



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 23, 2021  
Pentecost!

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude  
The Spirit Comes                      Acts 2 Reading                      Sheila Epp  
Welcome and Call to Worship (from VT #877)                      Youth  
Nathan Epp

**P: Come, Holy Spirit,**

L: enter our silences.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit,**

L: into the depths of our longing.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit,**

L: unmask our pretending. Enter our trusting, enter our fearing, enter our letting go, enter our holding back.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit,**

L: embrace and free us.

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – *Holy Spirit, come with power* (HWB #26)

Quartet: Kerwin Graber, LeRoy Epp, Lacey Friesen, Sonja Schrag

Celebrating our Mission with Mennonite Central Committee

## PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old Testament                      Ezekiel 37:1-10

Song – *Breathe on me, breath of God*                      Beth Kaufman

\* Hearing the Gospel                      John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Meditation – “Baptized into Christ”                      Corey Miller

Song – *Water has held us* (SJ #82)                      Quartet

## RESPONDING

Believers Baptism

Connor Epp, son of Nathan and Sheila Epp

Timothy Epp, son of John and Beth Epp

Jada Koerner, daughter of Todd and Suzanne Koerner

Believers Confirmation

Blake Van Ningen, son of Adam and Meranda Van Ningen

Congregational Commitment                      HWB #777

Communion

Congregational Prayer

\* Sending Song – *New earth, heavens new* (HWB #299)

\* Benediction

Postlude

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Pentecost celebrates the dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church! Today, we rejoice in the Spirit’s movement in the lives of our young people getting baptized. We also gladly come to the communion table as we share in Christ’s love feast. Welcome all of you to this time of worship and celebration!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for *Mennonite Central Committee*.

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### NEXT SUNDAY – May 30

Next Sunday the theme is “God’s Spirit Dwells in You.” The texts are Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:1-17 and John 3:5-10. Pastor Corey will be preaching, we will receive a new member and we will sing together our closing song!

Offering next Sunday will be for the *Ross Richer Mennonite Mission Network Partnership*.

### COMING EVENTS

**May 31-June 4** – Summer Bible School at South Church

**Sunday School for Children!** Starting on June 6, Salem-Zion will again be having Sunday school for our children at 9:30. We look forward to faith forming experiences that will be face to face.

**June 19** – Central Plains Mennonite Conference (virtually). We are still seeking delegates from Salem-Zion.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.

- Timothy Epp, Connor Epp, Jada Koerner and Blake Van Ningen who will be baptized and confirmed in their faith in Christ today. These four young people shared their testimonies with the deacons last week.

- our congregation as we each remember our own baptism vows and recommit to them today.

- a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit to touch our lives, to bring healing, and to empower us for God’s mission right here in our midst.

- the conflict in Israel and Palestine. We pray for violence to stop, listening ears from all sides, and helpful solutions. We pray for God’s love to hold all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in that holy place.

- faithful response to the selection process for Sunday school superintendents, that we can find willing helpers to fulfill our ministries.
- our sister churches in the Quad Cities area cluster: Casa de Oracion Emanuel, Iglesia Cristiana El Balsamo, Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano, Iglesia Torre Fuerte, Templo Alabanza and the El Buen Pastor church plant.

**The Covid-19 Task Team** - This past week the CDC has suggested new guidelines concerning the Covid-19 virus. The Task Team met to discern and discuss information and has again changed some recommendations for worship at Salem-Zion.

1. Seating: In the center two sections there are no seating restrictions (the twine and signs have been removed). The wings will continue to have the distance seating arrangement.
2. Masks: The Task Team is following the CDC guidelines. If you have received the vaccine masks are optional. If you have not received the vaccine the CDC recommends you should continue to wear a mask and socially distance to protect yourself and those who are immunosuppressed. If you have not received the vaccine and have questions or concerns you can visit the Covid-19 Information Center for Vaccine Resources or contact your local Health Care Provider.
3. Singing: We anticipate starting to sing together as a congregation next Sunday May 30. We will begin by singing the last song together and invite everyone to mask up before we sing. More changes will eventually come and we ask for grace and patience as we navigate through this important part of our worship experience.
4. Activities: We recommend that Church sanctioned activities (like meetings, comforter blitz, etc) follow the same guidelines as listed above. The Task Team attempts to update information and communicate clearly to the congregation with the goal of safety and care for all. We ask for your patience and grace as we work through these transitions together. Covid-19 Task Team

