



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 29, 2022
Ascension Sunday

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Ken Mannes
Welcome Gloria Graber
Lighting the Peace Lamp VT #1046

Call to Worship (from Acts 1)

One: With the disciples, we come to this time of worship with questions, concerns and uncertainties.

All: We wonder when will be the time when Jesus restores the Kingdom?

One: How we will manage when Jesus ascends into heaven?

All: How long it will take until Christ's Peace is the norm?

One: How will we live faithfully even when we are surrounded by violence?

All: Who Jesus will send to help us in our life, our calling, our ministry?

One: With everything in our heart, mind, and soul, we seek the Living Christ who guides us to Truth.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Come, Ye Disconsolate* #643

Greeting one another “*Peace be with you.*” “*And also with you.*”

Children’s Story Mary Mannes

Celebrating our Offerings – MMN Ross Richers Partnership

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the New Testament Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn – *Although Our Lord Has Left Us* #366

* Hearing the Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Sermon – “From Heaven to Earth and Back Again” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Song of Response – *Listen, God Is Calling* #765

Prayers for Christ’s Church Children

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *Sing a New World into Being* #809

Blessing

Postlude – *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* (improvised)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

As we remember that sacred moment when Jesus was lifted up on a cloud, he left his disciples words of encouragement and hope. May Jesus’ blessing and commissioning rest upon all who yearn to follow him. We are so glad you are here to worship God with us together.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Ross Richer Mission Partners.**

9:00 a.m. – Zoom Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Jr. Dept. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for adults

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The two adult Sunday school elective classes will end today with a combined session in Fellowship Hall to review, discuss and share insights gained from both studies. In addition to the course discussions, ideas for future Sunday morning study options will be considered. At this time, an attempt to conduct the following groups will be made as long as leaders are selected: A Fellowship Hall group, a group in the south room off Fellowship Hall, a Zoom option, a young adult group led by Pastor Corey and a youth group. Your wishes and ideas for spiritual growth during this first hour of Sunday morning Worship will help lead us forward. All Salem-Zion attendees are welcome to attend this session (9:30-10:20 on May 29) to help us make plans for the future.

THIS WEEK

June 1 (Wed) – Deacons meeting at 7:00pm

June 2 (Thurs) – Worship Committee meeting at 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY – June 5

Next Sunday the theme is “*Pentecost Sunday*” and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The texts are Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 104, Acts 2:1-21 and John 14:8-17 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

COMING EVENTS

June 6-10 – Bible School at Salem-Zion

June 12 – 10am combined church service for DVBS (no Sunday school)

June 16-19 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference at Freeman Academy; The theme is: “*Come to the Table.*”

July – Pastor Corey begins sabbatical

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Austin & Lindsey Unruh welcomed Silas Stanley to their family on May 20. All are doing well.
- Ruby Waltner moved from her apartment in Freeman to Assisted Living at Tieszen Home.
- William Janssen and Katie Magera were united in marriage on Saturday in Sioux Falls.
- Janette Epp, Janelle Ortman and Tim Graber attended the special delegate sessions of MC USA in KC.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Ardelle Schrag.
- Hayva Larson (Ted and Diane's granddaughter) as she continues her treatment in Fargo, ND these days. Her address is the following: Hayva Larson, Sanford Health Eating Disorders Unit, 801 North Broadway, Unit 4S, Routing 0097, Fargo, North Dakota, 58102. Any cards or notes would be appreciated.
- Nita Engbrecht as she receives treatment at Avera Behavioral Health in Sioux Falls.
- all the delegates who are gathering in KC to discuss, discern and listen to God's Spirit.
- the families and community of Uvalde, Texas who lost children and teachers in the gun shooting this week. May we pray and act for peace in this season of grief.
- Sunday school teachers that are needed to teach our children this summer.
- all who are grieving the loss of loved ones from war on this Memorial Day weekend.

Congratulations to Austin & Lindsey Unruh on the birth of Silas Stanley! As a church, let's show them our love and support by **supplying some meals** for them. To arrange a time to take a meal, contact Lindsey at 605-421-0689.

