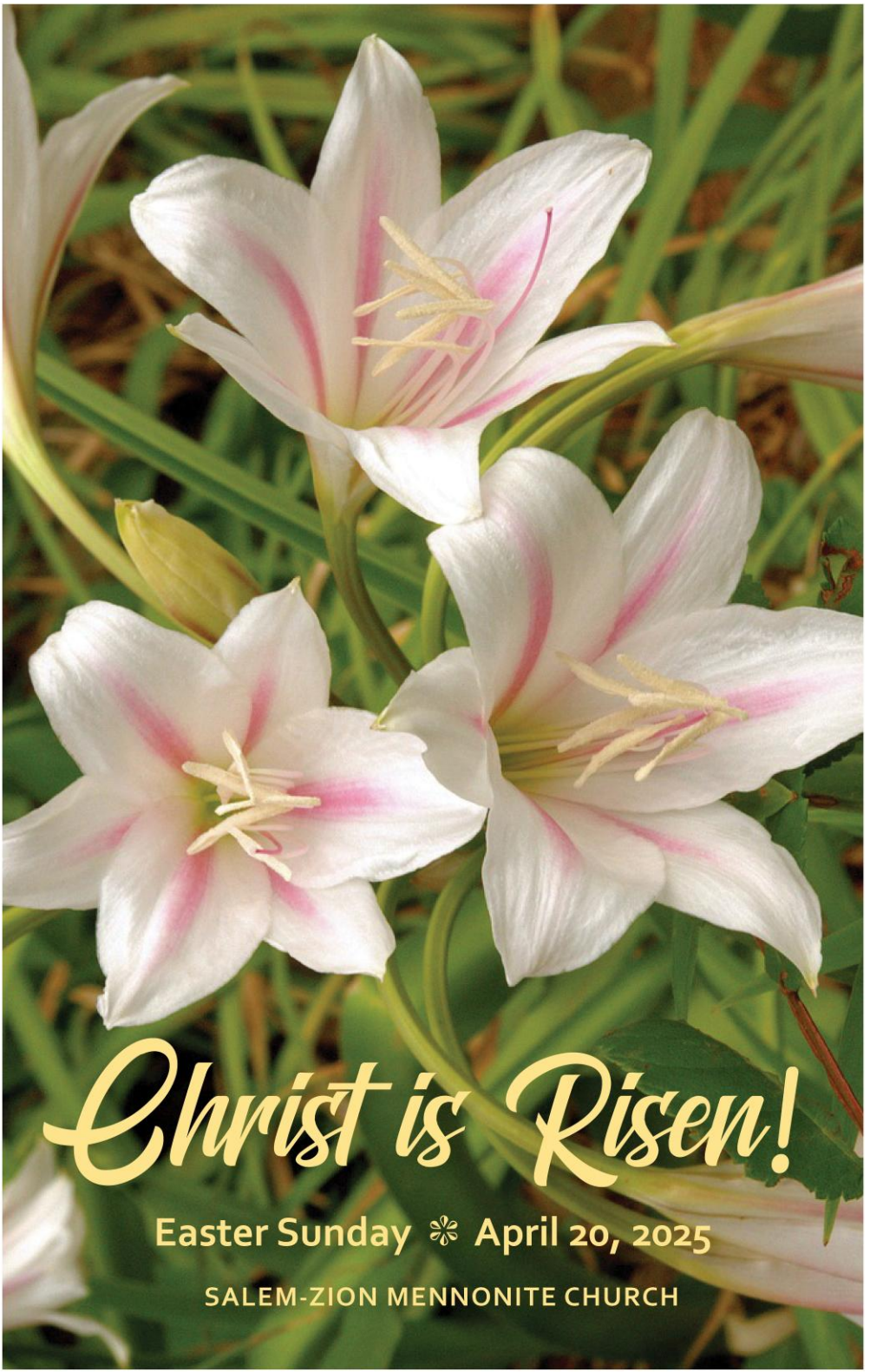
Christ is Risen!
Easter Sunday ❋ April 20, 2025
SALEM-ZION MENNONITE CHURCH

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"Christ Collides with Death"
April 20, 2025
"He is not here; he has risen!" - Luke 24:6a

