



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 4, 2020

“World Wide Communion Sunday”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Lisa Kaufman
 Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 80) Sheila Epp
 L: Restore us, O God of hosts,
P: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.
 L: You brought a vine out of Egypt and planted it.
P: The vine took deep root and filled the land.
 L: Turn again, O God of hosts; have regard for this vine, that it may bear fruit.
ALL: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine that we may be saved.

Opening Prayer
 Opening Hymn – *Sing to the Lord of harvest* (HWB #98)
 Choristers: Judy Graber, Sheila Epp
 Celebrating God’s Mission – Household Treasury

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Isaiah 5:1-7
 * Hearing the Gospel Matthew 21:33-46
 Sermon – “Bearing Fruit” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Song – *Thou true Vine, that heals* (HWB# 373)
 Communion SS #171
 L: What do you bring to Christ’s table?
P: We bring bread, made by many people’s work, from an unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry.
 L: At this table, all are fed, and no one turned away.
P: Thanks be to God!
 L: What do you bring to Christ’s table?
P: We bring wine, made by many people’s work, from an unjust world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive.
 L: At this table all share the cup of pain and celebration and no one is denied.
P: Thanks be to God!
 L: These gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ.
P: Our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice, and our hope for a world where God is fully known and every child is fed.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sharing and Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song – *God be with you* (HWB#430)
 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

With believers around the world on this World Wide Communion Sunday, we gather at the Table of God’s grace to celebrate the church as One Body and One Cup. When we unite in Christ, the church bears incredible fruit for God’s Kingdom. If you are tired, come rest with us. If you are yearning, come seek Christ’s truth. If you are hurting, come and be loved. We welcome everyone who is listening in today.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**. The money received in today’s offering helps to pay salaries of our staff, keeps our facility looking nice, pays for SS materials so our children can grow, and keeps our building warm in winter. Did you know that our amazing trustees were able to lock in our propane cost for the year at .94 per gallon! Today, we joyfully give to the household treasury so we can continue God’s mission in our midst.

TODAY – No in-person Jr. Sunday School (Preschool - 8th grade); Sunday school will be offered for adults at 9:30am – Join us if you are able.

NEXT SUNDAY – October 11

Next Sunday we will continue our “*Roadsigns and Guideposts*” series on the ministry of Jeremiah. The theme is “**The Fall.**” The scripture text will be Jeremiah 25:8-11; 52:12-15 and Pastor Corey will preach.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Mennonite Church USA.**

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 18 – CPMC Minister **Susan Janzen** will be here preaching
Oct. 25 – **Harvest Mission Festival** celebrating our local mission activities

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Mary Waltner recently had total knee replacement on her other knee. The surgery went well and Mary is making progress as she heals and recovers. Pray for Mary and Tim in this journey of healing.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Joyce Schrag.

- Mary Waltner as she recovers from her knee surgery.
- the Pastor/Congregational Review, that it can be an opportunity to learn, affirm, name and grow in our faith witness together as a part of Christ's Body.
- grace that comes from the Holy Spirit in these politically charged times.
- Scott Roser whose previous ordination is being recognized in CPMC at Cedar Falls Mennonite Church today. We give thanks for Scott's faithful church leadership in Central Plains.

Remember to thank God for:

- the miracle of Simon's health after his farm accident. For Simon, Emmit, Paul and Charity, we continue to praise God for quick thinking, for helpful hands and for God's incredible grace.
- the harvest that continues to be gathered in favorable conditions. The wet, muddy harvest of 2019 seems like a distant memory.
- this day where millions of Christians are gathering around the table in the name of Jesus Christ. We are one in Christ!

Salem-Zion Connects with Caring Cards: By now, you may have received a card from Salem-Zion's **Caring Card Blitz**. If you want to continue practicing your penmanship, feel free now to send a card **back** to the person you received a card from! This isn't a mandate, but if you have time and interest, go for it. The more cards that are floating back and forth in our community, the more connected we will be. Let's see where this thing goes!



Evaluation forms for the **Congregational/Pastoral Review** were emailed earlier this week. Hard copies may be printed at home, picked up at church, or delivered to you by request. Any regular attender high school age and older is encouraged to participate in this review. Completed forms are due by Sunday, Oct. 18 and can either be emailed to the church office (salemzion@gwtc.net); mailed to the church at 27844 443rd Ave, Freeman, SD 57029 (we suggest mailing by Oct. 12); or deposited in the box in the narthex. Your feedback and suggestions will help support Salem-Zion's leaders, one another, and our shared ministry in the coming months and years.

Jr. Department Sunday School: There will be no in-person Jr. Sunday School (preschool-8th grade) Oct. 4 and 11.

Salem-Zion's **Project Fund** is in need of approximately \$600 at this time. Thank you for your gifts over the last few months. If anyone would like to make a donation in the coming weeks, please earmark your checks for "the project fund" and submit to Lacey Friesen. Thank you!

The church kitchen has not been used for several months, but some items remain unclaimed from early this year. If you brought something to the kitchen and haven't found your container, **please look at the items on the table** in the narthex. The items will remain till approximately October 11, or are claimed by their owners.

The **October newsletter** was sent as an attachment with this week's e-mailed bulletin. Hard copies are available in the narthex for anyone who would like one. We celebrate and highlight our young adults in this newsletter.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for a thank-you card from **Christian Peacemaker Teams**.

The **fall selection process** is underway. Ballots were distributed last week; additional copies are in the narthex. If you didn't receive the e-mail with the ballot, please let the office know as some went to spam folders. Ballots are due on Monday, October 12.

September Offerings and Gifts: Household Treasury - \$11,192.00; Project Fund - \$370.00; The Banquet - \$155.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$9,076.00; Outreach & Service Fund - \$2,000.00.

September Household Treasury Report – Income: \$11,193.23; Expenses: \$10,021.82; Balance: \$5,255.53.

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.

Knowing God's Presence:

For Jesus, there are not countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be loved. - Henri Nouwen

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