Congratulations to Lance & Lacey Friesen on the arrival of Louisa Jane! As a church, let's show them our love and support by **supplying some meals** for them (dislikes: beans, black olives; favorites: enchiladas, tacos, scalloped potatoes and ham, lasagna, potato soup). To arrange a time to take a meal, contact Lacey at 605-595-7646.

Did you know...Our church congregation supports the **Wellspring Wholistic Care Center**. Wellspring was developed to meet the mental health needs of the surrounding areas in the 1970's and is church supported. Currently Wellspring has 3 counselors that are available for appointments. Counseling is a voluntary relationship where the individuals collaborate willingly with the

counselor. Wellspring counseling services continue to reflect Biblical principles in offering services to meet the mental health needs of all people. Services are available for individual counseling, marriage and family counseling, Child and Adolescent therapy and addiction counseling. Currently there are monies available to assist members of our congregations for counseling services. You can schedule counseling services by calling the Rural Medical Clinic at 605-925-4219 Monday thru Friday 9 to 4. A counselor will then reach out to you and assist in scheduling an appointment. When you speak with the counselor to schedule your appointment, please let them know that you are a member of the Salem Zion Mennonite Church and you wish to use the funds available for services. Please know that all information and services are confidential. For more information or further questions please feel free to contact either Teresa Dick or Diane Ellinger. Teresa and Diane are the Salem Zion Wellspring Wholistic Care Center Delegates.

We are still looking for **teachers for Summer Sunday school for grades Preschool - 4th grade**. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Materials will be provided. For questions or more info please contact Malynda at mrs.penner@hotmail.com or 605.929.7314.

It's not too late to get the discounted rate for CPMC's Annual Meeting—but rates go up on June 1. **Register today** to come worship, learn, fellowship and discern with your brothers and sisters in Central Plains! See our website for more information and to register, www.centralplainsmc.org.

The SD MCC Relief Sale is less than 7 weeks away. For your information:

- Help us cut advertising costs by liking us on Facebook (SD MCC Relief Sale) and then when you see a new post, share it with your friends. This will be an amazing advertising boost at no cost.
- The **auction registration** forms are now available in most churches and the Et Cetera Shoppe. If you need one sent by email please request it from SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com. **Deadline is June 15.**
- Please send photos of auction and craft items to above email address for promotional purposes on the website (<https://sdmccreliefsale.weebly.com/>) and Facebook page.
- Help us Share God's Love through MCC by volunteering and by inviting family and friends to attend. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for Salem-Zion volunteer slots.

?'s: contact Edie Tschetter 605-925-7009 or SDMCCReliefSale@gmail.com

Please turn in your **selection ballot** for Assistant SS Superintendents and DVBS co-chairs to the box in the narthex by June 12.

Community Connections

The Freeman Regional Hospital Auxiliary is having a fund drive to provide new mattresses for residents at Oakview Terrace. Donations can be made through the end of May. Please make checks out to FRHS Auxiliary to Julie Crick PO Box 370, Freeman, SD 57029. You can read more information posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Praying God's Peace: *"Lord, hear our prayer. We pray for the lives lost in Uvalde, Texas, that join the climbing number of those lost to gun violence in America. Comfort the mourning, the grieving, the broken-hearted. Compel our prayers to turn into actions.*

May the triggers of our streets be beaten into plowshares. May the triggers of our hearts be met with the open arms of our neighbors. May we trust in the transformative power of your refining fire. Forge us to be instruments of your peace.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. May our posture be of a readiness to steady a plowshare.

May we take hold of your olive branch that plots for peace.

May the plowshare break the earth of senseless violence. May the furrows bring us a harvest of solace, a never-ending rest from violence. May we sit under the vine and fig, on earth as it is in heaven. May it be so.

Amen."

- MC USA, adapted from a prayer by Michael Martin, director of RAWtools, Inc.

Living our Mission: "As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ's kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together."

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-rIBAAaS3A>

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