



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Jesus and Rome
November 3, 2024
10:30am

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
- Matthew 28:18b

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude Mavis Ortman
Welcome Lillie Eisenbeis

Call to Worship

L: We gather as God’s beloved people, sisters and brothers in Christ
to worship our living and loving God!

**P: We are citizens of God’s Kingdom, proclaimers of God’s Reign, and
bearers of God’s peace.**

L: We are also citizens of the United States, where we now live.

**P: As we grapple with what it means to be dual citizens, we look to Jesus
to center us.**

ALL: Guide us in this sacred hour as we worship you in Spirit and in Truth!

Opening Prayer

* Singing our Praise – *Sing to the God of Harvest* VT #122

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Kelsey Pidde

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Offering – Household Treasury

Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Romans 13:1-7, I Timothy 2:1-6

Song – *How Can We Be Silent* VT #790

* Hearing the Gospel Mark 12:13-17

Sermon – “Citizens of God’s Kingdom” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Jesus, Be the Center* VT #584

Lighting Candles in Memory

Ardelle Schrag – June 20, 2024

John Schwartz – October 1, 2024

Sharing and Congregational Prayer VT #1043

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Move in Our Midst* VT #827

* Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

With a contentious presidential election happening in our country, tensions run high. It is good and well for followers of Jesus to stop, take a breath, and pray. As we gather around Jesus our one foundation, we look and listen for ways that Jesus responded to the political climate of his day. Welcome to our worship! We are glad you have joined us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**.

9:30am – Jr. SS Opening in the sanctuary

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Nov. 5 (Tues) – End-of-year reports due to the church office

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

Nov. 6 (Wed) – Youth Group at 6:30pm

Nov. 8 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – Nov. 10

Next Sunday we continue our fall theme of “A God Who Looks Like Jesus.”

The focus of our worship will be “**Judging**.” The text is Matthew 23:1-36 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. The offering will be for Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

COMING EVENTS

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

Nov. 11 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:00pm

Nov. 14 – Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm

Nov. 24 – Annual Business Meeting at 12:30pm

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 remains a patient at the Freeman Hospital in room #6.

- LaVonne Tieszen fell last week and had to spend several days in the hospital at Avera treating a head injury. She was able to return to her home in Freeman on Tuesday and is slowly recovering.

- October 31st was the last day of our church calendar year. Praise God for all the Kingdom work we’ve been able to do with these generous gifts given all throughout the year.

Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of even a little moisture in recent days to bless the dry earth here.
- the gift of loved ones no longer living on this earth, but who continue to inspire us to faithful living.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Ardis Jantzen.
- Jesus-centered eyes to carry us through this election season. No matter who wins in the election, Christ is Lord of His church and his ministry continues.
- Reed Schrag and LaVonne Tieszen as they recover from their respective health needs.
- the work of the relief, mission and service organizations connected to our denomination and conference and for the big and small ways that we each find to live out our common call to serve the least and the most forgotten among us.

Coming in 2025 – 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism: January 2025 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. If you want to order a copy of the Anabaptist Community Bible, you can do so online: AnabaptismAt500.com

A thank-you letter from **Lutheran Social Services** has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

October Offerings and Gifts: Freeman Academy - \$2,010.00; Household Treasury - \$24,467.92; MCUSA - \$1,277.00; MMN - \$100.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$50.00.

The Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted in the narthex.

The November church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex.

Community Connections

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

Freeman museum Nov. 10 program to focus on Native perspective of 150th: 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 at a Sunday, Nov. 10 program 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. The museum is open weekday afternoons Mondays through Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. from October through April and by appointment; call 605-925-7545.

God’s Mission Through Christ: “The crisis in the U.S. church has almost nothing to do with being liberal or conservative; it has everything to do with giving up on the faith and discipline of our Christian baptism and settling for a common, generic U.S. identity that is part patriotism, part consumerism, part violence, and part affluence.” – Walter Brueggemann

The Christian Voter’s Guide

By Brian Zahnd

1. The political process, while necessary, has little to do with how God is saving the world.
2. The fate of the kingdom of God does not depend upon political contests.
3. Don’t be naïve, political parties are more interested in Christian votes than they are in Christian values.
4. The bottom line for political parties is power. The bottom line for a Christian is love. And therein lies the rub.
5. While in pursuit of the Ring of Power, you are not permitted to abandon the Sermon on the Mount.
6. If your political passion makes it hard for you to love your neighbor as yourself, you need to turn it down a notch.
7. Your task is to bring the salt of Christian civility to an ugly and acrimonious political process.
8. To dismember the body of Christ over politics is a grievous sin.
9. Exercise your liberty to vote your conscience and conviction, while accepting that other Christians will do the same and vote differently than you.
10. It’s more important that your soul be filled with love than it is for your political team to win the game.

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