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference** - Delegates are still needed for the Annual Meeting which will take place in a virtual format on June 19. The theme for this year's gathering will be "Together in God's Space: The Church as a Reconciling Presence". There will also be an opportunity to participate in several workshops. More information is available on the CPMC website or contact one of the deacons.

Your Adult Sunday School superintendents are renewing the welcome to **join an in-person class at church** beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Jr. Sunday School class will resume on June 6<sup>th</sup>, so we especially welcome the parents to bring them and stay for Bible study & mutual spiritual nurture. Consider it "continuing education" for the adult believer & follower of Jesus Christ. There is ample space at church for physical distancing and many of us have received

COVID-19 vaccination. The ZOOM class continues to be an option as long as there is interest and participation.

Matthew 19:14 (NIV) Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Starting on Sunday, June 6, the **Jr. Sunday School Department** will be meeting in person from 9:30 -10:20. There will be two classes:  
 Preschool - 3rd Grades - meet in the Preschool classroom  
 4th - 8th Grades - meet in the double classroom on the east side of the church  
 We look forward to being together again! If you have any questions, please ask Sheila or Malynda.

**Mennonite Women's Retreat** is currently scheduled for September 18-19, 2021 at Swan Lake Christian Camp. Would you consider attending this year? Leadership is gathering comments regarding whether we should continue as is tradition, consider alternatives, or cancel for the year. Currently, no programming is planned. Please send comments, suggestions, or to volunteer as an organizer to Charity Ortman at charityjb@gmail.com, 925-7468, or text (574) 238-0692.

**Household Treasury Report 4th Sunday of month** Balance: \$17,581.86  
 The household treasury pays for salaries, electric/heating bills, Sunday school materials, etc. The average monthly expenses for the Household Treasury are around \$15,000. We greatly appreciate your giving and generosity towards these needs to keep our Salem-Zion community functioning!

**SAVE THOSE COINS** - The SD MCC Relief Sale will again be receiving coins through the My Coins Count project at the Relief Sale on July 10 at the Arboretum. This year features WATER AT SCHOOL in Nicaragua. Join MCC to provide clean water at rural schools in the Bluefields area of Nicaragua where students don't have a safe water supply. Your coins will help construct new wells at some schools and repair existing water systems at others. With these improvements, students will have the water they need to drink and wash their hands. The wells will also benefit families who live near the schools, improving the health of whole communities. Additionally, someone will match the amount that Salem-Zion contributes to My Coins Count!  
 \$25 helps to repair a school water system  
 \$130 provides a carbon water filter for one school  
 \$1,400 is the average cost of one complete well for a school in Nicaragua  
 Let's see how many schools we can help secure clean water!

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**April Mission Fund Offerings and Gifts:** MCC - \$100.00; MCC Meat Canning - \$100.00; Bienvenidos - \$100.00; MDS - \$550.00; Wellspring - \$933.00; MC USA - \$1,230.00; Freeman Academy - \$2,585.00; CPMC - \$2,795.00.

In celebration of the upcoming wedding of **Vanessa Hofer and Hans Weaver**, we would like to have a money-card shower for the couple. Vanessa and Hans are getting married June 5 in New Holland, PA and will have a Freeman reception later in the summer. You may give your money gift to Kelsey Pidde by putting it in an envelope in her mailbox at church or sending it to her mailing address (PO Box 102, Freeman SD 57029) by May 23. There is a card by the Mennonite Women bulletin board for you to sign, or Kelsey can sign your name.

### Community Connections

**Rural Revival** will be hosting a community education event on May 24 at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room of the Et Cetera Shoppe in Freeman. Jared Schrack will be talking about living a self-sufficient lifestyle in South Dakota. All are welcome to attend. Following the talk will be our regular monthly meeting.

