



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

February 27, 2022  
*God is Victorious*

“...whatever is born of God conquers the world.” – I John 5:4

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *"The God of Abraham Praise"* Hebrew Folk Song  
(arr. Michael Burkhardt) Dan Graber

Choral Call to Worship – *If God Is for Us* (Joseph Martin)  
Freeman Academy Boys Ensemble

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 20) Dave Janssen

L: The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

**P: The name of the God of Jacob protect you!**

L: May we shout for joy over Your victory.

**P: In the name of our God, we will set up banners.**

L: Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,

**P: But our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.**

**ALL: We shall rise and stand upright and give victory to the LORD!**

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *Praise Him, Praise Him* VT #100

Greeting Each Other and “Passing the Peace”  
“*The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*”

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Celebrating our Mission with Bienvenidos in Flandreau

Children’s Story Susan Schrag

## PROCLAIMING

\* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 20:20-28

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

Hearing the New Testament I John 5:1-12

Sermon – “The Victory of God” Roy Kaufman

Song – *I Believe in God Almighty* #433

## RESPONDING

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *Blessed Assurance* #435

Blessing

Postlude – *Fugue in C Major* from *Sonata No. 2* (Mendelssohn)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

I John has invited us to “love one another” and “walk in the light.” Today we conclude this letter by pondering what it means to be “born of God.” We welcome brother Roy Kaufman to the pulpit this morning and we extend a warm welcome to all who are joining us in our time of worship.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Bienvenidos Ministry in Flandreau, SD**. This week we received a card from Tom Manzer of Bienvenidos, providing updates and expressing deep appreciation for our support and monetary gifts. The card is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

**Mar. 2 (Wed)** – Ash Wednesday Service in Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm

**Mar. 5 (Sat)** – Ad Board Envisioning Retreat at Salem-Zion at 8:30am

### NEXT SUNDAY – March 6

Next Sunday we begin our Lenten series “Seeking God’s Ways.” The theme is “*From Security to Generosity*.” The scriptures are Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Luke 4:1-13 and Romans 10:8b-13. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury**.

### COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 20** – Ross Richers sharing in worship at Salem-Zion

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Sharon Wollmann had surgery on Monday at Avera in Sioux Falls. Following her recovery, Sharon will have three more chemo treatments in about a month from now. Sharon was hoping to return to her home on Thursday.

- Ashlyn Benjamin gave birth to a baby girl on Wednesday at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. The baby hasn’t been named yet, but everyone is doing well. The rose bud on the organ is in honor of this precious little life.

- Everence hosted a wonderful morning of workshops at Freeman Academy on Saturday, with the purpose of helping us grow in our stewardship practices. Dave Janssen is our Everence advocate.

- The conflict between Russia and Ukraine escalated more over this past week. We lament the language of war. We grieve the usage of violence. We weep with the people of Ukraine. Let us all pray for peace between these two

countries. “*The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter, God utters God’s voice, the earth melts.*” – Psalm 46:6

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- Sharon Wollmann as she recovers from her recent surgery and her ongoing journey with cancer.
- our Ad Board as it prepares to meet for a morning of envisioning and imaginative planning. Pray that God’s Spirit would inspire us and energize us in this important work.
- Ashlyn Benjamin and her new baby along with Dan and Tyce as they begin this new journey together.
- our sister churches in Southeastern Iowa: Washington, Eicher, Wayland, Sugar Creek, Pleasant View, and Zion Mennonite Churches.

**Ash Wednesday** service at Salem-Zion (March 2) to begin the season of Lent. Come out for an evening of prayer, reflections, and song as we prepare ourselves for these 40 days.

**Meals for Sharon Wollmann:** With Sharon coming home soon, Salem-Zion is invited to offer help through meals. In lieu of a sign-up sheet, any individual who is willing, should feel free to call Sharon and ask when you can take a meal over to her. At this point, Sharon can’t have fresh fruits or vegetables, so it would be best to contact her to see what her diet needs are.

We appreciate Stacey and Jeremy Waltner for their willingness to be sponsors for our youth. They are doing a great job, but we would like to find individuals or couples who would be willing to help them out. Please give your suggestions/ideas for **additional youth sponsors** to the deacons.

