



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Christ Collides with Our Selfishness”

March 30, 2025

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much...” - Luke 16:10

## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude/Gathering Music – *Sonata in G major* (G.P. Telemann)

I. Cantabile

II. Allegro

Alea Miller, flute; Anne Waltner, piano

Welcome and Call to Worship

Malynda Penner

Prayer of Invocation

\* Singing our Praise – *Here to the House of God We Come* VT #27

Greeting each other

Children’s Story Estelle Waltner

Special Music – *Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day* (arr. Jane Marshall)  
Children’s Choir

Peace Lamp

Offering – Mennonite Mission Network

Offertory – *Allegro brillante* (Michael Bergson)

Estelle Waltner, clarinet; Anne Waltner, piano

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

\* Hearing the Gospel Luke 16:10-31

Special Music – *Poor Man Lazarus* Quartet

Sermon Kate Friesen

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Confession

**All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.**

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.**

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**Many: We cling to what we have and trust in material things, ignoring the needs of those around us.**

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us loosen our grip on what we have and challenge the selfishness of our society with open hands so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name.**

**Amen.**

Song – *Who Will Speak a Word of Warning* VT #758

Sharing and Congregational Prayer Nathan Epp

## SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Song – *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours*

VT #568

\* Benediction

\* Choral Benediction – *Go Now In Peace*

Children’s Choir

Postlude

**Quartet:** Kerwin Graber, Mark Ortman, LeRoy Epp, Rolf Olson

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Lent is a time to acknowledge our sins. Selfish behaviors and attitudes prevent us from bearing witness to Christ’s saving love. Jesus’ parable of Lazarus and the Rich man confront our selfish ways. We welcome Kate Friesen to the pulpit to share this morning. We are blessed that you have joined us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Mission Network**.

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Apr. 2 (Wed)** – Children’s Choir, 6:00-6:30pm

**Apr. 2 (Wed)** – Outreach and Service Team at 7:30pm

**Apr. 4 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

There will be an **early bulletin deadline** this week. Please submit announcements by 8:30am on Wednesday. Lisa’s office hours will be on Wednesday, April 2 (9:00am-12:30pm) instead of Thursday this week.

### NEXT SUNDAY – Apr. 6

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday in Lent. The overall theme is “**Jesus Collides**” and the focus is “*Christ Collides with Our Blinders.*” The text is from Luke 18:31-19:10 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

### COMING EVENTS

**Apr. 9** – Worship Team meeting at 6:00pm

**Apr. 9** – Choir rehearsals in preparation for Easter Sunday; Chancel at 7:00pm and Men/Ladies at 8:00pm

**Apr. 13-16** – Holy Week Services at Salem-Zion at 7:00pm

**Apr. 17** – Maundy Thursday meal and communion at 6:30pm

**Apr. 18** – Good Friday Service at 7:30pm

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- On Monday Dennis Herlyn was admitted to the Avera cancer center for continuing cancer treatments. He expects to be there for about 10 days.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.  
- Dennis Herlyn as he receives treatment at the Avera cancer center.  
- those who continue to recover from their recent surgeries and illnesses.  
- all those involved in hosting Schmeckfest activities in the upcoming week.  
May our serving build community, bless Freeman Academy, and glorify God.  
- Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God's will.

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

**Marian Gering** will observe her 100th birthday on April 6! Marian still enjoys looking at and reading cards; if anyone wishes to send one please send it c/o Brad Gering, 43887 281st St. Freeman SD 57029-6706.

**Choirs at Salem-Zion will meet on Wednesday, April 9 to rehearse for Easter Sunday.** Chancel at 7:00pm and Men/Ladies at 8:00pm. This will be an important rehearsal – it may be the only one, since each choir is only preparing one number. Please join us as we prepare to lift our voices on Easter morning!

**Holy Week Services April 13-16 at Salem-Zion Mennonite at 7:00pm:** This year, we are hosting the Freeman area Mennonite Churches for Holy Week services. The theme “*Have this Mind Among You*”, is taken from Philippians 2, one of our top formational scripture passages. Our speakers, **Katherine and Peter Goerzen**, grew up in the Goessel, KS area and graduated from AMBS together. Katherine is co-pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church and Peter is chair of the Bible and Religion department at Bethel College, North Newton, KS. Katherine's great grandfather, Olin Krehbiel, pastored here at Salem-Zion from 1957-1966.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen! **We invite you to dress up a little extra this Easter.** Ladies, if you have any Easter hats or fascinators, scarves or gloves, feel free to showcase those. Gents, if you have a special hat or vest, or wear your best tie, we invite you to do so. On Easter Sunday, why should the kids have all the fun in their cute outfits, let's join them.

## Community Connections

Salem Mennonite Church is hosting a Lenten Study Series to celebrate this year's 500th Anniversary of Anabaptist beginnings with believers' baptisms in Europe. The last presentation (**Spencer Bradford - Menno Simons**) will be this afternoon, Sunday, March 30 at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at South Church. All are invited.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will be meeting Wednesday, April 9 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant to provide administrative support to MDS Region 3 and Units within the region. The complete job description and application are available at [mds.org](http://mds.org).

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA) is again offering **educational grants** to individuals preparing for full-time Christian service, Mennonite ministry, Mennonite voluntary service, or other related careers. Details are posted in the narthex.

**Head of School Opening at Freeman Academy:** Freeman Academy is seeking an interim Head of School to begin in summer of 2025. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school, which has a strong fine arts tradition and rich history of serving the church and community. To learn more about Freeman Academy, please visit [freemanacademy.org](http://freemanacademy.org). To apply or for more information, email [SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org](mailto:SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org).

**Seeking God's Peace:** *"The reasons for a war that never happens are many. But one clear element, perhaps the motherlode vein, may well be that a thousand unnoticed micro-spectacular acts of dignity and humanity can shift toxicity enough that the knife-edge of violence is avoided."*  
- John Paul Lederach

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