



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

## “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

February 1, 2026

### GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Winter (Four Seasons)* (A. Vivaldi)  
*Chorale (Finlandia)* (J. Sibelius) Sharon Waltner

Welcome Mary Mannes

Call to Worship “In Words of Truth” (VT #148)  
Mark Ortman, Ken Mannes, Rolf Olson

Prayer of Invocation

\* Singing our Praise – *We Sing to You, O God* VT #80

Sharing Christ’s Peace

Children’s Story Laura Hofer  
(as children come forward, “Come and See” VT #282)

The Peace Lamp

Offering – Household Treasury  
Offertory – *Grant Us Thy Peace* (W.A. Mozart)

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Micah 6:1-8

Song – *What Does the Lord Require of You?* VT #207

\* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 VT #295

Sermon – “Walking Humbly” Corey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Ask the Complicated Questions* VT #440

A Prayer for our time VT #1044

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Proclamation I Corinthians 1:26-31

### SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Sending Song – *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* VT #778

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Jesus, Still Lead On* (J.S. Bach)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Through Christ, Light dawns in a weary world. The recent events of our community and world have felt wearying and so we gather as believers to worship our God who centers us in hope. We ponder with the prophet what it means to walk humbly with God in uncertain times. Because Christ is with us, we are not alone!

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

9:30am – Sunday School  
10:30am – Worship Service  
2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Feb. 4 (Wed)** – Kids Can Club at 5:30pm

**Feb. 6 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – February 8

Next Sunday continues the season of Epiphany with the theme: “**Light Dawns on a Weary World.**” The focus of the morning is “*Bringing an end to Oppression.*” The texts are Isaiah 58:1-9, Ps. 112, I Cor. 2:1-12, and Matthew 5:13-20. Elizabeth Janssen is worship leader and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

### COMING EVENTS

**Feb. 11 and 18** – Kids Can Club at 5:30pm

**Feb. 11 and 18** – Chancel choir rehearsal from 6:30-7:30pm

**Feb. 18** – Ash Wednesday service at 7:30pm

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Pastor Corey and Nancy drove to KS for Ron Krehbiel’s memorial service and returned on Saturday.
- Sharon Wollmann learned a few weeks ago that her cancer has returned. After going through many tests, Sharon is waiting to hear from her oncologist what treatment options are best for her.
- Ron Unruh spent a few days at Sanford Hospital last week before he was released to the Tieszen Home in Marion this past Tuesday. Ron’s room number is #203 on the second floor. Pray for Ron and Elnora as they both adjust to these changes.

**Remember to praise God for:**

- the gift of our community of faith that is devoted to each other, extends grace to others, and strives to let our light shine so that others may see Jesus.

**Remember to pray for:**

- young adults in our congregation: Liam Ortman.  
- the decision that the Freeman Academy corporation made on Saturday. Pray that grace and mercy may be extended and experienced in this liminal time.  
- Sharon Wollmann as she faces cancer again in her life. Pray for strength, wisdom, and good counsel as she navigates through this difficult journey.  
- those who volunteer as leaders in our conference serving on various committees and boards such as the Conference Board, the newly formed Outreach and Discipleship Committee, Pastoral Leadership Committee, Stewardship Task Force, Shalom Readers, Peace and Justice Task Group and all other conference volunteers. We give thanks for those who are willing to serve!

**Faithful Responses to Minneapolis:** Our conference minister Susan Janzen has been encouraging our sister churches in the Minneapolis/St. Paul community. They specifically ask that we pray.

*“Pray for justice for those whose lives have been taken, for the injured and the detained, along with those who live in fear. Pray for people who are standing in solidarity with their neighbors by delivering food to people who fear leaving their homes and by giving people rides to work. Pray for those who stand in the gap as witnesses for peace. Pray for the safety of everyone in the community, including civic officials and law enforcement.”*

To help with food distribution or to provide gas money, Adam Harder Nussbaum, pastor at Third Way Church, suggests donating to these two organizations: Arrive Ministries, which supports recently arrived immigrants, and VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People). Susan’s full letter appears in the foyer.

On January 20, Chris and Maggie Wollman welcomed a new baby, Addison Lynn, into their lives! As a church, let's show them our love and support by supplying some **meals** for them. To arrange a time to deliver a meal, please contact Chris at (605) 660-4008 or Maggie at (605) 929-4673. Thank you!

**To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support** through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!



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

**Community Connections**

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

**MCC Central States annual meeting** – You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117.

**God seeks Justice:** *“Jesus’ own experience of being arrested at night, put through an unfair trial, and then given a state-sanctioned execution should be the interpretive key for Christians in understanding the inability of empires to dispense true justice.” - Drew G.I. Hart, Trouble I’ve Seen*

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