



Salem–Zion Mennonite Church

Renewal at the Lord’s Table
February 2, 2025
10:30am

*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” - I Cor. 11:26*

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude Maria Paff
Welcome and Call to Worship Tim Graber

L: Let the hungry come to the table.

P: Let the poor be fed!

L: Let the thirsty come to drink.

P: Share my wine and bread.

L: The table is set.

P: Come and eat.

L: Drink from the cup freely offered to you.

ALL: Share the life of God!

Prayer of Invocation

* Singing our Praise – *What Is This Place* VT #22

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Kelsey Pidde

Offering – Household Treasury

Offertory – *At the Table* (Brad Yoder)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Responsive Reading Apostles Creed with “Anabaptist Comma” (screen)

Song – *Taste and See* (congregation sings the refrain/chorus) VT #467

* Scripture Texts Luke 22:14-23, I Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon – “Communing with God and each other” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Eat This Bread* VT #476

Intergenerational Ritual: Service of communion at stations

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing* VT #812

* Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

The Lord’s Table offers a space to gather, to be fed and nourished, and to renew ourselves both as individual believers and as communities as we remember the ongoing invitation from Jesus. As we engage in communion and experience renewal at the table, may we be attentive to the continued work that the Holy Spirit is doing among and through us. Welcome to our time of worship!

At our communion service, all those who earnestly love God and have committed themselves to follow Christ are welcomed to the table. Pastor Corey will offer blessings on the children at the front of the church during communion.

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

9:30am – Jr. SS Opening; Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Feb. 4 (Tues) – Outreach & Service meeting at 7:30pm

Feb. 5 (Wed) – Feeding Our Faith/Packing Valentine boxes. Supper at 6:15pm and Bible Study for all ages at 7:00pm. The adults will hear a presentation by John Roth that was shared at College Mennonite recently to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist Church.

Valentine Boxes: People who arrive early for the meal can help write cards for the boxes, and the children will pack the boxes after the meal. A sign-up sheet with items needed for the boxes is in the narthex. The young people receiving Valentine boxes this year are: Jess Bashige, Connor Epp, Timothy Epp, Albert Kalonji, Liam Ortman, and Samuel Waltner.

Feb. 6 (Thurs) – Deacons’ meeting at 7:30pm

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

NEXT SUNDAY – Feb. 9

Next Sunday we will celebrate *God’s Work in Nepal* through Mennonite Mission Network. The scripture text is Psalm 118 and mission worker Dale Nafziger will be preaching. Dale will also be leading an adult SS class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. All are encouraged to come and hear.

The offering will be for Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- We learned that Orpha Schrag’s remains will be interred at the Salem Mennonite Church cemetery (rather than SZ’s cemetery), as that is the location where Orpha’s parents are buried.

- The **Times/Talents brochures** were placed in your mailboxes at church. Prayerfully fill them out and we will receive them during worship on February 16th. In the foyer are times/talents sheets for children and youth to fill out.

Remember to praise God for:

- sunshine, warm temperatures, and brilliant sunsets!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Ted Ellinger as he continues to recover from some pneumonia.
- Reed Schrag as he anticipates Susan's safe arrival from their family trip.
- everyone in our country, state, and community that feels uncertainty and unrest in recent days and weeks. Pray for tangible ways to follow Jesus' call to "show mercy" to those around us.
- the families who lost loved ones in the airplane accident on Wednesday near Washington, DC.
- those who volunteer as leaders in our conference serving on various committees and boards such as the Conference Board, the Christian Formation Committee, Pastoral Leadership Committee, Outreach and Service 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!

Schmeckfest sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

A **thank-you card** from Freeman Academy has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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

College scholarships: Everence offers college scholarship opportunities for you or your children. Eligible students can be chosen to receive one of more than 40 scholarships of \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 for the coming academic year. Applications are accepted through Feb. 28. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships for more information and to download the application. Everence also offers student loans. Visit <https://www.everence.com/banking/consumer-loans/student-loans> for more information.

Anabaptist Community Bible: The Anabaptist Community Bible is available for purchase. If you wish to order one, you can do so online at: <https://www.mennomedia.org/anabaptist-community-bible>.

Community Connections

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, February 12, 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Cheese Pocket Making Days for Schmeckfest: Cheese pockets for the 2025 Schmeckfest Country Kitchen will be made on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1, and March 7 and 8 in the Pioneer Hall Dining Room. Plans are to begin at 3:30pm on Fridays and 9:00am on Saturdays. Please bring a sack lunch on Saturdays. You are invited to join the volunteer crew for a great time of work and fellowship and learn how this ethnic favorite is made! Watch the *Courier* or Freeman Academy websites for weather make up days, if necessary.

Bellwood Mennonite Church and Central Plains Conference invite you to participate in a **Prayer School with Brian Zahnd**, Feb. 28 & Mar. 1, 2025, in Milford, NE. In three sessions, participants will learn about prayer as a practice and gain practical ideas for deepening their relationship with God through prayer. Prayer School will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, and 9 a.m. on Saturday, Mar. 1; wrapping up with lunch at 12:30 p.m. There is no cost for the Prayer School, but registration is required. Please register by Feb. 14th on the Central Plains website (www.centralplainsmc.org). Additional information is posted in the narthex.

The Great Winter Warm-Up is back! Spread warmth around the world this winter by helping MCC reach a goal of 7000 comforters by the end of March. You can sponsor, donate one (or more!) comforters, or attend a comforter event to tie in community with others! If you host an event in your home, church or community please let tinaschrag@mcc.org know about it (we've got some small gifts for those who host events!). Check mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up for instructions, coloring pages for kids and more!

Seeking God's Peace: "...we have to observe that by the Lord's Supper, Christian unity, love, and peace are signified and enjoined, after which all true Christians should seek and strive. For we being many, says Paul, are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread."

- Menno Simons

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