



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**“Jesus Heals”
February 4, 2024**

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *My shepherd will supply my need* (Healey Willan) Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 147) Gwen Ortman

L: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

P: How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

L: GOD rebuilds Jerusalem and gathers the exiles of Israel.

P: GOD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

ALL: Great is our GOD and mighty in power; there is no limit to GOD’s wisdom.

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Opening Prayer

* Hymn of Praise – *We Sing to You, O God* VT #80

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Beth Bontrager

Offering – Household Treasury

Offertory – *Abide with us, our Savior* (David Cherwien)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:28-31

Hymn – *Come, Ye Disconsolate* VT #643

* Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-34

Sermon – “Jesus Heals” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Healer of Our Every Ill* VT #644

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Song – *Take Thou My Hand* VT #631

Blessing

Postlude (*Improvised*) and Anointing Prayers

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Jesus heals bodies, minds, and spirits. Today we reflect on Jesus’ healing ministry and open ourselves to the places where healing is needed within us. Following the worship time, you will have opportunity to be anointed and prayed for by the pastor and deacons. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us.

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

Feb. 7 (Wed) – Feeding Our Faith

Feb. 9 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – Feb. 11

Next Sunday is “Transfiguration Sunday.” The texts will be II Kings 2:1-12, Ps. 50, II Cor. 4:3-6, and Mark 9:2-9. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Central Plains Mennonite Conference (note that we missed our last CPMC offering because of inclement weather).

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 14 – Celebrating Love (Feeding Our Faith)

– Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to praise God for:

- the strength and endurance we’ve had to survive the month of January that brought bitterly cold temperatures, overcast skies, and long nights.

- the opportunity to plan for the 150th Anniversary of the Swiss Volhynians arriving in America from Russia. Lord, as we feel gratitude, help us to see where, when, and how God has been moving in our midst.

We pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Ardelle Schrag.

- peace in the Middle East. As tensions continue to mount, we pray for actions and responses that would de-escalate violence rather than escalate violence.

- healing in relationships that have been torn, healing for the land on which we live, healing for the world.

- 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!

Mark your calendars! This year **North Church is hosting Vacation Bible School on June 3-7**. We will be sending out more information as VBS gets closer, but if you want to volunteer early or have any questions, contact Kelsey Pidde or Lacey Friesen. Leaders from South Church are Bailey Carlson and Libby Miller.

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for **greetings from Marian Gering**.

Feeding Our Faith (FOF): Our FOF will continue our Wednesday programming. Young children's choir is at 6:00pm, supper begins at 6:15pm, and programming for all ages at 7:00pm. The adults will continue their Bible Study called "*The Leader's Table*" and the focus will be on Acts 16:6-15. Come and see!

Rachel Miller's December/January MVS newsletter has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

January Mission Fund Offerings and Gifts: Megan Rollag - \$313.00; Jr. SS Grades 1-4 Farmyard project - \$269.00; MC USA - \$1,297.00; CPMC - \$400.00; MCC - \$100.00; Banquet - \$200.00; MDS - \$500.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$2,644.00.

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

Under the umbrella of Wellspring, counselors from The Changing Behavioral Group have been seeing clients at Freeman Regional, providing **mental health support**. Realizing the importance of this service, Salem-Zion has funds available for its members, including children, adolescents and adults. Make an appointment by calling the Freeman Clinic, mentioning you are a Salem-Zion member. If you have questions, please call the Group office at 605-201-0104.

Community Connections

FA Noodle Making Days Planned: Join the volunteer crew to make noodles for the 2024 Schmeckfest meal and Country Kitchen on Saturday, February 10 in the Pioneer Hall dining room. Plans are to begin at 9:00 a.m. Snow date is Monday, February 12. A great time of work and fellowship for folks of all ages! A pizza lunch is provided. Watch the *Courier* or Freeman Academy websites for weather cancellation.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Feb. 23: MCC High School Essay Contest - Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church? This is your opportunity to express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. society. Submissions are due Feb. 23, 2024, and may be in English or Spanish. The grand prize is \$1000! Find out more about the high school essay contest here: <https://mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest>. Submit essays to centralstates@mcc.org.

March 10-15: MCC Young adult Peace Camp in Black Forest, Colorado - Join us for an incredible week of hands-on peacebuilding training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! MCC's Peacebuilders Training is a learning experience for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults; root themselves in intentional, theological reflection; and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. Find out more and register for the Peace Camp here: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps>.

Jesus' Peace brings Healing: Healing doesn't mean the damage never existed. It means the damage no longer controls our lives. - Unknown