



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Christ among us, Showing Us Justice”

March 3, 2024

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Rondo* (Antonio Capuzzi) Armando Miller, tuba

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 19) Tim Graber
“May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasing to you, O God.”

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Opening Prayer

* Hymn of Praise – *God’s Glory Fills the Heavens* VT #197

* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Exodus 20:1-17 Paul Ortman

Offering – Household Treasury
Offertory – *Giga* from Sonata in F Major Alea Miller, flute

HEARING GOD’S WORD

New Testament Scripture Reading I Corinthians 1:18-25

Prayer of Confession (screen)

* Gospel Reading John 2:13-22

Sermon – “Business not as usual” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song of Response – *How Can We Be Silent* VT #790

Testifying to Christ among us: Justice

Congregational Prayer

SENDING

* Song – *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* VT #194

* Blessing

Postlude Estelle Waltner, clarinet

Keyboardist: Sherilyn Ortman

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

God pursues us with words of love. God gave us commandments to follow so we can rest in the Giver of life and work with God for justice. When the world pulls us away from Christ, we are invited back to the path that directs us toward God. Welcome to everyone to this time of worship!

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

Mar. 4 & 6 – Kitchen/Fellowship Hall reserved during the day

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

Mar. 6 (Wed) – Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:00-8:00pm

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

NEXT SUNDAY – Mar. 10

Next Sunday continues our Lenten season’s theme, “*Christ Among Us, Showing us the Way of Mercy.*” The texts are Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107, John 3:14-21, and Ephesians 2:1-10. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday worship

Mar. 24-27 – Holy Week services at Hutterthal Church with Michelle Hershberger

Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday meal and worship at Salem-Zion at 6:30pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to praise God for:

- the generous gift of a pizza party that Ardis Jantzen offered to our Feeding Our Faith group last Wednesday.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Mary Schmidt.

- the continued unrest in the Middle East. Thousands of people have died needlessly. Pray that governing officials will declare a cease fire in Gaza and Israel.

- all the volunteers and willing helpers that help to make Schmeckfest go!

- our Holy Week services as we enter into the story of Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection.

- Martha Hernandez. Martha is the pastor at Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano in Washington, Iowa. Martha is the wife of Ramiro who is the Hispanic Ministries coordinator for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Martha has been battling cancer and unfortunately it has spread and she will be placed on Hospice Care. Pray for Martha, Ramiro and their family as they enter this stage of their journey.

- the staff of Swan Lake Christian Camp (SD) and Crooked Creek Christian Camp (IA) as they begin to prepare for the summer camping season.

Chancel Choir, under the direction of Rolf Olson, will begin practicing on Wednesday, March 6 from 7:00-8:00pm in preparation for Easter Sunday. There are four pieces, available at the first rehearsal or you may pick up the music in the narthex earlier if you wish. Additional rehearsals will be held on March 20 (7:00-8:00pm), March 27 (after the Holy Week service), and at 10:10am on Easter Sunday.

The Administrative Board has asked Lacey Friesen to fulfill the role of our **Mission Treasurer** through the end of 2024. She is replacing Clayton Kaufman who asked to be relieved of this position. We are thankful Lacey is willing to take on this additional responsibility and also extend our gratitude to Clayton for his years of service as our past Mission Treasurer.

Thank you to those who helped with setting up and making noodles and cheese pockets for this year's Schmeckfest. We packaged a total of 293 pounds of noodles to be served at the meal and sold in the Country Kitchen. We also made 406 dozen cheese pockets! The number of intergenerational volunteers who showed up was wonderful! Thanks again. - Beth Bontrager

Swiss-Volhynian 150th Anniversary - The anniversary committee is seeking contributions to cover expenses for this celebration. We are channeling our finances through the South Church General Fund. Checks should be made to Salem Mennonite Church earmarked for the 150th Anniversary. Gifts may be given to any committee member (Corey Miller, Gwen Ortman, Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Everett Waltner or Rudy Brockmueller).

Minutes from the February Deacons' meeting are available in the narthex.

150th Anniversary of the Swiss-Volhynian Mennonites in South Dakota – September 7-8, 2024: Please consider sharing your stories (or your family stories) with the committee that is planning the 150th Anniversary event. We are looking for short stories that could be shared as children's stories, in Sunday School classes, in newsletters, and possibly a booklet that we hope to compile. Please give or send your written stories to Gwen Ortman or Marnette Hofer. Thank you!

Anyone who would like to volunteer to **provide music for the Holy Week service on Monday evening, March 25**, please contact Kerwin Graber.

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

Community Connections

Donations sought for Schmeckfest Country Kitchen: The Schmeckfest Food Committee is asking for donations of food items for March 15 and 16. Poppysed rolls, fruit pockets, kuchen, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

An open house to honor Mary Anderson's years of service will be held at **Swan Lake Christian Camp** on Sunday, March 10 from 2-4pm. The annual meeting will follow at 4:00pm. No meal will be served because of the open house. Please RSVP by calling the camp office at 605-326-5690. We hope to see you there!

The annual meeting of the **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** will be held March 10, 2024 at 2:30pm in Moundridge, Kansas. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for details.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

God's Peace in Lent: "I serve Jesus Christ the eternal King. I will no longer serve your emperors...It is not right for a Christian to serve the armies of this world." ~ Mercellus the Centurion, spoken as he left the army of Emperor Diocletian in 298 AD

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