



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

July 5, 2020  
“Wisdom Speaks”

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Fantasiestücke Op. 73, No. 1* Robert Schumann  
Joel Boettger, clarinet, Jordan Ortman, piano

Welcome and Call to Worship David Janssen

L: God of all hope and holiness, we gather this morning to be church.

**P: We seek your wisdom and we long for your truth.**

L: Jesus our Lord, we gather to listen to your Word.

**P: We seek your wisdom and we long for your truth.**

L: Spirit of the Living God, we gather to proclaim your reign of justice, joy and love.

**ALL: We seek your wisdom and we long for your truth.**

Opening Prayer

Expression of Praise – *For the beauty of the earth* (HWB #89)

Celebrating God’s Mission – Household Treasury

Children’s Story Paul Ortman

Special Music – *Lord of the Small* Dan Forrest  
Kirsten Carpenter-Ortman, soprano, Jordan Ortman, piano

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scripture Proverbs 4:1-13

Sermon – “All I Really Need to Know I Learned...” Gwen Ortman

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Song – *How can we be silent* (SJ #61)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Recessional – *Shout On!* (19<sup>th</sup> Century Folk Melody) arr. Joseph Martin  
Jordan Ortman, piano

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

Today we are reflecting on wisdom and the things we’ve learned in life. Gwen Ortman will share some reflections on some of her learnings as she recently concluded her teaching career at Freeman Academy in May. Welcome to our time of worship. We are so glad you are here with us.

Several weeks ago, the deacons asked if I would share in church the message I gave to the Freeman Academy seniors at their graduation on May 16. After I agreed to do so, I began to wonder if it was a good idea. Numerous people had either heard it or read it in the Courier. Would they want to hear it again? In a worship service? But then it occurred to me how beneficial it can be to review lessons from time to time, because we forget. We need reminders. So even if others have mastered these lessons, I, myself, can use a review!

- Gwen Ortman

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**. Part of our offerings help to pay for the new blinds that have been installed in the fellowship hall and in the pastor’s study as well as the new counter top and rolling shutter in the kitchen! Our trustees have been busy doing great work! Whenever the time comes when we’ll be able to safely gather around tables with food in the fellowship hall, it will be a lovely experience! 😊

### THIS WEEK

**Wednesday** – ZOOM Devotional at 10:00am (Micah 6:6-8). Watch for an updated Zoom link in an e-mail on Tuesday.

ZOOM Meeting for Children with Pastor Corey – 7:00pm. Lisa will send the link on Tuesday.

### NEXT SUNDAY – July 12

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 Conversion.” The scripture text is **Acts 9** and we will be reflecting on Saul’s conversion. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **SD MCC Relief Sale**.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Virginia Graber was moved to Oakview Terrace on Monday following a weeklong stay at the Freeman Hospital after a fall. She will be quarantined for two weeks and then will be open for visiting in the courtyard after that

time. Her new address is: Virginia Graber, Oakview Terrace, Box 370, Freeman, SD 57029.

- This weekend, Pastor Corey is taking a quarterly weekend off to refuel and refresh a bit.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Virginia as she adjusts to her new home at Oakview Terrace.
- all the campers who have attended SLCC this summer. Pray for safety and for faith being formed.
- our country. On this weekend when we celebrate our country's birth, we feel both gratitude for all that is good about the United States, and we lament all that is not well in this country. Pray for leaders, governing officials, and for people of faith, that we all would work together for peace, justice and the well being of all who live in this country.
- the Central Plains Mennonite Conference volunteers who were affirmed to new committees and task groups at our Annual Meeting in June. May the mission and witness of the Kingdom of God through CPMC be enlivened by the energy and wisdom of those willing to serve.

**Remember to thank God for:**

- the diligent work that the Ad Hoc committee has done to enable us to open up for public worship at SZ.

**Welcome back to church:** Last Sunday was the first Sunday that we "reopened" our doors for public worship since March 8. Around 41 people attended while practicing safe social distancing. As Covid cases continue to rise across the country, our task force is keeping an eye on those numbers and will continue to take special efforts to make our worship space as safe as possible. We'd love to have you join us in worship, but if you aren't able to, we hope you connect with us through our live-streaming service. Special thanks to Nathan Schrag and our qualified sound system operators in making this available to so many people. Whether you are with us in worship or not, I would ask that you all continue to pray for our church in this time, for our ministries, for our vision, for our focus, and for God's Spirit to continue leading us into the future.

**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 Proverbs, the

Gospels, and James. 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!

Extra **SD MCC Relief Sale** flyers are available in the narthex. Please help yourself.

**The Banquet:** Please call Janette Epp or Lillie Eisenbeis by July 5 if you are able to help serve at *The Banquet* on July 16. Six people are needed at 2:00 p.m. to help prepare the meal and 8 people at 5:15 p.m. to serve at the door. The cost of the meal will be \$700-\$1000. You can send your donations to Lacey Friesen, Janette Epp, Lillie Eisenbeis or the church office. *The Banquet* is located at 900 E 8th St., Sioux Falls.

If you are in need of a **face mask** or know someone, or an organization, who needs masks please contact Charity Ortman. If you are able to create masks to build up our supply for future requests please place donations in the narthex.

**June Offerings and Gifts:** Household Treasury - \$15,611.75; Service & Mission Fund - \$605.00; Student Tuition Sharing Fund - \$1,330.00; *Voices Together* - \$100.00; Deacon Sharing Fund - \$1,100.00.

The **July newsletter** was sent as an attachment with this week's e-mailed bulletin. Hard copies are also available in the church narthex for anyone who would like one.

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

**Seeking God's peace:** "Our historic peace church needs to speak to the growing injustice in our country. Our historic peace church needs to speak to the increasing use of military force on civilians and the militarization of our police force...Along with thoughts and prayers, we need action."  
~ Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA