



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

September 1, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

Gluttony/Temperance

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness....” - Mt. 5:6

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude *A mighty fortress is our God* M. Preatoius

Welcome and Announcements Stacey Waltner

Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer

L: Holy God, we come this day to this place of worship with empty hands and empty hearts

P: What we have is never enough for our tired souls.

ALL: Fill us with your Spirit, and it will be sufficient.

* Hymn of Praise – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* HWB #37

DISORIENTED LOVE

Scripture Readings Proverbs 23:1-3, 19-21, Philipians 3:17-21

Homily “Too much” Pastor Corey Miller

Hymn *Longing for Light* SJ# 54 (v. 1-2)

ORIENTED TOWARD GOD’S LOVE

Introduce Spiritual Discipline Children’s Time Diane Ellinger

Prayer of confession and words of assurance

L: Gracious God, each day we’re met with images of sumptuous, tempting, decadent, filling things.

P: We confess that we receive the benefits of second helpings, extra portions, and supersizes.

L: And while we often leave our tables overly full, there are others around the world with not enough. We live surrounded by excess, and the more we fill ourselves, the emptier our spirits become.

P: We confess that we often find ourselves stuffed, and yet we still hunger for fulfillment. When we can satisfy our own needs, we forget about you, gracious God.

ALL: Forgive us. Do not turn away. Instead, lead us to hunger and thirst for your righteousness. May you fill us with your good things. We pray this trusting that it will be enough.

Hymn *Longing for Light* SJ# 54 (v. 3, 4, 5)

Commissioning of Gabriel Eisenbeis

Special Music James Schrag

NEWLY ORIENTED LOVE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture Readings Isaiah 58:6-12

Homily “Filled with God” Pastor Corey Miller

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Offering our gifts – Household Treasury

Offertory – *Your word, O Lord is gentle dew* (Swedish hymn) D. Cherwien

* Sending Song *Lord, let us now depart in peace* HWB #428

* Benediction

Postlude improvised

* 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! Gluttony is not just overeating, it’s overdoing. Today we reflect on the sin of gluttony and also the virtue of temperance. Knowing when we have enough is a spiritual practice. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning.

Greeters: Gloria and Gary Graber; **Organist:** Ken Mannes

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:10 a.m. – Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

Celebrating Giving

The offering this morning is received to support the household treasury. Our treasury is really the gateway to the ministry of Salem-Zion. By providing the funds to operate the church, it allows our ministry to function and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Salem-Zion.

THIS WEEK

Sept 4 (Wed) 8:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY – Sept. 8

Next Sunday we continue our *Snakes and Ladders* series (7 deadly sins and holy virtues) by reflecting on **Sloth/Joy**. The scripture texts will Ecc. 1:1-11 and Matthew 25:1-13. Pastor Corey will be preaching.

Greeters: Armando Miller and Solomon Ortman; **Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference

COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 4 – Worship Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 11 – Music Committee Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21-22 – Women’s Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- The Ad Board met with Lyle Miller last weekend to reflect on how Salem Zion can continue to grow in its generosity, in our offerings of time, talents and money. The board reflected together on many things related to stewardship, offerings, gratitude and faithful living. We continue to give thanks for the Spirit’s leading during our retreat last weekend.

Remember to pray for:

- Gabriel Eisenbeis as he prepares for his journey with the MCC Meat Canner. He will leave on Monday.
- those who cannot be here today: Kris Waltner.

If you’re interested in knowing what **the Deacons discussed** in June, their meeting minutes are now available on the bulletin board.

Join women from around our conference **in a weekend of rest, learning and personal reflection at this year's CPMC Women's Retreat** held Sept. 21-22 at Swan Lake Christian Camp. Enjoy exploration of scripture, singing, skits, hands-on interest sessions -- or just time and space away from your normal routine. Register **by Sept. 9** at myslcc.com/register or by calling the camp office at (605) 326-5690. See you there!

The call of Freeman area churches this year at the Women’s retreat is organizing the special interest sessions. There are two one hour sessions which last from 1pm - 3pm. If you have an interest in leading a session or have an idea of something you would like to do or learn more about (e.g.

crafts, exercise, food, etc.) please contact Charity Ortman (574) 238-0692 who is coordinating the efforts this year.

Joy!! Thanks to your generosity, we’ve collected enough materials to assemble at least 150 school kits for MCC. If you have more school materials to donate, they will still be gladly accepted in a basket in the Narthex. Kits are scheduled to be assembled by the children in October.

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

Next weekend in Freeman, South Dakota, the Central Plains conference board will meet jointly with the Christian Formation, Pastoral Leadership, Outreach & Service and Discernment Committees. Pray for these meetings and for Shawn Nolt, who is our new moderator.

The **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will be meeting at 12 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, in the Freeman Public Library meeting room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

From SD MDS Coordinators: The Burke, SD area was recently struck by a tornado. It damaged not only the town, but also nearby rural areas. SD MDS has received a request from a farmer north of Burke asking for assistance in cleaning up tornado debris in a 50 acre pasture. Weather permitting, we are planning to respond on Tuesday, Sept. 3. We hope for a van full, leaving the Freeman Shopping Center parking lot at 7 AM. Wear gloves and good shoes. The noon lunch will be provided. Please contact Dennis Ries (605-759-4312) or LeRoy Pullman (605-660-1014) if you are able to help. Thank you.

Join the MC USA Faith Formation fall webinar series: **Putting People on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics**. The first session, Foundations: Setting Our Theological Bearings, will take place on Tues. Sept. 17. Sign up and find more information at thegatheringplace.us.

Seeking God’s Peace in our Journey: *“The Gospel alone liberates you to live a life of scandalous generosity, unrestrained sacrifice, uncommon valor, and unbounded courage.”* - Tullian Tchividjian