church Office 402-723-4562 and leave a message there and they can relay the information to Jay Dee.

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!



Community Connections

Freeman Academy Fall Music Concert – Oct. 16, 2025: The Freeman Academy Music Department (grades 7-12) will present their Fall Concert on Thursday, October 16, at 7:30 pm in Pioneer Hall. The Ensembles performing will be the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Concert Band. Featured instrumentalists will include Sherilyn Ortman, piano; Craig Wollman, bass guitar and Jim McKinney, drums. Directors at Freeman Academy are Rolf Olson - choirs, and Mataya Yilmaz - band. All are Welcome!

Swiss Choral will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 19, 7pm at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Schubert's *Mass in G* will be performed and accompanied by string quartet. Vocal scores will be provided. Please come and join in singing, community, and fellowship as we work to prepare a beautiful piece of music!

Join the **Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary for soup, sandwiches and pie** on October 24 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Senior Citizen Center in Freeman. While you're there, be sure to take home some delicious homemade goodies from the bake sale as well! The proceeds from this year's event will go towards a medical scale and an automated medication cabinet at Freeman Regional. If you would like to donate baked goods, please deliver them to the Senior Citizen Center between 8:30-10:30 am, the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

Freeman Academy continues its tradition of community service on November 14 by **raking leaves** for members of the community who are in most need of help with fall clean up. Students and staff will bundle up before visiting about 12-15 yards. To request assistance at your home, please call the school office at (605) 925-4237.

God's Peace comes by Living Christ: "Healing is impossible in loneliness; it is the opposite of loneliness. Conviviality is healing. To be healed we must come with all the other creatures to the feast of Creation." - Wendell Berry

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