



# Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**September 6, 2020**  
“Hearing God’s Call”

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* (Paul Manz)  
*Be thou my vision* (Paul Manz)

Ken Mannes

Welcome and Call to Worship

Gwen Ortman

L: Oh LORD, you have searched me and you know me!

**P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up.**

L: You direct my path and you are acquainted with all my ways.

**P: You hem me in, behind and before and lay your hand upon me.**

L: You call us by name and You call us for mission.

**P: Even when we feel too young, too unprepared, too scared.**

**ALL: God will give us what we need to proclaim God’s message.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – *Sing praise to God who reigns* (HWB #59)  
Choristers: Andre & Lillie Eisenbeis

Celebrating God’s Mission – Household Treasury

Children’s Story

Polly Waltner

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

Hearing the Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Song – *Listen, God is calling* (SJ #42)

\* Hearing the Gospel

Matthew 4:18-22

Sermon – “Jeremiah’s prophetic call”

Corey Miller

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Song – *Here I am, Lord* (HWB #395)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Postlude – *Lift high the cross* (Paul Manz)

Sending Song Outside – *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

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, but how, when and where do we hear that call? What is our vocational calling and how does God invite us to use that as mission? Where is God calling us now as a church in this country? We are so glad that you have joined us in listening with Jeremiah to these questions. Welcome to worship.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for the **Household Treasury**. Thankfully, our generous giving to the household treasury has enabled us to continue doing the ministries that we feel called to do. Every gift given to our household treasury helps us “to live and share the good news of Christ’s kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship and serve others together.”

**Today** – Sunday school will be offered for all ages at 9:30am. Join us if you are able. Please see the bulletin announcement for details.

### COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday** – Deacons meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the church

**Sept. 14** – Administrative Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY – September 13

Next Sunday we will continue our series on “Road signs and Guideposts” in Jeremiah. The theme is “**Abandoning God.**” The scripture text will be Jeremiah 3:6-10,19-20 and Pastor Corey will preach.

Offering next Sunday will be for **Central Plains Mennonite Conference.**

## Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

### Happenings over the past week:

- The tragic death of Dennis Schrock, longtime teacher at Freeman Academy and active member within our Central Plains Mennonite Conference, has been felt deeply by all the people that were nurtured and blessed by Dennis’ life. His memorial service was held on Saturday, Sept. 5 at Pioneer Hall.
- Meranda Van Ningen had reconstructive surgery on her knee to repair a torn ACL, MCL and meniscus on Wednesday in Sioux Falls. Her surgery went well and she was able to return home the same day. Pray for patience and strength as Meranda recovers.

### Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Rita Graber.
- The Schrock family, especially Marcia, as she deals with this new reality. Pray for comforting love to embrace the Schrock family, the FA community, the Hutterthal church and others who are grieving.

- Meranda Van Ningen as she recovers from her surgery.
- Our Sunday school classes, teachers and students as they meet to nurture our faith in Christ.
- The Faith Exploration Class for youth that is meeting to explore faith and baptism.
- our sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer, White Chapel and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Churches.

**Remember to thank God for:**

- the times and ways that God has called us into a life of light and love found through Jesus Christ.
- the promise of eternal life to come and the promise of abundant life in the present, for all those who believe. We thank God that *“nothing will separate us from God’s love, not even death.”* (Romans 8)

We wish to **thank** our family, relatives, and friends for remembering us on our 72nd anniversary with cards, telephone calls and flowers. We give thanks to God for being with us all these years. - Allen and Ardelle Schrag

We will be holding in-person **Sunday School for adults** on an experimental basis this coming Sunday, Sept 6th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please remember to keep some physical distance between you & others and to wear a mask at least until you’ve taken a seat. Restrooms are available if you need one; please follow instructions posted inside. When the hour is over, please find your way directly to a seat in the sanctuary for worship. We will continue to rely on guidance from our Ad Hoc COVID-19 committee as to precautions in the future. The only adult SS class meeting at church is the elective Christ in Crisis book study led by Gloria Graber in Fellowship Hall. If interested, please join in, even if you did not initially sign up or join that class. Another option for adults is the new quarterly material called Salt & Light; this study via ZOOM starts at 9:00 a.m. For Sept. 6, the theme is “Saul’s Call” and the background scriptures are Acts 9:1-20; 22:3-18; 26:9-18. Lisa will send out the link in an e-mail on Saturday. Whatever your comfort level at this point, we encourage you to begin/continue a routine of Bible-based study of some sort on a regular basis. Surely we can outwit a pandemic when it comes to nurturing our faith!

**August Offerings and Gifts:** Household Treasury - \$6,290.00; Project Fund - \$445.00; The Banquet - \$25.00; Mennonite Women - \$25.00; MDS - \$5.00; FA - \$5.00; Wellspring - \$5.00; Swan Lake Christian Camp - \$1,252.00; Central Plains Mennonite Conference - \$1,951.00; MCC Relief Sale - \$1,215.00; The Banquet - \$340.00; Mennonite Church USA - \$1,216.00; Christian Peacemaker Teams - \$355.00; Jr. SS: Bethany Food Pantry - \$140.00; AMBS - \$1,580.00; Mennonite Central Committee - \$1,050.00.

**August Household Treasury Report** – Income: \$6,297.22; Expenses: \$11,048.38; Balance: \$4,174.21.

**Alzheimer’s and Dementia Support Group:** If you are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s or other dementia and feel as though no one understands what you are going through, a Caregiver Support Group is available. Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at Grace Lutheran Church (Menno) and will be lead by Pastor Theresa Jacobson and Chaplain Betty Janke. A flier is posted on the bulletin board. To RSVP or ask any questions, contact Pastor Theresa (605) 387-5196, or Chaplain Betty (605) 387-5490.

The **September newsletter** was sent as an attachment with this week’s e-mailed bulletin. Hard copies are available in the narthex for anyone who would like one.

**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.

**Seeking God’s Peace in Tragedies:** “God does not cause our misfortunes. Some are caused by bad luck, some are caused by bad people, and some are simply an inevitable consequence of our being human and being mortal, living in a world of inflexible natural laws. The painful things that happen to us are not punishments for our misbehavior, nor are they in any way part of some grand design on God's part. Because the tragedy is not God's will, we need not feel hurt or betrayed by God when tragedy strikes. We can turn to Him for help in overcoming it, precisely because we can tell ourselves that God is as outraged by it as we are.” - Harold S. Kushner

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