



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

August 18, 2019

Lust/Chastity

“...Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...” - I Cor. 6:19

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Melody on “Quem Pastores”* arr. Willan

Choral Call to Worship – *My God, how endless is thy love* MH #18

Welcome and Announcements Sheila Epp

Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer (from Isaiah 1)

L: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: Though your sins are like scarlet, do you think they shall be like snow?

**P: Though they are red like crimson, do you think they shall become like wool?**

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**P: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Blessed are those who are transformed to receive God’s love.**

\* Hymn of Praise – *For God so loved us* HWB #167

## DISORIENTED LOVE

Scripture readings II Samuel 11:1-5, I Corinthians 5:1-5

Homily – “Oh be careful little eyes what you see” Corey Miller

Hymn – *Dear Lord and Father of mankind* (vv. 1,4,5) HWB #523

## ORIENTED TOWARD GOD’S LOVE

Children’s Time Polly Waltner

Prayer of confession and words of assurance

L: Loving God, we are a people filled with desires.

**P: Some desires draw us closer to you; others pull us further away. Some desires satisfy; others leave us wanting.**

L: We live in a world of unlimited, untamed, and unbridled desire where around each corner there is a temptation to satisfy our own selfish desires.

**P: We confess that we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, and lost sight of what we truly long for; intimacy and communion with you.**

L: Forgive us, loving God, when we misplace that longing.

**ALL: Help us to see your face, feel your presence, and hear your voice.**

Special Music – *How deep the Father’s love for us* Stuart Townend

## NEWLY ORIENTED LOVE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture reading I Corinthians 6:19-20

Homily – “Honoring God” Corey Miller

Communion

Congregational Prayer

Offering our gifts – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary/notebooks for MCC school kits

Offertory – *There Is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Sam Batt Owens

\* Song – *Praise God from whom* (HWB #119) & Offertory Prayer

\* Song – *I am weak and I need thy strength* HWB #553

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Adagio* Telemann

\* Congregation please stand. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.

*The peace lamp is lit weekly as a reminder that there is violence and suffering in the world. We as a faith community pray for peace for all people and look for ways to be active in peacemaking and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

Snakes and Ladders! As human beings, we have all experienced desires, but some desires pull us closer to God and other desires pull us away. Lusting after anything other than God will lead to pain, loss and judgment. We come to worship this morning for healing and hope, that our eyes would seek the Kingdom of God. We come to the Communion Table of Grace that feeds our soul with Christ’s good food. We are so glad you are here.

**Greeters:** Duane and Marlys Tieszen; **Organist:** Ruby Waltner; **Special Music:** Emily and Josie Epp

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### **“Celebrating Giving”**

Our offering today goes to support our seminary, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Since 1946, AMBS has been training pastors, teachers and mission workers to be leaders for God’s reconciling mission in the world. May our offerings help to proclaim God’s Reign through the mission of AMBS.

### THIS WEEK

Aug. 24 (Sat) 8:30-11:30 a.m. – Ad. Board retreat on Stewardship with Lyle Miller at Salem-Zion

1:30-4:00 p.m. – Everence workshops at Freeman Academy:

What does it mean to do “Finances God’s Way”? Join two presenters from Everence to explore financial wellness, generosity, stewardship investing, and planning for retirement in four FREE informative workshops, Saturday,

Aug. 24, 1:30-4 p.m. at Freeman Academy. There is no need to pre-register, but for more information, contact Joyce Garvin (joyce.garvin@everence.com; 877-656-4242).

### **NEXT SUNDAY – Aug. 25**

Next Sunday we continue our *Snakes and Ladders* series (7 deadly sins and holy virtues) by reflecting on **Greed/Charity** at our Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp. Worship will begin at **10:00am**, followed by a church potluck (see below) and afternoon activities. The scripture texts will be Genesis 13:1-13, Luke 12:13-21, II Cor. 8:9 and Matthew 6:19-34. Everence representative Lyle Miller will be sharing the message.

**Offering:** Swan Lake Christian Camp; **MCC School Kits:** large pink erasers

**Potluck information:** A-J bring sandwiches, K-S bring salads, T-W bring desserts; please bring your own table service; water will be provided

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Aug. 29** – Outreach and Service Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## **Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News**

### **Happenings over the past week:**

- Many willing helpers served at the Turner County Fair this past week, helping to **#bringthepeace** to all.
- Leora Ortman fell recently and is now in room #113 at Oakview Terrace in Freeman.
- On Friday, Corey and Nancy made a quick trip to Kansas to hear Rachel sing in a concert at Hesston. They returned back home on Saturday.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Sharon Schmidt.
- our retreat next weekend at Swan Lake, as well as the retreat that our Ad Board will be attending with Lyle Miller. May we grow in our stewardship practices in these events.
- the beginning of a new school year for our students, teachers and helpers.

### **Remember to thank God for:**

- the opportunities to be a witness at the Turner County Fair in the past week. For all the conversations, actions and prayers that **#bringthepeace**, we give God thanks!

**Flandreau Donations....**Donations for Flandreau will be delivered the last week of August. Please refer to the **“Donation List”** that was in your church bulletin a few weeks ago. Have donations to Gary Graber's garage by

August 27. Any monetary gifts should be mailed to the address listed on the **“Donation List”** (additional copies available in the narthex).

**Household Treasury Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month** Balance: -\$7,294.41  
The household treasury pays for salaries, electric/heating bills, Sunday school materials, The Mennonite and Upper Room, taxes, insurance, maintenance, dues and fees, office supplies, etc. The average monthly expenses for the Household Treasury are around \$15,000. We greatly appreciate your giving towards these needs to keep our Salem-Zion community functioning!

**Praying for the Holy Spirit:** *“Come Holy Spirit, Come. Fill the hearts of thy faithful people and kindle in us the fire of thy love.”*

## **Community Connections**

**FA Opening Convocation** – All parents, students and community members are invited to attend the 2019-20 School year opening activities held on the evening of August 18. The evening begins with a lite supper served in the Link from 5:30-6:30 PM. At 7:00 PM we will gather in Pioneer Hall for a service of blessing for the new school year. All faculty and staff will be introduced along with new students.

**Seeking God’s Peace in our Journey:** *“Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy. O divine master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life.”*  
- Prayer of Saint Francis

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