



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Signs of Resurrection: Commissioned”

May 10, 2026

GATHERING TO PRAISE

- Prelude/Gathering Music Mory Ortman
- Welcome and Call to Worship Malynda Penner
- Prayer of Invocation
- * Singing our Praise – *God, Be the Love* VT 43
- Sharing the Peace
- Children’s Story Corey Miller
- Offering – Vacation Bible School
Offertory

HEARING GOD’S WORD

- Gospel Reading Mark 16:14-18
- Special Music – *For Who You Are* (Ruth Elaine Schram) Children’s Choir
- * Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20
- Sermon – “Making Disciples” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- Song – *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* VT 766
- Sharing Joys and Concerns
- Special Music – *Poor Man Lazarus* FA Men’s Quartet
- Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

- * Sending Song – *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* VT 194
- * Benediction
- Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

When Jesus met with his disciples on the mountain following his resurrection, he blessed them and commissioned them to the world and to make disciples. In our lifelong desire to be Christ’s disciples, who is discipling us? How are we discipling others? What is our practice for making disciples? We welcome everyone to worship on this special day where we honor our mothers and celebrate Jesus’ great commission!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Vacation Bible School**.

- 9:30am – Sunday School
- 10:30am – Worship Service
- 2:30pm – Estelle Waltner’s Senior Recital

THIS WEEK

- May 13 (Wed)** – Playground fundraiser and Game night at Salem-Zion, starting at 6:00pm
- May 14-15 (Thurs-Fri)** – Corey and Nancy will travel to KS to celebrate Rachel’s completion of her master’s degree in Social Work from Wichita State University. They will return home on Saturday.
- May 15 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm
- May 16 (Sat)** – Freeman Academy and Freeman Public School graduation ceremonies
- May 16 (Sat)** – Kitchen/Fellowship Hall private reservation

NEXT SUNDAY – May 17

Next Sunday continues our Eastertide series on “*Signs of Resurrection*” with the theme “**Ascension**.” The text is Acts 1:6-11, we will honor and bless our graduating seniors, and Pastor Corey will preach.

The offering will be for **The Banquet**.

COMING EVENTS

May 19 – Administrative Board Meeting at 7:30pm

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Judy Gross was released from the Freeman Hospital on Monday. She is back at Oakview Terrace.
- Marles Preheim (Mavis Ortman’s brother) passed away Wednesday in Kansas.

Remember to praise God for:

- the gift of people who have discipled us in our faith formation.
- our mothers who have birthed us into the lives we are now living.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Paul Engbrecht.
- grace and strength to carry out Christ’s great commission in our context.
- Maria Paff as she was recently diagnosed with an early stage of breast cancer. She will have surgery on May 12 to remove the cancer mass, and will then undergo several weeks of radiation treatments. Please keep the Paff family in your thoughts.
- the Board of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they discern the best ways for Conference to continue supporting and encouraging and resourcing each local congregation for ministry.

Don't miss out! **GAME NIGHT**, Wednesday, May 13. The **Children's Choir** will be sponsoring a **Game Night as a fundraiser for the new playground** at Salem-Zion. Please come for fun, fellowship, and prizes. The kids will be bringing their favorite snacks to share and their favorite games to play. We will meet at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you all there!!

The congregation is cordially invited to attend a **graduation open house for Solomon Ortman** this Saturday morning, May 16, from 8:30-10 at the Prairie Arboretum Visitor Center.

For **Bible School** (June 1-5) we are in need of big duplo lego sets (about 5 or 6), fake grape bunches, brown paper (that you get in boxes for a package). Please contact Lacey or Kelsey if you are willing to provide those items! Thanks!

Salem-Zion is scheduled to serve the evening meal at **The Banquet West** in Sioux Falls on **Thursday, June 11**. The Banquet's mission is to welcome the community to gather and serve each other, feeding body and spirit. A **sign-up sheet** for workers to prepare and/or serve the meal is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. The Sunday morning offering on May 17 will go toward the expense of the meal. Contact Anita Eisenbeis or Amy Kaufman with any questions.

Read Through the Bible This Summer! “Reading the Bible together” is one of the practices outlined in our Central Plains Mennonite Conference covenant practices. This summer, Salem-Zion church will try to do this together while creating meaningful and enriching faith experiences along the way. With each member/attender reading a portion of scripture, our whole church will collectively read through the Bible in 90 days. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. My challenge is for you to sign up for scripture portions that you might not be as familiar with. June 1 is coming soon, so now is the time to sign up. For those

living at a distance, you also can “sign up” by emailing our administrative assistant and she will get your name on a slot. We trust that God will inspire us in this collective and timeless practice of reading the Bible together.

DO NOT miss the opportunity to **sign up to teach Jr. Sunday School this summer** (sign up sheets are in the Narthex). You can teach one Sunday or a few, it is up to you. There will be three classes that will need a teacher each week. If you have not taught for a while, sign up and get to know some of the youth from our church - they are truly amazing!!

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, May 13 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The Peace and Justice Task Group is seeking nominations for the annual **Peace Mug Award**. This can be anyone you have seen doing small acts of kindness or someone who has spoken out in the face of injustice. Who do you see as a peacemaker in your congregation and your community? Send names and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Luke Hertzler (luke.hertzler43@gmail.com). We need them by Monday, May 11.

A Search Committee is actively seeking applicants for the role of **Executive Director for the Freeman Academy Non-Profit**. Interested applicants should send their resume and letter of intent to Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi on behalf of the Search Committee at jzjantzi@gmail.com by May 15, 2026. The job description is posted in the narthex.

Celebrating our mothers: “One of the most endearing and playful moments in scripture is when Jesus and his friends were at the wedding in Cana and they ran out of wine (Jn. 2). When Mary nudges Jesus to do something, Jesus initially refrains, but in the end, mother Mary said to the servants confidently, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Soon after, wine was flowing and Jesus’ first sign was in the books. Mothers do know best and we are grateful!” - Corey Miller

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