



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**“Prayer of Jabez”  
September 22, 2024  
10:30am**

*“Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory...” - I Chronicles 4:10a*

## GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude - *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* (J. S. Bach) Sharon and Anne Waltner

Welcome Liam Ortman

Call to Worship (from Psalm 63)

L: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

**P: my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

L: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**P: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

**ALL: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands!**

Opening Prayer

\* Singing our Praise – *God of the Bible* VT #420

\* Greeting each other

Children’s Story David Friesen

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Offering – Mennonite Education Agency

Offertory – *Siciliano* (J. S. Bach)

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Scriptures I Chronicles 4:9-10 and Mark 1:35-39

Two-year MVS reflection Rachel Miller

Song – *Kyrie eleison* VT #795

Meditation – “Bless Me.” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Sharing

Congregational Prayer

## SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

\* Song – *You Are All We Have* (sing twice) VT #701

\* Benediction

Postlude – *Rondeau* (J. J. Mouret)

## Church Calendar

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

### TODAY

The prayer of Jabez has been tucked away in I Chronicles for many years, but in recent years it has become a well-known prayer to ponder. We will study and pray this prayer in our worship together. We are so glad that you have joined us for worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Education Agency**.

9:30am – Sunday School for all ages

10:30am – Worship Service

2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

### THIS WEEK

**Sept. 27 (Fri)** – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

### NEXT SUNDAY – Sept. 29

Next Sunday the theme is “*Citizens of God’s Kingdom*.” The texts are Mark 1:14-15 and 12:28-34 and Pastor Bob Engbrecht will be preaching.

The offering will be for the Student Tuition Sharing Fund.

### COMING EVENTS

**October 6** – World Communion Sunday

**October 27** – Harvest Mission Festival at Salem Mennonite. Worship at 9:30am, Additional Presentation at 10:30am.

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Reed Schrag continued to make improvements through the week. He was moved out of ICU on Monday and he might need swing bed care next. Thank you for praying and lifting Reed and Susan up in this challenging time.
- Dennis Herlyn was able to come home on Wednesday after recovering from Covid in the Freeman Hospital. We are grateful that Dennis is feeling better.

### Remember to praise God for:

- the beauty of the sounds and colors of these lovely fall/autumn days before harvest.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Nita Engbrecht.
- Maria Paff in her upcoming surgery on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

- seeds of peace in our schools, in our country, in the Middle East, and in the world.

- Suzette Shreffler as she is ordained at White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby, MT. We give thanks for God's calling on Suzette's life and pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Suzette and White River Cheyenne Mennonite share.

**Pastor Corey on Vacation:** Pastor Corey will be on vacation from September 23-29<sup>th</sup>. Corey and Nancy will make a short trip to Minnesota at the beginning of the week and then a trip to Kansas at the end of the week to attend Nancy's 40<sup>th</sup> high school reunion! They will return on Sunday evening, September 29<sup>th</sup>. All needs can be directed to deacon chair Gwen Ortman.

New information has been received concerning the work in the immigrant community of Flandreau. Tom Manzer of **Bienvenidos a Brookings** reports that they again have helped assemble school back packs for the 2024/2025 year and that SDSU is helping sponsor English classes for the immigrants. Nitza continues to be the go-to person as more immigrants arrive and has now accomplished her goal of beginning a Latina grocery store business in Flandreau. Updated pictures have been posted on the east bulletin board in the narthex.

It is the season to be preparing to host the **MCC Mobile Meat Canner** and crew but we have been notified that no meat will be canned in the Freeman / Marion community this year. MCC has simply not found enough guys to fully staff the canner this time. So canning will take place only in select communities. Please think carefully about the young men within your sphere of influence who could serve for 2 years in this way and encourage them to consider it.

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

**The fall season for Adult and Children's Sunday School has begun.** Make plans to join a class as we grow our awareness for God's Spirit through dwelling in God's Word.

### **Community Connections**

**Rural Revival to meet Monday, September 23:** Rural Revival will host a presentation on Permaculture by Matt Stone on Monday, September 23 at 7:30 PM at the Freeman library followed by the regular monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend.

The September edition of **On the Level** is now available at <https://conta.cc/3ZtD4Pd>. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares the power of prayer, learn how volunteers are keeping our fleet rolling, and volunteers look back on a year of MDS service.

**God's Peace in Jesus:** *"Prayer is not asking for what you think you want, but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine."* – Kathleen Norris

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