



Salem–Zion Mennonite Church

“Christ Has Risen!”

April 5, 2026

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Sinfonia from Cantata #29* (J.S. Bach) Ken Mannes

Choral Call to Worship – *We Praise Thee O God* (arr. Kliever) Men’s Choir

Welcome and Call to Worship LeRoy Epp

L: Welcome Easter!

P: Welcome relief!

L: Newfound joy is washing over this grief.

P: Welcome mystery. Welcome surprise!

L: Impossible reality – risen, before our eyes!

P: Welcome Jesus, our Savior and Friend.

L: Welcome seeking and naming.

ALL: Welcome love without end.

Prayer of Invocation

* Singing our Praise – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* VT 346
Lift Your Glad Voices VT 340

Sharing the Peace

Psalm Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Anthem – *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul* Men’s Choir

Children’s Story Sheila Epp

Offering – Household Treasury

Offertory – *In Thee is gladness* (Paul Manz)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

* Hearing the Gospel Story John 20:1-18
Sermon – “Seeing the Resurrection” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn – *Low in the Grave He Lay* VT 333

Confessional Poem (on screen)

Words of Affirmation Acts 10:34-43

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Sending Song – *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* VT 364

* Benediction

Postlude – *Jesus Christ, my sure defense* (Paul Manz)

Trumpet: Christian Ortman

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Christ is Risen! Even though we claim this truth on every Sunday of the church year, we proclaim this loudly on Easter Sunday. The season of Lent gives way to resurrection joy and hope. Today we relish in the transformative power of Christ being raised from the dead and worship our Living Christ. Welcome to this special worship service where we pray that you will also experience God's redeeming love all around you!

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

9:00-10:00am – Easter breakfast (No Sunday School)

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Apr. 8 (Wed) – Acts Bible Study and Introduction to Christian Nationalism at 7:00pm

Apr. 10 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

Apr. 10-11 (Fri-Sat) – Schmeckfest activities at Freeman Academy

NEXT SUNDAY – April 12

Next Sunday begins a series of Sundays where we will reflect on “*Signs of Resurrection*.” The texts include Acts 2:14,22-32, Ps. 16, I Peter 1:3-9, and John 20:19-31. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we will be celebrating a children's dedication service.

The offering will be for Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

There will be NO Sunday School next Sunday, April 12. We will be having a fellowship time in the fellowship hall from 9:00 - 10:00 to welcome and visit with all of the guests that will be here for Schmeckfest.

COMING EVENTS

April 15, 22, 29, and May 6 – Children's choir rehearsals, 6:15-6:45pm

April 26 – “Over 80's Tea” held in the fellowship hall at 3:00pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Remember to praise God for:

- the joy of resurrection hope that infuses our lives and our faith with renewed vigor and joy!
- all the worship services that were offered this past week, trusting that God was at work in all of them.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Mary Schmidt.
- Ted Ellinger as he recovers from surgery and prepares for another round of chemotherapy.

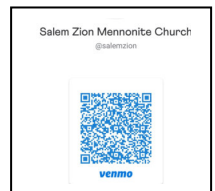
4 Week Bible Study in Acts: For four Wednesday nights in April (**April 8, 15, 22, 29**), Pastor Corey will be leading an adult Bible Study through some stories in the book of Acts and reflect on how they relate to Christian Nationalism. We will be dwelling in the Word together as well as glean insights from Dr. Drew Strait and his book, “*Strange Worship*.” We will meet in the fellowship hall and the study will begin at 7:00pm.

For the summer quarter, **Adult Sunday School** will have two book studies: *Who Will be a Witness* by Drew Strait and *God Looks like Jesus* by Greg Boyd and Scott Boren. Please look over the books in the narthex and sign up for one of these studies. High school age is invited to join in as well.

We are excited to announce that we will be creating a new **church picture directory**. This is a wonderful opportunity to help our church family stay connected and get to know one another better as we continue to be blessed with many new faces in our congregation. We invite all members and regular attendees to sign up to have their photo taken for the directory. Jeremy Waltner will be taking photos at church on April 12, April 19 and April 26 from noon-3:00PM. Please sign up for a 10-minute timeslot on the sign-up in the church foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hofer. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces!

The April church **newsletter** is available on the table in the narthex, and information about the Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary annual **fund drive** has been posted on the bulletin board.

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!



Community Connections

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, April 8 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

Jesus is Peace: "Christ is risen. Darkness died. We are his people of hope – not just theoretically, but practically." - Jim Wallis

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