



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**A God who looks like Jesus: Judging**

**November 10, 2024**

**10:30am**

*“Woe to you...For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven.”*

*- Matthew 23:13*

## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Jesus Loves Me* Alice Waltner Olson

Choral Call to Worship – *Come, Let Us Sing* (Jody Lindh) Children’s Choir

Welcome Stacey Waltner

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\* Singing our Praise – *For the Fruit of All Creation* VT #124

\* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Brian Paff

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Offering – Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Offertory – *Amazing Grace* Lydia Waltner Olson

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Isaiah 5:16-23

Special Music – *All Good Gifts* (Ronald Anderson) Children’s Choir  
Soloists: Charli Dick, Elise Waltner, Adaline Graber, Noelle Friesen

Hearing the Gospel Matthew 23:1-15, 16-24, 25-33, 34-36

Sermon – “Woe to you!” Pastor Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Who Will Speak a Word of Warning* VT #758

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

## SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Song – *Sing a New World into Being* VT #809

\* Sending – *Go Now in Peace* (VT #835) Children’s Choir

Postlude – *Ode To Joy* Greta Waltner Olson

Hymn & Choir accompanist: Anne Waltner

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

We continue to reflect on our series “*A God who looks like Jesus.*” Today we hear a message of “Woe” from Jesus that he shared with the religious leaders of his day. May God’s Spirit open our hearts to hear God’s Word for us today. You are welcomed in this place and we are glad to see you.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference.**

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Nov. 11 (Mon)** – FACC rehearsal at Salem-Zion, 6:30-8:00pm

**Nov. 11 (Mon)** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00pm

**Nov. 13 (Wed)** – Children’s Choir, 6:00-6:30pm

**Nov. 13 (Wed)** – Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:00-8:30pm

**Nov. 14 (Thurs)** – Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm

**Nov. 15 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – Nov. 17

Next Sunday we continue our fall theme of “A God Who Looks Like Jesus.” The focus of our worship will be “**Forgiving.**” The text is Luke 23:32-43 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Mennonite Church USA.

### COMING EVENTS

**Nov. 20** – Men’s Choir rehearsal at 7:30pm

**Nov. 24** – Annual Business Meeting at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall; please bring a sack lunch

**Nov. 28** – Thanksgiving Service at Salem Mennonite

**Dec. 1** – Yearbook deadline (final deadline due to printing schedule)

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Reed Schrag was able to return home on Monday.

- Delano and LaVonne Tieszen moved to the Salem Home in Freeman on Monday.

- Ardis Jantzen died peacefully on Monday afternoon. Her memorial service was held at Salem-Zion on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Remember to praise God for:**

- the hope that grace always follows judgment.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Mary Schmidt.
- healing, comfort, and hope for those who feel discouraged, alienated, and forgotten after the national election.
- the family of Ardis Jantzen as they grieve the loss of their dear mother.
- our sister churches in Montana: Lame Deer MC, White River Cheyenne MC, and White Chapel MC.

**Coming in 2025 – 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anabaptism:** January 2025 will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement. Special events are planned to remember this significant moment in our church family.

**Attention, singers!** Our Christmas choirs program will take place on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7 pm. The first chancel choir rehearsal will be THIS WEDS. from 7-8:30 pm; anyone beyond 8th grade is invited to join us. Sherilyn Ortman will direct the chancel choir. Watch your bulletin in the coming weeks for additional rehearsal information, including mens and ladies choirs.

The Administrative Board is recommending an **amendment to the constitution** regarding the makeup of the Administrative Board. This will be discussed and voted on at the annual congregational meeting.

The **agenda and reports for the annual congregational business meeting** are available in the narthex, along with a handout concerning proposed amendments to the constitution.

Those who attend Salem-Zion are invited to receive *Anabaptist World*. The household treasury pays for a group subscription, and the subscription list is updated each year. Please contact the church office by November 30 if you'd like to be added or removed from the subscription list for 2025, or if you'd like any further information.

The offering taken for Anistemi on **Mission Sunday** totaled \$6,687.00.

**Community Connections**

With 2024 marking the 150th anniversary of the start of the wave of Germans from Russia immigrants to this region, Heritage Hall Museum & Archives has been focusing on that story this summer. But another aspect of that story belongs to those who were here long before Europeans arrived, the Native Americans. The museum has invited a panel of individuals to share their unique

perspectives this afternoon, Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Freeman Community Center, starting at 3 p.m. Titled "**150 Years; A Native Perspective**," panelists will include Jerome Kills Small, an elder from Pine Ridge; Paisley Sierra, a Native liaison with Vermillion Public Schools; and Bobby Johnson, Lakota traditions teacher at Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls. Rose Bazemore, activist and speaker from Vermillion, will facilitate the conversation. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex for additional information.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, November 13, 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Hard to believe, but 'tis already the season! **Et Cetera Shoppe** once again would welcome your donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving (and after, too)! You do not need to package them in any particular way – bringing them in ziploc bags or ice cream pails is great.

**Swan Lake Christian Camp** is hosting winter retreats this winter. 8th-12<sup>th</sup> grade retreat will be held January 10-12 and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat will be held January 17-19. Cost is \$100 and registration is necessary and needs to be in 2 weeks prior to the weekend. There is an additional fee for late registrations. You can find more information and register online at [myslcc.com](http://myslcc.com).

**Swan Lake Christian Camp** worship center dining hall progress has slowed down as the outside walls are up as well as the interior walls. We are waiting on windows to arrive and the insulation to be put in. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might give to this project. Money set aside for the project is dwindling and we need financing to continue. We also continue to search for someone who can fill the roles of Director of our youth programing and an assistant cook. Please call the camp for more information.

**Praying for God's Peace:** "To put one's hope in Jesus, then, is to believe, despite all the evidence to the contrary, Jesus' way of peace, justice, mercy and compassion will ultimately prevail over the empire's ways of violence, exploitation, oppression and fear." - Rachel Held Evans

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