



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Judging
July 28, 2024

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.” - Matthew 7:1

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude Ken Mannes
Hymn improvisation, ending with *Amazing Grace* (arr. Dale Wood)

Welcome LeRoy Epp

Choral Call to Worship Children’s Choir

Opening Prayer

* Singing our Praise – *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song* VT #496

* Greeting each other

Central Plains Mennonite Conference sharing – Polly Waltner, Marlan Kaufman

Lighting the Peace Lamp

L: The light shines in the darkness.

P: And the darkness did not overcome it.

Offering – Student Tuition Sharing Fund

Offertory – *Concert Sonatina* (N. Faber) Adaline Graber, piano

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Jeremiah 11:18-20, Romans 2:1-4

Interpretive Dance – “This Is How I Thank the Lord” Madelyn Eidsness

* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 7:1-5

Sermon – “Plank Eye” Corey Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Together* VT #389

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous* VT #590

* Blessing

Postlude – *Improvised*

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

“Judge not” Jesus taught his disciples, and yet it is so easy to pass judgment on people based on what they say, what they do, and who they are. As we listen to Jesus today, we are invited to do some deconstruction by taking the logs out of our own eyes before we can help others. Welcome to worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Student Tuition Sharing Fund**.

Interpretive dance seeks to translate human emotions, conditions, situations or fantasies into movement and dramatic expression. Madelyn Eidsness will be sharing her God-given gift in her interpretation of "This Is How I Thank the Lord" this morning. She graduated from Yankton High School and will be a freshman at Dordt University in fall. Madelyn has studied dance for 12 years and will pursue it at the collegiate level. She is a former piano student of Muriel Kaufman. Her parents are Hilary and Will Eidsness.

9:00am – Coffee/Breakfast

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

TONIGHT – Zwingli!

The 150th Anniversary committee is inviting everyone to attend the showing of the movie “*Zwingli*” held at **Salem Mennonite Church at 7:00pm**. Come and learn more about the backstory of the Reformation that led to the advent of Anabaptist beliefs.

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT SUNDAY – August 4

Next Sunday we will continue our Summer Series on the Sermon on the Mount. The theme for the morning is “*Asking and Receiving*” and the texts are Matthew 7:6-11, Jeremiah 29:10-14, and James 4:1-6. Pastor Corey will be preaching. The offering will be for the Household Treasury.

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 4 – Adult SS Lesson on Acculturation led by S. Roy Kaufman.

– Miller BBQ at Nancy and Corey’s home. Pork BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, chips and ice cream! Music, rides, and activities planned. 5:30 – 8:30pm and all are welcome!

Aug. 11-15 – Turner County Fair

Aug. 25 – **Movie Night at Salem Church at 7:00pm. “The Radicals.”**

September 7-8 – 150th Anniversary of the Swiss-Volhynian Mennonites in Freeman. Please share a story from your family that has been instrumental in your growth and faith formation.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Ardelle Schrag's memorial service was held at Salem-Zion this past Tuesday.
- The Administrative Board met on Wednesday to approve the recommendation by the Envisioning Committee regarding our organizational structure. More details will be shared.

Remember to praise God for:

- the loving work of hospitality that our funeral committee does for grieving families.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Eva Goosen.
- Rachel Miller who has finished her term of MVS and will be flying home on Monday.
- our sister churches in Nebraska: Beemer, Bellwood, Bethesda, First Mennonite of Lincoln, Milford, Wood River, and the Omaha Chin Christian Church.

Adult Summer Sunday School continues today with Gwen Ortman leading a session on music and how hymns and choirs have shaped Salem-Zion's faith throughout our history. The 150th anniversary committee (Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Pastor Corey) is excited about our summer Sunday School time of remembering, learning, and growing. Each week we will be focused on one aspect of our faith story and our journey in this place as we strive to follow Jesus. Thank you to Nathan and Sheila Epp for serving scrambled eggs and sausage for breakfast this morning! Breakfast starts at 9am.

MCC SCHOOL KITS: Salem-Zion will be collecting school kit items the first three Sundays in **August (4, 11, 18)**. There will be a table in the narthex where you can place your items. Last year we were able to supply MCC with 128 school kits. Please join this effort again to share a tangible message of God's love with children around the world. The past two bulletins have included a list of items needed for the school kits or you can visit **mcc.org/school-kit-challenge** for information. Contact Janette Epp or Marlyce Miller if you have questions.

Sign-up sheets for the grandstand booth at the Turner Co. Fair are posted in the narthex and online (go to signupgenius.com and search for sign-ups created by sherilynortman@gmail.com). Proceeds from the grandstand booth benefit the Salem-Zion youth group. In addition, the youth group is accepting donations of ground beef for chili meat. If you care to donate, talk to fair committee members Will & Sherilyn or Matt & Digna.

Inviting all singers to join us for a special choir performance on September 8th, 2024, at 7 PM in Pioneer Hall in Freeman. This event will be the grand finale of our 150th anniversary celebration of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites settling in the greater Freeman area. There will be two rehearsals -- Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 7 PM, and Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7 at 2 PM. We will also be singing at the Sunday morning service on Sept. 8th. We welcome EVERYONE to join us in this celebration of our musical heritage. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/150Choir> to sign up. We look forward to singing with you!

FreedUp: Everence[®] is offering a new stewardship training program. The FreedUp program is a way for everyone to get their finances in order – and gain a deeper faith perspective on your money. Everence facilitators will lead the group sessions, including the first get-acquainted session. There are two upcoming options for participants to choose from: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. ET beginning Aug. 20, ending Oct. 1; Mondays at 8 p.m. ET beginning Oct. 7, ending Nov. 18. Register at everence.com/partners.

Still looking for the owner of the Dewalt driver that was left at the Lucy Graber farm following the **MDS** work there last week. Contact LeRoy Pullman at 605-660-1014.

Community Connections

Freeman Academy seeks a capable **full-time maintenance person** to care for our beautiful campus. Full details are posted in the narthex. Freeman Academy is also needing **housing for an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) worker** planning to come for the 2024-25 school year. This young man is an English teacher from Chad, and he will be working at FA as a teacher's assistant in a variety of capacities. He would need to have transportation to and from school each day, in addition to regular room and board, lasting from mid-August to the end of school (with a few breaks for holiday/IVEP event travel). MCC will reimburse hosts \$450/month, and it is possible to commit to only one half of the year, if you are unable to host for a full year. If you have an interest in hosting, please contact Brad Anderson at 605.925.4237 or banderson@freemanacademy.org.

Praying God's Peace: "What each of us longs for the most is to be both fully known and fully loved. Miraculously, God feels the same way about us. God, too, wants to be fully known and fully loved. God wants this so much that He has promised to knock down every obstacle in the way, enduring even His own death, to be with us, to consummate this love."
- Rachel Held Evans

Pastor Corey Miller

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