The family of Ardelle Schrag is requesting a **card shower** to help celebrate her 99th birthday on March 11th. Cards may be sent to -- Ardelle Schrag, 312 E. State St., Marion SD 57043

**Books** for the elective class “*Healing Haunted Histories*” are here and are placed on the table in the Narthex. A study guide is also available for pickup. Please place a check by your name on the sheet provided. This class will meet in the room to the south of Fellowship Hall. Books for “*No Cure for Being Human*” are also available. - Marlan Kaufman, SS Supt.

**Learning about Resolutions to be voted on in Kansas City in May:** MC USA will be holding a Special Session of the Delegate Assembly in Kansas City from May 27-30, 2022. At this gathering, the delegates will vote on a resolution to retire the Membership Guidelines as the active polity in MC USA.

Resources for this resolution (and others that will be considered) can be found at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/mc-usa-delegate-resources.html>. This is very helpful in understanding what this resolution says, some of the myths floating in the air, and how this affects area conferences/congregations. **Salem-Zion is seeking delegates for this Special Session.** Pastor Corey is not able to attend because of a previous commitment, so please talk to one of the deacons if you are interested or have further questions.

A thank-you letter from **Wellspring Wholistic Care Center** is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Praying our Mission: “As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ’s kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together.”

### Community Connections

The **Rural Revival** monthly meeting will be February 28 at 8 pm in the Freeman Public Library, downtown Freeman.

**FA Auxiliary work days scheduled for Country Kitchen sales:** Work days are being arranged to make products to sell at the upcoming Country Kitchen bake sale scheduled for March 26 and April 2. Any help from volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Come to the FA dining hall for a full day or a few hours. Enjoy time together visiting and learning the art of making these popular ethnic foods. Masks are optional. Any bakers that would prefer to bake at home are encouraged to do so. Talk to Kathy Kleinsasser, 925-7952, for more information.

\* Kuchen baking will be held Monday, Feb. 28 and Tuesday, March 1 starting at 10 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch and glass pie plates to loan for those days. Donations of fruit for the kuchen would also be appreciated. Call Debra Schmeichel with questions, 648-3430.

\*Noodles will be made on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 9 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch.

\*Cottage cheese pocket work days are planned for March 8, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch provided; March 11, 2 p.m. till early evening and March 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., bring a sack lunch.

The **2022 SD MCC Relief Sale** will be held July 9 in Freeman on the Freeman Academy campus. We are excited to be planning a more traditional event with the noon meal, auction, booths, etc. More details about the relief sale and how you can be involved will be coming soon.

**The Voices of Conscience exhibit** at Heritage Hall Museum & Archives is open to museum visitors through Sunday, April 24. This traveling exhibit created by the Kauffman Museum in North Newton, Kan., remembers the witness of peace-minded people against the First World War 1914-1918. Admission to the exhibit is included with the regular museum admission fee of \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students (grades 1-12). A program coinciding with the exhibit will be held at Pioneer Hall on March 25 & 26 starting at 7:30 each evening. It will focus on one of the stories in the display, the experience of Hutterites from this community including brothers Joseph and Michael Hofer, who died from mistreatment while imprisoned by the United States military system. Watch for more details next month.

The **annual meeting** of Swan Lake Christian Camp will be held March 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm. Diane Gubbles, a quilter from Coleridge, NE, will be sharing "Stories of Inspiration." Following the presentation will be the camp business meeting and supper. Please RSVP to [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com) or 605-326-5690 by March 10.

Please continue to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine. **MCC** is evaluating the situation and giving support to staff and partners as the situation allows. All international MCC staff have been evacuated from Ukraine including two SALT participants from Kansas. Aaron Ensz from Buhler has returned to the U.S. and Micah Epp from North Newton has relocated outside of Ukraine. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as well.

**Impact 2022:** Do you care about helping Mennonite Central Committee make an impact in the U.S. and around the world? If so, we want to listen to you. Your input can help fulfill MCC's desire to find the best ways of responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. Share your ideas in this short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCCimpact2022-Media>.

**God's Peace :** "Peace. It doesn't mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart." - unknown

**Zoom Adult Sunday School**

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

**Livestream link for Sunday morning worship**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFlZChK0Ef-rlBAaS3A>

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