



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

July 26, 2020

“The Spirit Outpoured in Prayer”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Praise to the Lord* (David Cherwien)

Children of the heavenly Father (Cherwien)

Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship

Elizabeth Janssen

L: We gather with gratitude in this place, to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

P: We long to know God, experience God and be transformed by God.

L: The Holy Spirit invites us to a place of prayer.

P: With Lydia and the other women, we long to hear God in our place of prayer.

L: May our hearts be opened to encounter our Living Lord.

ALL: We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – *Sweet hour of prayer* (HWB #11)

Celebrating God’s Mission – The Banquet

Children’s Story

Lacey Friesen

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures

Luke 5:12-16 and I Thessalonians 5:16-25

Special Music – *I need thee every hour* (Emma Lou Diemer)

Ken Mannes

Hearing the New Testament

Acts 16:11-15

Sermon – “A Place of Prayer”

Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Song – *If you believe and I believe* (SJ #32)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying (HWB #353)

Benediction

Recessional – *Teach me the measure of my days* (Healey Willan)

Sending Song Outside – *Praise God from whom*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; in heav’n above and earth below; one God three persons we adore. To God be praise forevermore.

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

What happens when a group of people gather to pray? No one knows for sure except that the Holy Spirit is given freedom to move, bless, anoint and call. Today we celebrate how Lydia came to faith in Acts 16 and how prayer might be our best resource in these days. We are so glad that you have joined us for worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for *The Banquet*. The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. The Banquet now serves 16 meals per week at two locations. The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means the meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups. In 2019 The Banquet served 196,000 meals, (25,000 of which were served to children under 12) and uses 15,000 gallons of milk each year. About 11 people from Salem-Zion served an evening meal last week. We joyfully give to this ministry that literally saves lives.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – ZOOM Devotional at 10:00am (Philippians 2:1-11). Lisa will send out the ZOOM link.

Wednesday – Children’s ZOOM meeting with Pastor Corey at 7:00pm. Tune in for some cool music, an update on our summer adventures and a story to ponder. Looking forward to seeing you! Lisa will send out the link to all families.

NEXT SUNDAY – August 2

Next Sunday we continue our study on the book of Acts that celebrates the work of the Holy Spirit. The theme is “*The Spirit Poured out in Visions.*” The scripture texts are **Acts 10:1-48** and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We encourage you all to continue reading through the book of Acts during your prayer/devotional times. You should be around Acts 16 at this point.

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

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Marlan Kaufman accepted the call to be the adult Sunday School assistant!
- The Board of Ed met last week and had a good discussion about how/when we will open up for Sunday School again for all ages. Keep praying for the BOE as they discern and listen together so our faith can continue to be formed.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Kris Waltner.
- school officials as they discern and plan for learning in the fall. Lord, grant to them all wisdom and direction.

- places of unrest due to frustrations with racial inequality. Pray for the Portland community as they try to peacefully protest the injustices they see.
- those who are most vulnerable in our communities in this strange time, as in all times. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us--and may we be willing to heed God's call.

Remember to thank God for:

- the gift of refreshing rain last Wednesday night. Our fields, gardens and pastures look very good, thanks be to God!
- answered prayer in finding someone to be the adult SS assistant.
- all the ways our worship services continue to reach out to people near and far in encouraging them to seek the Holy Spirit's leading in their lives.

Welcome back to church: Starting August 2nd we intend to remove the twine string dividers from the sanctuary. The dividers were installed to help our members know how the safe physical distancing guidelines would look and feel. The COVID-19 taskforce still believes those physical distancing guidelines are a key component of worshiping together safely, but we also wish to promote an atmosphere that does not emphasize dividers, but rather guides members to place themselves at a safe distance from others. Please continue to use the "Welcome" signs on the pews to guide you to a pew to use and remember to keep at least 6 feet between family groups. There will be reminders in the pews as well. -- the COVID-19 taskforce

Salem-Zion, **Thank you** for the kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of my sister. - Lana and Dennis Herlyn

At the beginning of our current fiscal year the administrative board approved a **project fund** in the amount of \$5,000 for the trustees to complete some improvement projects in the church building. These projects have included new drapes in the fellowship hall, new whiteboards in the Sunday school classrooms and the lowering of the serving wall between the kitchen and fellowship hall and a new roll up door for that opening. We have done all this work with the generous help of volunteers from our church family. However, we have gone over budget by \$1,500 and are looking for donations to cover this unexpected cost. If you are willing to contribute toward this, please earmark your checks for "the project fund" and submit to Lacey Friesen. We also want to thank everyone for your financial contributions to the household treasury during this unprecedented time that is our "new" normal.

- The Trustees

Thanks to the 7 adults and 4 youth that helped prepare, pack and hand out meals at *The Banquet* in Sioux Falls on July 16. About 360 adults and 30

children were given a hot meal. Salem-Zion is sponsoring the \$700-\$1000 cost of the meal. You may contribute to this project in the offering this morning or send your check to the church office with memo line The Banquet. Thank you for helping with this ministry. - Lillie Eisenbeis and Janette Epp

So, what is happening with the Endowment Fund? So glad you asked. This is the time of year when endowment funds are available for your ministry or mission projects. There will be about \$3,000 available for the work of the Kingdom. Contact Lisa in the church office for a funds request form and then send the filled out form to Elizabeth Janssen, chair of Outreach and Service. Submission deadline is August 30. These will be reviewed by the O&S Committee at our next meeting September 3.

Throughout July, the Adult Zoom Sunday School class will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 9:50 to allow plenty of time for those who plan to attend the worship service at church to get there. We invite anyone who has access to Zoom to join us. The link is in the email with the link for streaming our worship services. We are studying Wisdom literature from the Gospels this week. The background scriptures for July 26 are Proverbs 3:17; 8:32-36 and John 14:1-31. You may pick up a quarterly at the church. We have had great discussions, and it's wonderful to see the faces of our church family!

Everyone is invited to join the Jr. Sunday school department in giving monetary donations to the **Bethany Food Pantry**. Today is the last day to leave your gifts in the offering basket in the narthex.

Church office: Lisa will be in the church office on Thursday mornings and by appointment as requested. Feel free to reach her by cell phone or e-mail throughout the rest of the week.

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet on July 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room of the Et Cetera Shoppe in Freeman. All are welcome to attend.

True Evangelical Faith: "For true evangelical faith...cannot lay dormant; but manifests itself in all righteousness and works of love; it...clothes the naked; feeds the hungry; consoles the afflicted; shelters the miserable; aids and consoles all the oppressed; returns good for evil; serves those that injure it; prays for those that persecute it." ~ Menno Simons, 1539

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