Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

"Submission and Power"
March 22, 2026

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude – *Ah, Dearest Jesus* (W. Held)
In the Cross of Christ I Glory (W. Held) — Sharon Waltner

Welcome and Call to Worship — Sheila Epp
L: Welcome Lent.
P: Welcome questions:
L: Who are you? What is truth?
P: Welcome silence and responses that deal more with faith than proof.
L: Welcome humbleness in glory. Welcome peace amid the pain.
ALL: Welcome all the upside-downness of Jesus' kind of reign.

Prayer of Invocation

* Singing our Praise – *God Is Here among Us* — VT #62

Sharing the Peace

Children's Story — Clara Beseman

Offering – Mennonite Disaster Service
Offertory – *Sonntagsmorgen* (Mendelssohn)
Estelle Waltner and Armando Miller

Special Music – *Al Shlosha D'Varim* (Allan E. Naplan)
Chancel and Children's Choir
Emmit Ortman, soloist

HEARING GOD'S WORD

* Hearing the Gospel Story — John 18:28-40

Sermon – "What is Truth?" — Kate Friesen

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Confessional Poem — (on screen)

Song – *My Song Is Love Unknown* (vv. 1-3) — VT #320

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Sending Song – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* — VT #831

* Benediction – *God Be in My Head* (Pasquet)
Estelle Waltner, Armando Miller, Abigail Bradley, Jax Kaufman
All-State Quartet

Postlude – *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* (J.S. Bach)

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Jesus understood power and demonstrated power so differently than what we expect. This is the reality of the upside-down Kingdom that Jesus taught his disciples and still teaches us today. Welcome to our worship! We are glad you are here. We welcome Kate Friesen to the pulpit this morning.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Disaster Service**.

9:30am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship Service
2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

TONIGHT

This evening, March 22 at 7 pm, Dan Graber and friends will be sharing a recital at Salem-Zion. Solo organ works, along with selections for flute, clarinet and piano will be performed. The recital will conclude with Schubert's *Shepherd on the Rock* for soprano, clarinet and piano. Performers include: Karl Graber, piano; Rebecca Huberg-Krause, flute; Heather Engberg, soprano. A freewill offering will be taken for the Freeman Academy Music Department.

THIS WEEK

Mar. 24 (Tues) – Worship Team at 5:00pm
Mar. 25 (Wed) – Children's choir rehearsal for K-2nd grade, 6:15-6:45pm
Mar. 25 (Wed) – Men's choir rehearsal at 7:30pm
Mar. 25 (Wed) – Deacons' Meeting at 7:30pm
Mar. 26 (Thurs) – Bethel College Choir concert at Salem-Zion at 7:00pm
Mar. 27 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – March 29

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday as we continue with our Lenten theme, "***Dwelling in Dissonance***." The focus of the morning is "*Truth and Blasphemy*." The text is John 12:12-27;19:16b-22, palm branches will be waving, and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

The offering will be for Mennonite Mission Network.

COMING EVENTS

March 29 – April 1 – Holy Week Services at Freeman Community Center

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- A group of us went to the offices of the South Dakota members of Congress to share our concerns about the war in the Middle East. As we visited Rep. Dusty Johnson's office, Sen. Mike Rounds' office, and Sen. John Thune's office, people were praying for us as we shared our desire for peace. In

preparation for these meetings with congressional leaders, a letter was drafted to share with them. If you would want to contact/call these offices, this letter may be a good reference in sharing some of your thoughts. Copies of the letter are in the narthex, and the letter was emailed with the bulletin on Thursday.
- Members of our church (Oliver Waltner and Lance Friesen) were part of the boys basketball team from Freeman Public at the State B tournament in Aberdeen. The Flyers were also represented by the cheerleading team, who are students at Freeman Academy. For all the ways that sports and music can bring us together, we thank God!

Remember to praise God for:
- the moisture that we received this week in the form of rain, ice, and blowing snow! 😊
- the ways that volunteers share gifts to prepare for Schmeckfest. May our working and serving together strengthen the bonds of unity in our midst.

Remember to pray for:
- those who cannot be here today: Paul Engbrecht.
- an end to the suffering and death in the war with Iran. Pray for collective wisdom from all leaders that would lead to peace instead of more bloodshed. Lord, let there be peace on earth!
- the people in Minneapolis as they respond to the trauma of ICE enforcement in their city and surrounding areas. Rachel Ries helped to produce a video regarding what happened and how people are responding. The video can be seen here: https://mennonite.tv/

The **Men's Choir** will be singing on Easter morning, April 5. We will have one practice on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30. If it goes well, we won't practice during Holy Week services.

Help needed! We are in need of **some classroom assistants/helpers for Bible School**. Please let us know if that is something you'd like to assist with! Bible School is June 1-5. Also, the registration forms for Bible School are in the narthex. Please fill one out and return it to Lacey Friesen or Kelsey Pidde or put it in our mailbox. If you have any questions please talk to one of us! Thanks! Lacey & Kelsey

The Bethel College Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble will present a concert called Awake the Harp in collaboration with Freeman Academy students on Thursday, March 26 at Salem-Zion. The concert will close with a mass choir performance of "Awake the Harp" from Haydn's *Creation* which is open to anyone in the community to join. Rehearsal at 6pm and **concert at 7pm**.

House Church of Freeman to host Holy Week services March 29-April 1: The Mennonite Churches of Freeman invite the Freeman Community to attend

Holy Week services being held at the Freeman Community Center from March 29 to April 1. Each evening will begin with a time of fellowship, cookies & coffee at 6:00 pm. The service will start at 6:30 pm each night. This year's preacher is Suzette Shreffler and the theme is "God's suffering, Our suffering." We will take an offering each evening, with all gifts going directly to White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby, MT. If you choose to write a check, please make it out to "White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church."

Dear distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the ton! We cordially invite you to dress up a little extra this Easter for our **2nd Annual Easter Hat Sunday**. Ladies, if you have any Easter hats or fascinators, scarves or gloves, feel free to showcase those. Gents, if you have a special hat or vest, or want to wear your best tie, we invite you to do so. On Easter Sunday, why should the kids have all the fun in their cute outfits, let's join them! - Lori Hofer & Maria Paff, Co-chairs of the Fancy Hat Ministry

To give to Salem-Zion or the missions we support through Venmo, please use the attached QR code or go through your Venmo app and search (under charity) for Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Thank you!

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet on Tuesday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

Mennonite Disaster Service's March edition of **On the Level** is now available at https://conta.cc/4lvbFW5. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on 22 years of service with MDS, learn how you can get involved with the MDS family program, and you can relive the experience of our Annual Celebration online.

The **Schmeckfest Country Kitchen** is asking for donations of food items for April 10 and 11. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, kuchen, pumpkin rolls, jam, horseradish, and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

Jesus seeks Peace and brings Peace: The final miracle Jesus performed was healing the ear of a man wounded by a sword-wielding disciple trying to defend Jesus. Jesus still heals people wounded by deluded disciples who think that Jesus needs defending and people need to be attacked. "Love one another…." - David Cassidy

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