



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 18, 2020

“Responding to the Emperor”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *A Mighty Fortress*, arr. Rick Walters (Canadian Brass Series)

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 96) Andre Eisenbeis

L: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation every day.

P: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

L: Say among the nations, “The LORD is king! The LORD will judge the peoples with equity.”

P: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

L: For the LORD is coming. The LORD is coming to judge the earth.

ALL: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – *Come, thou Almighty King* (HWB #41)

Chorister: LeRoy Epp; Keyboardist: Sheila Epp

Children’s Story Lillie Eisenbeis

Celebrating God’s Mission – Freeman Academy

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Isaiah 45:1-7 & Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon – “God and Caesar” Susan Janzen

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Music – *Kol Dodi* (from *Song of Songs*), arr. Amy F. Bernon

HS Concert Choir Girls

Missional Moment Nathan Epp

Music – *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (Tune: Hyfrydol) SJ #63

HS Ukulele Class

Fanfare on Nettleton – arr. Ethan Rops (FA student)

Saxophone Quartet

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *Jesus, you have called us* (SJ #70)

Benediction

Postlude

Sending Song Outside – *Praise God from whom*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; in heav’n above and earth below; one God three persons we adore. To God be praise forevermore.

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

In this election year, Christians all across this country are both posturing and pondering. How do followers of Jesus relate to Caesar? We are blessed to have our Conference Minister, Susan Janzen, to share a message that invites us into the conversation. We are so glad you have joined us for worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Freeman Academy**. The table display in the coatroom area highlights FA’s ministry of providing Christ-centered education in a safe and creative environment in these days. Many of us are alumni of Freeman Academy and continue to feel grateful for all the ways we have been nurtured in our faith. May our offerings contribute to what God is doing at FA.

Freeman Academy Musicians (pre-recorded music):

Brass Choir – Tyler Brockmueller, Aidan Kesteloot, Tim Epp, Fred Nelson – trumpets; Angel Hernandez, Jada Koerner – horns; Connor Epp, Liam Ortman – trombones; Titus Roesler – euphonium; Seth Balzer – tuba

Saxophone Quartet – Ethan Rops, Sam Waltner, Gabe Miller, Paul Hoff

TODAY – Catechism and *Christ in Crisis* study at 9:30 a.m.

No in-person Jr. Sunday School for Preschool - 8th grade (also canceled for Sunday, Oct. 25)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Oct. 21 – Board of Education meeting at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – October 25

Next Sunday will be our annual **Harvest Mission Festival** and we will focus on our local ministries that Salem-Zion supports. Pictures, stories and enthusiasm will be on display in our worship time. The scripture is Matthew 9:35-38 and we also will be dedicating our youngest children to the Lord.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Mennonite Mission Network**.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day as we remember and give thanks for those in our church who died in the past year

Nov. 22 – Annual Congregational Business Meeting

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Worship Service at South Church. You will be able to worship in person with social distancing as well as tune into the service through ZOOM. More details to come.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Ken Mannes had heart surgery last Thursday at the Avera Heart Hospital in

Sioux Falls. We continue to pray for Ken and Mary in these days of recovery.

- Allen Schmidt has made some progress this past week at the Sanford Hospital. He had his breathing tube removed, is recovering from pneumonia, and continues to work on swallowing. Allen appreciates our prayers and well wishes. His daughter has created a Caring Bridge site, so you can go there and see daily updates.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Duane & LaVonne Schrag.
- Ken Mannes as he recovers from his heart surgery. Pray also for Mary in her role of caregiver.
- Allen Schmidt as his body heals and adjusts in these days. Pray also for Mary as she offers encouragement.
- the Selection Committee and the Review Committee as they begin to sort through information, as they make calls, and as they pray through this process. May God's will be done.
- wisdom and discernment as we respond in this election season. May we always remember that we are citizens of God's Kingdom first and we pledge our allegiance to Jesus Christ.
- CPMC ministry staff as they travel. May they be safe on the road and in each congregation.

Remember to thank God for:

- the season of Fall with its delightful colors in the changing leaves, the harvest that is nearing the end, and the sense that "all is being gathered in" in this season that prepares for winter. Christ in all seasons!
- faithful giving of money, time, and services that has continued throughout this pandemic season, enabling us to continue our ministries of sharing Christ's light and love.

If you haven't already, remember to turn in your completed **congregational pastoral review**. Forms are due TODAY, Oct. 18, either electronically to the church office, or to the box in the narthex.

As the end of the church's fiscal year approaches, please plan on the following deadlines: all information for the annual business meeting is due by **November 5** and the yearbook deadline will be **December 1**. Please continue to share updated contact information with the church office as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Church office: Lisa will be in the church office on Thursday mornings and by appointment as requested. Feel free to reach her by cell phone or e-mail throughout the rest of the week.

Community Connections

This year the funds raised at the FRHS Auxiliary Fund drive in May and the Soup Day & Bake Sale in Oct. had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. We are having a fund drive during the month of October to still purchase a respiratory suction unit for Oakview Terrace Nursing Home, so we are asking for donations to do this. If you would like to give, please mail checks payable to **FRHS Auxiliary** to Marlene Herman, PO Box 364, Freeman, SD 57029 or put them in Clara Graber's mail box in church. You may also drop your donation at any Freeman bank or grocery store. Thank you.

Weekend Position: Freeman Academy is looking for weekend support staff at the dorm. Resident Supervisors work one to two weekends a month for \$100/day. Responsibilities include making one or two meals with student help, being available to residents between meals, and supervising lights-out at bedtime. For more information contact Lynnelle Allison at 605-925-4237 ext. 225.

Over the years, area churches have been a great support to Freeman Academy's international students living at the dorm. Thank you for donating processed meat, adult bicycles and mixers for the kitchen. This fall, **please consider donating these items:** large crock pot, twin mattresses, or a full-size mattress. We are happy to give gently used items a new home and to give a receipt for new items. Thank you!

Freeman Academy Community Service Day – Friday, October 30: It is that time of year the leaves fall and our students can give back to Freeman residents by helping them rake them up. Friday, October 30 watch for students of all ages raking around town. We are so thankful for all of your support. Please contact Judy at 605-925-4237 by October 23 to reserve a spot as they go fast. Happy Fall y'all!

Praying God's Peace in this Fall Season:

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth.

Forgive us for taking without giving reaping without sowing.

Open our eyes to see our lips to praise our hands to share.

May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread and our footsteps be worthy of following for they lead to You.

Pastor Corey Miller

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