



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Praying ‘Immeasurable riches of Grace’”

May 11, 2025

## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude/Gathering Music Maria Paff

Welcome and Call to Worship Beth Bontrager

L: It is by God's grace that we gather for worship with others who are both blessed and broken.

**P: It is by God's grace that our lives are transformed in Christ Jesus.**

L: We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today to move in our midst.

**P: By your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship as we experience your grace.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Singing our Praise – *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT #120  
Verse 1&2-Congregation sings, Verse 3-Women,  
Verse 4-Men, Verse 5-Everyone

Greeting each other

Children's Story Kelsey Pidde

Peace Lamp

Offering – Vacation Bible School  
Offertory

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

\* Hearing the Gospel John 2:1-11

\* Song – *There Is a Line of Women* VT #546  
Verse 1- Ladies trio will sing; Verse 2&3- Everyone join

Hearing the New Testament Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon – “Learning Grace by Receiving Grace” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn – *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* VT #170

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

## SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Song – *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* VT #518

\* Benediction

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

With impassioned delivery, Paul elaborates on the “*immeasurable riches of God's grace towards us in Christ Jesus*” in Ephesians 2. Together, we ponder this amazing grace today and seek to allow it to flow through us into the world. Welcome to our worship. We are so glad that you are here worshipping with us.

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

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**May 12 (Mon)** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

**May 14 (Wed)** – Children's Choir, 6:00-6:30pm

**May 14 (Wed)** – Baccalaureate Service for graduates at Freeman Community Building at 7:00pm

**May 15 (Thurs)** – Worship Team meeting at 7:00pm

**May 16 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

**May 17 (Sat)** – Kitchen/Fellowship Hall private reservation all day

### NEXT SUNDAY – May 18

Next Sunday continues our series on Praying with Ephesians. The theme of the morning is: “*One New Humanity*” and the texts are Ephesians 2:11-22 and John 17:20-24. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for The Banquet.

### COMING EVENTS

**May 21** – Faith Exploration Class meeting with deacons at 7:30pm

**May 25** – Worship and Baptism service!

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- The burial of Janet (Glanzer) Parnell was held on Saturday at our cemetery.

### Remember to praise God for:

- our mothers and other nurturing saints who have showed us God's love, mercy, and enduring grace.

- the planting season that continues.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Ruby Waltner.

- those who have wanted to be mothers but could not for various reasons.

- moisture to come so the seeds can rise with power and strength!
- our seniors who will be graduating next weekend. Josh Janssen will be graduating from FA and Ella Waltner from Freeman Public.
- the work of the Pastoral Leadership Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they develop and walk alongside both new and experienced pastoral leaders.

**May is Mental Health Month:** The deacon's Mental Health Care fund was set up recently with funds that were returned to Salem-Zion from Wellspring. This new fund is specifically for mental health care for any Salem-Zion member or attendee. If you need some assistance in helping to pay for counseling/therapy sessions, contact Pastor Corey or Gwen, our deacon chair. We want to help facilitate God's healing in your life through this fund.

**Sunday School:** This summer the adults and children will be taking a break from the regular series. The high-school through adults can choose between a Bible Study on the Book of James or Meghan Larissa Good's book, "Divine Gravity". There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex to choose a class or volunteer to teach a children's class. The Children's classes begin June 1 and the Adult Classes, June 15.

Salem-Zion is scheduled to serve the evening meal at **The Banquet West** in Sioux Falls on **Thursday, June 19**. 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 18 will go toward the expense of the meal. Contact Anita Eisenbeis or Amy Kaufman with any questions.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** CPMC's annual meeting will be held in Rock Island, IL from June 26-29 with the theme "*Cultivating Covenant Communities of Hope*." Byron Pellecer, a church planter and pastor who now works for Everence, is the keynote speaker. Byron will help us to explore what it means to be communities of hope and how we go about the work of cultivating these communities. As one of our covenant practices mandates, we will study the scriptures together, using biblical stories to frame our discussions about cultivation, covenant, community and hope. Full-time registration costs \$195 through May 31, and \$235 June 1-June 10. If interested in attending, contact Pastor Corey or deacon chair Gwen Ortman.

This year's **VBS** theme is Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace and will take place at South Church on June 2-6 from 9-1:15 each morning. Snacks will be provided but children should bring their own sack lunch! Paper registration is available in the Narthex and online registration can be done

here: <https://shorturl.at/OTfsx>. VBS Superintendents are also hoping to collect items to decorate the church that fit the Egyptian theme. These may include pillars/columns, plants/vines/flowers, baskets, pots, blue fabric/plastic, rugs, large brown paper bags, chains or trees. Let Bailey Carlson, Lacey Friesen, or Kelsey Pidde know if you have something to provide. Thanks!

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for a letter from **Bienvenidos a Brookings** and a thank-you card from **Brad and Marian Gering**.

**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 business) 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 14 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

**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).

Please join us in making a difference in the lives of our community, patients, and residents, by supporting the **Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary Fund Drive**. Together we can ensure that our hospital, clinics, nursing home and assisted living, are able to continue offering the best possible care at Freeman Regional. Please join us in our cause by making a donation. Checks can be made out to FRHS Auxiliary and sent to Marlene Herman, Auxiliary Treasurer, PO Box 364, Freeman, SD 57029. Donations can also be dropped off at the FRHS business office. Thank you for your support!

**Trusting in God's Peace:** "*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.*" - Psalm 27:1,3

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