



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

“Signs of Resurrection: Ascension”

May 17, 2026

## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude/Gathering Music – *Amazing Grace* Adaline Graber

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 47) Austin Unruh

L: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**P: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

L: God has gone up with a shout, with the sound of a trumpet.

**P: Sing praises to God! Sing praises to our King.**

**ALL: For God is the king over all the nations; King of all the earth!**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Singing our Praise – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns* VT 101

Sharing the Peace

Children’s Story Gwen Ortman

Senior Blessings Ephesians 1:15-23

Offering – The Banquet  
Offertory

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading Acts 1:6-11

Sermon – “A Time for Leave-Taking” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Although Our Lord Has Left Us* VT 366

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

## SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Sending Song – *Praise God* VT 70

\* Benediction – *May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you* FA Students

Postlude

Keyboardist: Sheila Epp

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Jesus’ Ascension created mixed feelings for his disciples. How do we let go while hanging on? In this graduation season, students, parents, and others alike are sensing this change, transition, and opportunity. With the spirit of Christ with us, we continue our journey in bearing witness for Christ. Welcome to our worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **The Banquet**.

9:30am – Sunday School  
10:30am – Worship Service  
2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**May 19 (Tues)** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30pm

**May 22 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – May 24

Next Sunday we celebrate the profound moment of **Pentecost!** The texts include Acts 2:1-21, Ps. 104:24-34, and Jn. 7:37-39. Pastor Corey will preach.

The offering will be for **Swan Lake Christian Camp**.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Maria Paff’s surgery on Tuesday to remove cancerous cells went well.

### Remember to praise God for:

- the fact that Jesus does not leave us, even when he isn’t physically present anymore.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Delano and LaVonne Tieszen.  
- healing and strength for Maria as she recovers from her surgery, and prayers for the journey ahead.  
- the graduates of Freeman Public, Freeman Academy, and Marion Public schools this weekend.  
- our sister churches in Nebraska: Beemer, Milford, Bellwood, Omaha Chin, Bethesda, Wood River, and First of Lincoln Mennonite Churches.

**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. We trust that God will inspire us in this collective and timeless practice of reading the Bible together.

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. This morning's offering will go toward the expense of the meal. Contact Anita Eisenbeis or Amy Kaufman with any questions.

**April Offerings and Gifts:** CPMC - \$1,969.00; Deacon Mental Health - \$3,008.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$2,350.00; Household Treasury - \$8,434.93; FA - \$2,113.00; MMN - \$125.00; Project Fund - \$2,844.07; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$1,793.00; Wellspring - \$100.00.

The Household Treasury **monthly report** is posted in the narthex.

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

**Rural Revival** will meet Tuesday, May 26th at 8:00 pm at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

**Jesus Ascends, God's Peace Poured Out:** *“Ascent is neither the lone journey of Jesus nor the abstracted elevation of the soul, but is the future for an embodied humanity that is co-present with Jesus and his Father.”*  
- Julie Canlis

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