



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

September 27, 2020

“Homeland Security”

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* (Healey Willan) Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship (from Jeremiah 10) Tim Eisenbeis

L: There is none like You, O Lord! You are great and your name is great in might.

**P: Among all the wise ones of the nations and kingdoms, there is no one like you.**

L: Those who follow idols are both stupid and foolish.

**P: But the LORD is the true God!**

**ALL: He is the living God and the everlasting King!**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – *We plow the fields and scatter* (HWB #96)

Choristers: Polly Waltner & Lacey Friesen

Celebrating God’s Mission – Student Tuition Sharing Fund

Children’s Story Lacey Friesen

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament Jeremiah 22:13-17, 21-23

Song – *Longing for light* (SJ #54)

\* Hearing the Gospel Luke 10:1-9

Sermon – “Security” Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Confession (Carol Penner, used with permission)

L: Lord, we come in prayer to you burdened with our unhappy business:

**P: all the deeds done under the sun that we would rather not remember, the sound of sin in our world.**

L: The explosions caused by bombs made in our own factories.

**P: The cries of the hungry that are not fed in our own communities.**

L: Our own hurtful words hurled at those we love.

**P: The echoing silence of creatures who we have driven to extinction.**

L: Hearer of all, you know too clearly the sorrows of our world!

**P: Forgive us our sins, and help us right the wrongs we’ve done.**

L: Give us words of repentance to share with those we’ve wronged, ringing courage to stand up for the voiceless creatures of the world and a resounding love for the lowest and the least.

**ALL: Most of all, tune our ears to the voice of Jesus, so that always and everywhere we might hear his song of peace for every creature under the sun.**

Song – *The work is thine, O Christ* (HWB #396)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude – *Sonata #2: Allegro maestoso* (Felix Mendelssohn)

Sending Song – *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

Everyone needs basic needs met in order to feel secure, but so often we fill our lives with things that are false securities. Jeremiah’s timeless call to Jerusalem (and to us) is to find our identity and security in God and God alone. In this safe worship space, we are so glad you have joined us in worshiping God this morning.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Student Tuition Sharing Fund**. This fund provides financial assistance to students who are attending our Mennonite institutions, both at Freeman Academy and at Mennonite colleges. This year, over 20 students have been recipients of this assistance. Our prayer is that these gifts will help grow disciples of Jesus Christ.

**TODAY** – No Jr. Sunday School (Preschool - 8th grade); Sunday school will be offered for adults at 9:30 a.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY – October 4

Next Sunday we will celebrate World Wide Communion with believers all around the world. The theme is “*God’s Vineyard*.” The scripture texts will be Is. 5:1-7, Phil. 3:4b-14, Mt. 21:33-46 and Pastor Corey will preach.

Offering next Sunday will be for the **Household Treasury**.

### COMING EVENTS

**Oct. 4 – World Wide Communion Sunday**

**Oct. 25 – Harvest Mission Festival** celebrating our local mission activities

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- Ellen Ortman recently broke her wrist. It was casted on Monday on her left arm and now the healing continues. Pray for healing and patience for Ellen in this time of recovery.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Elsie Schmidt.  
- Ellen Ortman and others who are recovering from recent surgeries.  
- our schools, administrators, faculty and students as they continue learning in the midst of a pandemic.

- our farmers as they continue to bring in the harvest from the fields.
- our sister churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin: Bethel, Emmanuel, Faith, First-Mountain Lake, Lao Fellowship, Rochester, Saint Paul Hmong Mennonite, Third Way and affiliated groups Fargo-Moorhead Faith Mennonite Fellowship and The Mennonite Worker in Minnesota, and Shalom in Wisconsin.

**Remember to thank God for:**

- the colors that delight our eyes and feed our souls in this fall season. The grace, beauty and majesty of leaves changing color give praise to our Creative Creator!
- the moments when we feel that “all is well” even for short snippets of time, for in those moments are hope!

**Salem-Zion Connects with Caring Cards:** By now, you have received your names for the **Caring Card Blitz**. Make this a priority to take a moment in your day and write a note of care. The blessing you give will also come back to you.

There will be a **Congregation/Pastor Review** this fall in keeping with our Salem-Zion constitution which specifies that a review be done every three years. The Review Committee has made plans to resume this process after it was need fully tabled this spring. More information will be coming in the next few weeks as we seek to make this review possible and relevant during this time.

The **Junior Sunday School offering** for the Fall Quarter will be going to the Don and Sonja Waltner Family. An offering box is located in the narthex marked Junior Sunday School Offering. Everyone is welcome to contribute. Make checks payable to Salem-Zion and in the memo put Don and Sonja Waltner. If you have any questions, please ask Sheila Epp.

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

**Community Connections**

**Rural Revival** will meet at 8:00 p.m. on September 28 in the Upper Meeting Room of the Et Cetera Shoppe in Freeman. All are welcome to attend.

Ministry Opportunity: The **Freeman Academy dorm** welcomed students from Congo, China, India, North Dakota, Tennessee, and Washington this year. We have a mission field right here in Freeman! We appreciate your

prayers for this ministry as we reflect Christ to these students and their families who aren’t necessarily believers. Please consider sharing processed meat, extra eggs or garden and orchard produce. Cooks, we would welcome a hand in the kitchen. Two 9x13 main dishes that can be frozen and thawed out when needed would be great. Weekend and evening support is needed as well. Consider these options: volunteer, parent volunteer with tuition credit, or the paid weekend positions. Know someone who is looking for a relaxed weekend job? Please pass it on! Thank you!

**Et Cetera Shoppe** is currently open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30-3:30 for shopping. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, our back door is open from 9-3 for dropping off donations. We hear requests for more shopping hours, but at this time we don’t have enough volunteers to make that very doable. (The COVID pandemic took our list of 29 clerks down to 13, for example!) Would any of you like to join our team during this crazy time?? We have openings for both clerks and pricers. We do require all of our volunteers to wear a mask when in the shop, and we take every precaution we can to keep everything well-sanitized and to maintain good physical distancing. Thank about it, and call the shop at 925-7098 if you’d like to know more.

The **Et Cetera Shoppe** is facing a serious shortage of adult winter clothing. Generally, as we enter the month of August, our storage room is full of as many as 120 boxes of adult winter clothing. This year we have 34. Starting now and through the month of October, we’re encouraging all of our supporters to “**DONATE 8**”! Can you find eight beautiful pieces of clothing in your closet that you never wear anymore? We’re looking specifically for clothing purchased within the last 5-10 years, that is in great condition and free of pet hair, odors, stains, holes or pilling. This is a chance to practice first fruits giving! We are trying our best to follow the guidelines given to us by the MCC Thrift Shop Network and the CDC, so our current practice is to accept donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. If those times are impossible for you, please call the shop at 925-7098 so that we can attempt to work with you to find a way to receive your donation. Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference “in the name of Christ”, both locally and around the world!

**Knowing God’s Presence:** *There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there, too...And that is all we can manage these days and also all that really matters: that we safeguard that little piece of You, God, in ourselves.* – Etty Hillesum, the young Jewish woman who suffered much injustice in the Westerbork transit camp

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