Thanks to our financial director, the **Et Cetera Shoppe** has received grant monies that will allow us to give the retail area of the store a major facelift! We are seeking volunteers to assist with this project. We need painters, furniture movers, organizers, and handy-men-and-women of all kinds. We're looking to get the work done approximately between June 8 and 25. If you are a supporter of the shop, would you give us one day (or even half a day) of your time?? It will be fun! If you would be willing to help with this exciting project, even for a short time, PLEASE let Kris Carlson or Anita Eisenbeis know. You can also call the shop at 925-7098 or email us at [etcttv@gwtc.net](mailto:etcttv@gwtc.net).

The May edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service** at <https://conta.cc/3hA4mgR>. In our current issue: MDS celebrates the wrap-up of its multi-year-long Hurricane Harvey response, volunteers are working on two new homes damaged by tornadoes in Ohio and the 2021 Spirit of MDS Fund (MDS Canada) issues 43 grants, worth \$104,900.

### MCC Webinars on Wednesday, May 26!

**May 26, 12-1:30 p.m. CDT** The Color of Compromise series: Raymond Chang

By examining historical and present-day examples, Chang will speak about how racism impacts Asian Americans in the church.

**May 26, 7 p.m. CDT** The Right to Stay and the Right to Go: Migration for Human Dignity

Join Bonnie Klassen and Anna Vogt to learn how MCC understands the different faces and forms of migration in Latin America. Explore the role of advocacy and community organization for supporting human dignity and enabling people to stay rooted within their local communities. Register for these webinars and find upcoming webinars on [mcc.org](http://mcc.org).

#### God's Peace at Pentecost:

“Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.” - Henri Nouwen

#### Zoom Adult Sunday School

<https://zoom.us/j/97667382194?pwd=NHNieHZ6a29ZMGpZSHJpczlibUxtdz09>; Meeting ID: 976 6738 2194; Passcode: 523139

#### Livestream link for Sunday morning worship

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX8KyFIZChK0Ef-rlBAaS3A>

#### Pastor Corey Miller

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# Mission Partners: Ross Richers

At our Annual Business Meeting held last November, Salem-Zion agreed to be a supporting congregation of the Ross Richers and their mission in Ecuador. This means that we will provide financial support (\$3,000 per year), prayer support, and stay connected to their work. Our offering next Sunday (**May 30<sup>th</sup>**) will be for this ministry. Currently, we are working on getting a support team from Salem-Zion for the Ross Richers ministry.

Jane, Jerrell and their children work half the year with indigenous church leaders as well as children, youth and families in the Ecuadorian rain forest, and half the year as educators in the U.S. Their ministry reflects one of the priorities of the Ecuador Partnership, which includes Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia and Central Plains Conference.

Invitations from Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita del Ecuador (ICAME) and the Fundación Sobrevivencia Cofán Cofan Survival Fund (CSF) broaden the impact of their ministry and strengthen the local relationship with the Cofán people in Zábalo. Leaders of the Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Ecuador serve as resource people for leadership development with the Cofán church. The Consejo de Pueblos y Organizaciones Indígenas Evangélicas del Ecuador (FEINE) provides a connection with the broader indigenous context.

To learn more about the Ross Richers and their ministry, go to <https://www.mennonitemission.net> › *workers* › *Ecuador*

Home Church: Waterford Mennonite Church Goshen, Indiana

Supporting Churches: Salem-Zion Mennonite Church, Freeman, SD. Salem Mennonite Church (Freeman) Freeman, SD. Calvary Chapel Lihue, HI. Sugar Creek Mennonite Church Wayland, IA. Mountain View Mennonite Church (Upland) Fontana, CA. Hopewell Mennonite Church (Kouts) Kouts, IN. Holdeman Mennonite Church Wakarusa, IN. Eighth Street Mennonite Church Goshen, IN. Bethel Mennonite Church (Ashley) Ashley, MI.