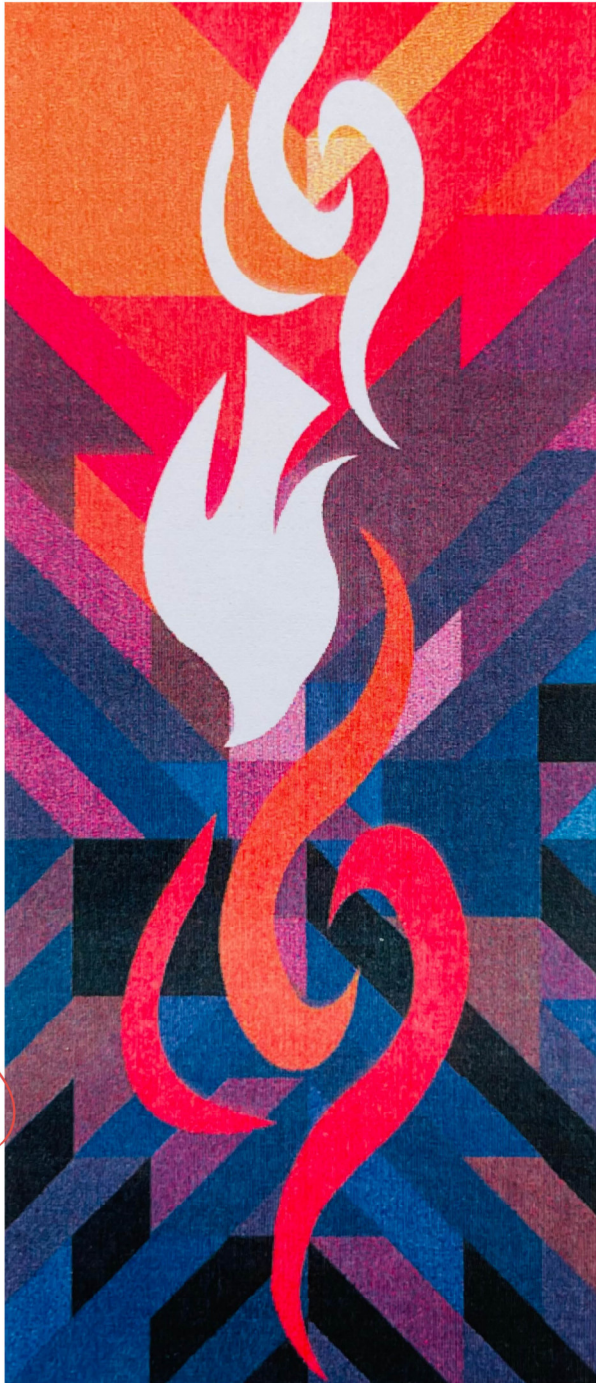


The Spirit unleashed



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**“Pentecost Sunday”
May 28, 2023**

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Praeludium in G Major* (D. Buxtehude) Dan Graber
Choral Call – *Spirit of the Living God* Judy Graber, Lacey Friesen
Welcome Lacey Friesen
Lighting the Peace Lamp
Call to Worship VT #877
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn – *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT #57
* Greeting each other
Offering – Mennonite Central Committee
Offertory – *Prelude on an Original Antiphon* (Christopher Uehlein)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

New Testament Acts 2:1-8,11-12,17-18,21
Song – *New Earth, Heavens New* VT #377
* Gospel John 20:19-23
Meditation – “The Spirit Unleashed!” Corey Miller

RECEIVING BELIEVER’S BAPTISM

Song – *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* VT #453
Scripture Romans 6:1-5
Believer’s Baptism
Tyce Benjamin
Josh Janssen
Liam Ortman
Ella Waltner
Sam Waltner
Congregational Song – *There’s Nothing Worth More* VT #369
Congregational Prayer
* Sending Song – *Praise God* VT #70
* Benediction
Postlude – *Benedicamus Domino* (Christopher Uehlein)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

On this Pentecost Sunday, we rejoice in the generous and gracious gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. As we open ourselves to the outpouring of God's Spirit, may our hearts and lives experience the Spirit's activating presence. Welcome everyone who has joined us for worship!

