



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

## “Coming Down from the Mountain”

September 15, 2024

10:30am

“As they were coming down the mountain...” - Mt. 17:9

### GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – Improvisation on *You are both Lamb and Shepherd* Ken Mannes  
*Andantino*, from Eight Pieces for Organ (Jean Langlais)

Welcome Steve Graber

Call to Worship – *Take My Life and Let It Be* Cadence and Reeslyn Hofer

Opening Prayer

\* Singing our Praise – *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT #7

\* Greeting each other

Children’s Story Liz Graber

Presenting Bibles Sheila Epp

Missional Moment from Mennonite Disaster Service Matt Troyer-Miller

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Offering – Mennonite Church USA

Offertory – *Adoro te devote* (arr. Dale Wood)

### HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures Exodus 34:29-35, Acts 16:6-10

Special Music – *Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*  
(from Voices Together) Cadence and Reeslyn Hofer

\* Hearing the Gospel Matthew 17:1-12

Sermon – “Shining Faces, Filled Souls” Corey Miller

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Song – *Jesus on the Mountain Peak* VT #301

Sharing

Congregational Prayer

### SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Song – *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* VT #432

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Improvised*

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

After last weekend’s activities, we have come down the mountain a bit, but we are still joyfully following Jesus. In our scriptures today, we hear stories of how people lived after their mountain top experiences. Welcome to each of you that has come to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you are here!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA.**

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Sept. 20 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – Sept. 22

Next Sunday the theme is “*The Prayer of Jabez.*” The text is I Chronicles 4:10. Pastor Corey will be preaching and Rachel Miller will be sharing about her overall experience in Mennonite Voluntary Service.

The offering will be for Mennonite Education Agency.

### COMING EVENTS

**October 6** – World Wide Communion Sunday

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Reed Schrag was admitted to ICU last Tuesday after vomiting. He was placed on a ventilator and given antibodies to address an infection in the lung and bladder. Since Tuesday, Reed has made steady progress as his heart is good and he did not have a stroke. He remains in ICU at Avera in Sioux Falls.
- The funeral service for Shirley Waltner was held on Thursday. Shirley was the mother of Lori Schrag.
- Some of the women from our church are attending the annual CPMC Women’s Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp this weekend.

### Remember to praise God for:

- the wonderful experiences we had as a community of faith last weekend.
- God’s goodness and grace poured out to each of us.
- the new Sunday School year that gives everyone opportunities to dwell in God’s Word together.

**Remember to pray for:**

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Reed and Susan and their family as they walk through this recent health issue.
- Lori and Dean Schrag in the death of their dear mother/mother-in-law.
- our sister churches in Eastern Iowa: First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Wellman, Washington, Wayland, Sugar Creek and Pleasant View Mennonite Churches.

**The fall season for Adult and Children’s Sunday School begins today on September 15.** Make plans to join a class as we grow our awareness for God’s Spirit through dwelling in God’s Word.

A trip to Minneapolis to deliver excess **Christian literature & Bibles** to International Christian Literature Distributors will be made soon. Please bring any materials you wish to have included to the women's cloak room by September 29. - Duane & Marlys Tieszen

Please remember to pick up your **salad containers** from the refrigerators in the kitchen and Sunday school room.

A **summary** of “The Tragedy of Andreas Schrag, A Short Historical Novel” is available in the narthex. Copies of the full text can be obtained from the author, Lyle Preheim.

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**Community Connections**

You are invited to attend the **South Dakota Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting** this afternoon, September 15, 2024 at 1:30 pm at the Salem Mennonite Brethren Church in rural Bridgewater (43173 272nd St). Matt Troyer-Miller, Region 3 MDS Operations Coordinator, will share about Region 3 activity this past year and will also lead a training session on "Conducting Disaster Investigations." A brief business meeting will be held and refreshments will be served.

The September issue of the **Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** is available online at [www.myslcc.com](http://www.myslcc.com). Jerry Kroeker, Exec. Director, shares reflections on the summer.

**Swan Lake Christian Camp** has two employment positions available: Youth Camp Program Director and Cook. For additional details about both positions, please see the posting on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**God’s Peace in Jesus:** *“Peace is not when everyone agrees. It is when we can respect our disagreements and still play in the sandbox together.”*  
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