



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

May 31, 2020

Pentecost!

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...” - Acts 2:4

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Sheila Epp

Choral Call – *Breathe on me, breath of God* HWB #356 (vv.1,2,3)
Lacey Friesen, Rachel Miller, Judy Graber

Welcome Lacey Friesen

Call to Worship
L: Come Holy Spirit, lamplighter, midwife of change, comforter,
disturber, inspirer, and advocate.

P: Come, fill the church with the gifts earth can neither produce nor afford.

L: Come, fill our lives with that rich mixture of peace and restlessness,

P: calm and enthusiasm, which are hallmarks of holiness.

ALL: Come, promised Spirit of God, find your way and make your home among us. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

PRAISING GOD

Hymn of Praise – *Holy Spirit, come with power* HWB #26

Offering Prayer – Swan Lake Christian Camp

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Story Genesis 11:1-9 Corey Miller

Hearing the New Testament Acts 2:1-21 Reader’s Theater

Special Music – *Veni Sancte Spiritus* HWB #298

Hearing the Gospel John 20:19-23

Sermon – “New Wine?” Pastor Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending Song – *Spirit of the living God* HWB #349

Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Pentecost welcomes us to worship today with the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit! As we worship today and celebrate the birth of the church, may we feel and experience this Breath of God in us and throughout the world. Welcome to this time of worship. We are so glad that you are here with us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Swan Lake Christian Camp**. SLCC has provided a way to minister to many children and adults over the years. Check out the camp’s website (www.myslcc.com) for this summer’s updated schedule, including all youth camps and a summer family camp.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – ZOOM Devotional at 10:00am
– Deacon’s meeting at church at 7:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY – June 7

Next Sunday we will begin a summer series on the book of Acts, the story of the early church. We invite you to set a goal and read the book of Acts over the summer. Next Sunday, the theme is **“God’s Spirit Poured in Community”** and the texts are Acts 4:32-37 and Acts 5:1-11. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **Household Treasury**.

COMING EVENTS

June 20 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference delegate sessions via ZOOM. 9:30am-12:00pm.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- The recently formed Ad Hoc committee met again this week to reflect on the necessary things that need to be done before we consider having a worship service in the building. The group is very aware of all the issues at hand and are thinking creatively about options. They keep the safety and well-being of our church always at the center of our conversations. The group consists of: Mark Ortman, Janette Epp, Paul Ortman, Jay Penner, Nancy Miller and Corey and they will communicate openly with you as soon as direction is discerned.

- Pastor Corey concluded his Tuesday night **“Chatting with the Children”** for the spring season. We met for 3 months to hear peace stories, reflect on

scriptures and check in with each other. The summer schedule of “Chatting with the Children” is yet to be determined.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Elsie Schmidt.
- peace in our nation, where recent violence against black people by white people has fueled anger and frustration. We pray for the grieving family of George Floyd, the unarmed man in Minneapolis who died because of unnecessary police force.
- our friends in Flandreau who are trying to stay well, trying to work, trying to provide for their families. Lord, be merciful to our friends in Flandreau.
- openness to hear the new wind of God’s Spirit blowing in our midst. Pray that we may obediently follow wherever that wind leads us.
- members of our Selection Committee, as the spring process of selecting assistant Sunday school superintendents is underway.
- all of our congregations who had hoped to have VBS and are having to find new and creative ways to share the love of Jesus safely with children and families in our communities.

Remember to thank God for:

- the gentle rains that blessed crops, pastures and gardens with moisture.
- all the ways that the Holy Spirit has helped us, empowered us, and comforted us in our life journey.

Summer ZOOM Devotionals

Starting **Wednesday, June 3**, Pastor Corey will be offering a ZOOM Devotional time centering on our top 14 scripture texts. You will need to download ZOOM on your computer, but then all you will need to do is click the link which Lisa will send you to join Corey in this time of reflecting on our most important texts and what they are saying to us in this time. We will begin at **10:00am** and the sessions will be recorded so you can listen in on them later at your convenience. The outline for the summer is included in the bulletin insert. I look forward to engaging the holy scriptures with you.

The survey regarding our live-streaming services is due today. Please take a moment to fill it out and send it in to Lisa at the church email. If you misplaced yours, give Lisa a call and she’ll send you the survey. Thank you so much for your feedback.

The process of **selecting Assistant Sunday School Superintendents** is underway. Ballots were e-mailed on May 21 (hard copies also available in the narthex) and can be returned to salemzion@gwtc.net or placed in the ballot box in the narthex by June 15. If you did not receive a ballot electronically,

please be in touch with the church office. Members of our selection committee are Clara Graber, Sheila Epp, and Tim Graber.

The trustees will be looking for help to wash the flat part of the church roof in June. We hope to do it in a forenoon following an overnight shower or rain, so it cannot be scheduled far in advance! Please contact one of the trustees if you will be able to help. You will need to bring a push broom and appropriate foot wear for wet conditions, and perhaps a protective face mask.

Office Hours for staff during this season: Because of the continued call for social distancing and staying at home, Lisa and Corey will not be keeping their normal office hours in the COVID-19 era. If you want to visit with Corey or Lisa, call their cell phone or send an email and they will get back with you.

Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors (although, if you are a delegate or pastor and haven't registered—register now!)—All are invited to learn, fellowship, and discern together! This year, we'll be meeting via Zoom on June 20. Visit our website to learn more and to register (for free)! www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2020

God’s peace in our country:

“Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.”
“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Visions and Dreams

ZOOM Summer Study of 14 Scriptures

Summer 2020

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| June 3 – at 10:00am | Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 |
| June 10 – at 10:00am | John 15:1-17 |
| June 17 – at 10:00am | Philippians 4:4-8 |
| June 24 – at 10:00am | Psalms 46 |
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| July 5 – at 10:00am | Matthew 5:1-12 |
| July 12 – at 10:00am | Micah 6:6-8 |
| July 19 – at 10:00am | Exodus 20:1-18 |
| July 26 – at 10:00am | I Corinthians 13 |
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| August 2 – at 10:00am | Philippians 2:1-11 |
| August 9 – at 10:00am | John 14:1-7 |
| August 16 – at 10:00am | Romans 8:18-39 |
| August 23 – at 10:00am | John 3:16-18 |
| August 30 – at 10:00am | Ps. 23, Romans 12:9-21 |

Weekly Questions to Ponder:

1. What word of comfort does this text offer you?
2. What word of challenge do you personally hear in this?
3. What Vision or Dream is God inviting you to consider in this text?
4. What Vision or Dream is God inviting us at SZ to consider in this text?