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

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

THIS WEEK

June 2 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

June 3 (Sat) – Morning Prayers with the Psalms (Psalms 1-10) at 7:30am

NEXT SUNDAY – June 4

Next Sunday we begin our Summer Series called “**Praying Through the Psalms!**” Over the next three months, our whole church will be invited to read through all 150 Psalms and each Sunday will focus on a Psalm and a theme for that week. The theme next Sunday is **Creation Care** and the scriptures include **Psalm 8**, Colossians 1:15-20, Genesis 2:4b-9, and John 1:1-5. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we will have communion.

Next week the offering is for the **Household Treasury**.

COMING EVENTS

June 5-9 – Bible School at South Church

June 6 – Congregation/Pastor Review Committee meeting at 7:00pm

June 11 – Joint Bible School Worship Service at South Church

June 15-18 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference in York, NE

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Delano Tieszen spent a day at the Heart Hospital but was able to return home on Monday, in time for their sale.
- The Anabaptist Bible Study group finished up its last study and will submit its findings to the coordinators.
- The five baptismal candidates shared their personal faith stories with the deacons and parents last Wednesday night. We all were on holy ground.

Remember to praise God for:

- the Holy Spirit that is poured out on the church in all places!
- the faith that has come to Liam Ortman, Tyce Benjamin, Ella Waltner, Josh Janssen, and Sam Waltner as they receive Believer's Baptism this day.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Bernie Koller.
- our own baptism vows, that we may again recommit ourselves to Christ, His Church, and our local congregation at Salem-Zion. May the Spirit be outpoured upon us!
- our sister congregation, Salem Mennonite Church, as they continue to trust in God during times of change and transition. As they continue to search for pastoral leadership, we pray that God's healing and empowering Spirit will sustain them in their life and witness together.
- for all who mourn the loss of life on this Memorial Day weekend. We pray that God's peace will be realized in people's hearts and nations will not learn of war anymore. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
- the family of Tony Brown. Tony died this week after having a stroke several weeks ago. Tony, a singer, peace ambassador and advocate for human rights who worked at Hesston College for 20 years in a variety of roles including professor and counselor, touched the lives of so many.
- the start of the summer camping season for Swan Lake Christian Camp and Crooked Creek Christian Camp, the two Mennonite camps within Central Plains. We pray that campers and staff feel the love of God as they spend time in nature!

Summer Sunday School Series, LOFT "Living Our Faith Together": Not connected to a Sunday School group? This summer is a change from the norm, so drop in whenever you're able. All ages, first grade through retirement, will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall; coffee starts at 9:00am with programming starting at 9:30am. There will be childcare for those children Preschool age and younger each Sunday.

*June 4th *Creation Care: Climate Change*, appropriate for all ages, as well as a nature walk outside. Keep an eye out for a short video to prepare for June 4.

*June 11th due to VBS at South Church there is no Sunday School, but there will be a Sunday Evening Fellowship program *Trees and Grasses: Keystone Species* with Lyle Preheim which will be followed by a tree planting.

*June 18th *Creation Care: Resources*. Sunday School activity supplies are needed: used up and emptied out coffee bags, opened, flattened and wiped out. These bags will be needed for Sunday morning June 18th and are being collected in the red container in the narthex.

*June 25th *Creation Care: Our Local foods*. Plan for a church potluck after church!

Selection ballots are included as an insert in this week's bulletin (extra copies are available in the narthex). Please turn in your selection ballot for Assistant Sunday School Superintendents to the box in the narthex by June 11.

Salem-Zion is scheduled to serve the evening meal at **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls on **Thursday, June 22. The Banquet is a feeding ministry whose "mission is to equip volunteers to provide food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of the Banquet. We provide a safe place where people can gather, receive nourishment, and experience love in action"** – taken from their Mission Statement. The cost of the meal is around \$1000. If you are willing to be part of this ministry you can help by donating to the cost of the meal and/or by signing up to help prepare or serve the meal. There is a **sign-up sheet** for workers on the bulletin in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Anita Eisenbeis, Amy Kaufman or Lacey Friesen. Checks should be made out to **Salem-Zion Mennonite Church (memo line The Banquet)**. Information about this organization is available at www.thebanquetsf.org.

Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors (although if you are delegate, youth delegate or pastor and haven't registered—register now). All are invited to York, NE, June 15-18 to worship, learn, fellowship, and discern together! Visit our website to learn more and to register by June 5! www.centralplainsmc.org

SD MCC Relief Sale:

- The July 22 relief sale will be a cozy event! All activities will be held on the lower level of Pioneer Hall.

