



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“God Saves”

October 20, 2024 10:30am

“Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him...” - Matthew 14:31

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Kocher/Monk) Woodwind Ensemble
Estelle Waltner, Arianne Fink, Sieta Wiersema, Alea Miller

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Exodus 15) Nathan Epp
L: The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation.

P: This is my God and I will praise him!

L: Who is like you, O LORD, awesome in splendor and doing wonders?

P: The LORD will reign forever and ever. Amen!

Opening Prayer

* Singing our Praise – *Praise Him, Praise Him* VT #100

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Lacey Friesen

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Missional Moment Brian Paff, FA Board Chair

Special Music Concert Choir

Soon and Very Soon (Andre Crouch, arr. Jack Schrader)

Glory, Glory (arr. Adam & Matt Podd)

Jada Buse - drums; Craig Wollman - bass guitar

Offering – Freeman Academy

Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Numbers 21:4-9, Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon Kate Friesen

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Special Music – *Locust Iste* (Anton Bruckner) Chamber Choir

Hear My Prayer (Moses Hogan)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

Sending Song – *How Can I Keep from Singing* Chamber Choir
(Robert Lowry, arr. Taylor Davis) Alea Miller, flute

* Benediction

Postlude – *God of Our Fathers* (Roberts/Warren) Brass Ensemble

Christian Ortman, Simon Wiersema, Josh Janssen, Solomon Ortman,

Maddie Anderson, Armando Miller, Afouh Njengeh

Keyboardist: Sherilyn Ortman

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

We are blessed to worship a God who saves. Jesus saves lives by healing disease, upsetting systems of injustice, and laying down his life in love. We are blessed to have Freeman Academy students share gifts of music and Kate Friesen share from the pulpit. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Freeman Academy**.

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Oct. 21 (Mon) – Selection ballots are due

Oct. 23 (Wed) – Children’s Choir, 6:00-6:30pm

Oct. 23 (Wed) – Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm

Oct. 24 (Thurs) – Deacons’ meeting at 7:30pm

Oct. 25 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – Oct. 27

Next Sunday our worship will be at Salem Mennonite Church for our Harvest Mission Festival Sunday. Steve and Kristi Martin (brother and sister-in-law to Angie and Brent Brockmueller) will be sharing about their ministry, Anistemi (ah-nest-amy,) meaning "to raise up". The Martins started this ministry in 2018. It is a registered 501c3 private charity based out of Hesston, Kan. This ministry partners with three communities in Africa (Nairobi, Kenya; Kumel, Uganda; and Uvira, Congo) to raise people up and out of poverty by providing access to resources like education, vocational training and small business loans. 99.2% of the proceeds go directly to the communities they serve. Because we at Salem-Zion initially scheduled this Sunday to give an offering to Mennonite Mission Network, if you send your money to the church earmarked for MMN, it will go there. Steve and Kristi will share during the worship service at 9:30 and again with the adults and children during Sunday school time. An offering will be taken to support the work of Anistemi. We are invited to stay for the noon fellowship meal provided by the South Church.

COMING EVENTS

October 27 – Harvest Mission Festival at Salem Mennonite. Worship at 9:30am, Additional Presentation at 10:30am. Noon meal hosted by South Church will follow.

October 30 – Youth group/mentor/mentee activity at 6:30pm. Supper and fall fun!

November 5 – End-of-year reports due to the church office

December 1 – Yearbook deadline (final deadline due to printing schedule)

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Corey, Nancy and Rachel left on Friday to attend the wedding of Nancy's nephew in Kansas. They will return on Monday.
- Reed Schrag is still a patient at the Freeman Hospital.

Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of Freeman Academy to our church and community for so many years.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Marian Gering.
- those in our conference who are taking or considering classes in seminary and/or exploring calls to ministry. We give thanks for the nudgings of the Spirit, and pray for fortitude and courage for those who are studying, praying, and discerning the ministries to which God has called them.

The church furnace is currently in need of repair, and during this season of **fluctuating temperatures**, please dress accordingly if you might get cold under these circumstances.

October 31 is the last day of our church fiscal year. In order to alleviate any stress from our wonderful treasurer, you can make contributions to Salem-Zion and designate them "Household Treasury" so we can meet our giving goals and fulfill the ministries we said we wanted to do this year. Thanks be to God for all the generous gifts that have been graciously given this year!

Freeman Academy's annual fall church drive begins today. During this harvest season, we are grateful to the alumni and friends of Freeman Academy and ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund. Committee members will be available at a table on Oct. 20 and Nov. 3 to receive your donations. If you are not in church those Sundays 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.

Since we will be meeting at the South Church next Sunday, **announcements related to Salem-Zion will be emailed** on Thursday and a few printed copies will be left in the narthex.

Coming in 2025 – 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism: January 2025 (in four months) will mark the 500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement. In addition to receiving the long-awaited version of Anabaptist Community Bible, there are several other events planned for this amazing milestone. Consider going online to order your copy of the Anabaptist Community Bible.

Community Connections

Upcoming webinar from our partners at Everence: Credit scores affect the terms of loans you receive, employment, housing and insurance rates. Learn how your credit report affects your credit scores, how to establish or rebuild scores and more. Tune in on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. ET with Steve Bustos, Everence Stewardship Consultant, and Kim Miller, Sr. Program Manager for LSS. Register at everence.com/partners.

Join the **Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary** for soup, sandwiches and pie on October 25 from 10:30am – 1:30pm 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 updating surgical equipment at Freeman Regional. If you would like to donate baked goods, please deliver them to the Senior Citizen Center between 8:30-10:30am, the day of the event. Thank you!

Our October edition of **On the Level** is now available at <https://conta.cc/3A1Xft6>. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares some examples of being the hands and feet of Jesus, learn the latest on the MDS response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and see how wall hangings can provide colors of hope.

Save the Date! Central Plains Mennonite Conference and the Ecuador Partnership will host a 10-day service trip and learning tour to Riobamba and Quito, Ecuador from February 28 - March 9, 2025. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers. The group will assist the Anabaptist Mennonite Christian Church of Ecuador (ICME) churches in Riobamba with building projects for their respective facilities. This will fall over the Carnival holiday week, so we look forward to many of their church members participating, too. More details will be coming soon. If you have any interest, please complete the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/5TFyMUR6g2Bo9Jjz6> by **November 3**, so we can add you to the list and ensure you receive all future communications regarding the trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joel Beachy (joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org).

God Saves: *"Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me see him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world but to save the world."*
– Jesus from John 12:44-47

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