- As we begin collecting donations for our Live Auction, we ask you to consider donating items such as an experience or service. For example, do you have a beautiful backyard space? Consider hosting a meal for 6 at your home! Do you make a delicious loaf of bread? Donate a loaf a month as an auction item. Own a home in the hills? Donate a weekend getaway. These items provide additional variety to our Live Auction. If you have a question regarding a potential item feel free to reach out to us via email SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com or contact Edie Tschetter 605-925-7009. Registration forms are due June 15.

- There is still time to make a theme basket for the silent auction. It's a fun activity to do as a family, with friends or a Sunday school class. You will find copies of theme basket ideas on the table in the narthex. It is helpful if you provide a list of the contents included in your basket.

- Registration forms for the family friendly bike ride are also available on the table in the narthex. It begins at 7 pm (check in at 6:30) on Friday. The registration form is also available online for downloading. Deadline is July 1. You may still participate without pre-registration but it is helpful in planning to know how many people to expect. Riders of all ages and experience levels welcome! Please give what you can; donations for this year's ride will support

MCC's relief work to support displaced individuals in Ukraine. **Helmets are required for all riders!**

Community Connections

On Saturday, June 10, at 7:30 pm, our community is welcoming **Ted and Company** to Freeman Academy's Pioneer Hall. FREE to the public, all are welcome. A freewill offering will be collected at the conclusion of the show. Following the offering, the audience will be invited to a 30-minute talkback conducted by the performers. Starring Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, *We Own This Now* is a play by Alison Casella Brookins that seriously looks with humor at love of land, loss of land, and what it means to "own" something. Chris has farmed the land his grandmother found as a home in Kansas after fleeing Russia almost 100 years ago; his daughter Riley is learning more about who was on that land before her Oma arrived, and the jarring connections she has to the fate of those people. More information about the play can be found on our *We Own This Now* page: <https://www.tedandcompany.com/shows/we-own-this-now/>.

Pentecost Prayer for Peace: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth." - unknown

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Reading the Psalms at Salem-Zion Mennonite Summer 2023

Many years ago while on a Spiritual Pilgrimage, I learned that the Trappist Monks (of the Order of the Cistercians) in Kentucky gather 7 times a day for worship, sacred reading and prayer beginning at 3:15am! As part of their spiritual practice, these brothers sing and read through the entire book of Psalms (all 150 of them) in only two weeks and then they start over again. The point of such scripture saturation is to learn to know God intimately as the psalmist did.

Gathering around the scriptures has been an important practice for Anabaptist Mennonite believers since the beginning. Not only does God's Word breathe new life in us and give us direction for faithful living, it is a gift that is to be read and interpreted within community.

Over this summer, I am inviting all of Salem-Zion Mennonite Church to join me in praying these psalms. Starting on May 28, we will begin to read through the psalms, covering 10-13 each week. On **Saturday mornings**, anyone who is willing or able, may come to **Salem-Zion Church at 7:30am** to reflect and pray about what God has revealed to us over the week. We will meet for only 1 hour to read and pray. Even when you can't come in person, I encourage everyone to read at that hour and keep up the schedule of reading through these sacred texts.

This season of praying together will give us an opportunity to search, read and study the scriptures together. This is an invitation for us to become more grounded in God's Word, more centered in prayer, and more connected as a faith community. As we study God's word together in community, we can expect that God will do transforming and renewing work.

I look forward to hearing how this practice will shape our faith in following Jesus and trusting more deeply in God!

In Christ,
Pastor Corey

2023 Summer Psalms Reading Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Psalms</u>
May 28 – June 3 -----	Psalms 1-10
June 4-10 -----	Psalms 11-20
June 11-17 -----	Psalms 21-30
June 18-24 -----	Psalms 31-40
June 25 - July 1 -----	Psalms 41-52
July 2-8 -----	Psalms 53-64
July 9-15 -----	Psalms 65-76
July 16-22 -----	Psalms 77- 88
July 23-29 -----	Psalms 89-100
July 30 -Aug. 5 -----	Psalms 101-112
Aug. 6-12 -----	Psalms 113-124
Aug. 13-19 -----	Psalms 125-136
Aug. 20-26 -----	Psalms 137-144
Aug. 27-31-----	Psalms 145-150