GATHERING TO PRAISE

Prelude/Gathering Music	Sheila Epp
Choral Call to Worship – *Jesus, My Lord and God* (John Ferguson)	Children's Choir
Welcome and Call to Worship	Lillie Eisenbeis
Prayer of Invocation	
* Singing our Praise – *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*	VT #359
Greeting each other	
Children's Story	Elizabeth Janssen
Peace Lamp	
Song of Praise – *Victory in Jesus*	Men's Choir
Offering – Freeman Academy Offertory	

HEARING GOD'S WORD

* Hearing the Gospel	Luke 24:1-7
Special Music – *In Thee Is Gladness*	Chancel Choir
Hearing the Gospel	Luke 24:8-12
Sermon – "Christ is Risen!"	Pastor Corey Miller
Hymn – *Thine Is the Glory*	VT #355

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Confession	VT #922
Special Music – *All Things New*	Ladies Choir
Sharing and Congregational Prayer	

SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS

* Song – *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*	VT #354
* Benediction	
Postlude	

Church Calendar

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

TODAY

Christ collides with death on Easter Sunday! Jesus' resurrection from the dead conquered the powers of sin and death and revealed God's transforming power and might throughout the universe. With the disciples, we both celebrate and rejoice, even when we don't fully understand. Welcome to our worship on this special Sunday! We are very glad you are here with us.

A special thanks to Nathan and Sheila Epp for organizing the wonderful Easter breakfast we enjoyed today!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Freeman Academy**.

9:00-10:00am – Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
10:30am – Worship Service
2:00pm – Fuente de Vida church service

THIS WEEK

Apr. 23 (Wed) – Children's Choir, 6:00-6:30pm
Apr. 23 – Spiritual Formation Team at 7:00pm
Apr. 23 – Deacons meeting at 7:30pm
Apr. 25 (Fri) – Fuente de Vida church service at 7:00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – Apr. 27

Next Sunday continues the Easter season of celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead. Abraham Díaz Alonso will be preaching. Abraham is the Immigration Program Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee and leads learning tours on the southern border.

Next week the offering is for the **Deacon's Mental Health Care** fund. The Deacon's Mental Health Care fund was set up recently with funds that were returned to Salem-Zion from Wellspring. This new fund is specifically for mental health care for any Salem-Zion member or attender. If you need some assistance in helping to pay for counseling/therapy sessions, contact Pastor Corey or Gwen, our deacon chair. We want to help facilitate God's healing in your life through this fund.

COMING EVENTS

April 26 – Abraham Díaz Alonso speaking at South Church at 7:00pm
April 27-29 – Pastor Corey at Central Plains Conference Leadership Retreat in Schuyler, NE

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Clara Graber remains a patient in swing bed at the Freeman Hospital.

- Peter and Katherine Goerzen (our Holy Week speakers) gave several inspiring sermons this past week. In case you missed any of the incredible worship music, singing, or prophetic preaching, you can see it all at https://www.youtube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051/streams. Take a moment to listen in.

Remember to praise God for:
- the gift of hosting Holy Week services this year and for all the ways that our five Mennonite Churches were able to come together to worship, hear solid preaching, and reflect on "*having the mind of Christ*."
- God's resurrection power that continues to rise us up as we walk in newness of life!

Remember to pray for:
- those who cannot be here today: Delano & LaVonne Tieszen.
- Ted Ellinger and Dennis Herlyn as they continue their journey through cancer treatments and recovery.
- Clara Graber and Betty Albrecht as they recover from their recent injuries.
- all who are grieving the loss of innocent life in Gaza, in Ukraine, and other parts of the world, whether from natural catastrophes, poverty, violence, or war.

Dear Salem Zion, I am excited to announce that you are now able 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 for Salem Zion Mennonite Church. If you are searching on the app, it will be under business. If you want your donation to go somewhere other than the household treasury, please put that in the notes. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns! Thanks! Lacey Friesen - Treasurer

Community Connections

The April edition of the Swan Lake Christian Camp **newsletter** is available at myslcc.com under the "About us" tab. Check out what is coming up at SLCC.

Mennonite Disaster Service's April edition of **On the Level** is now available at https://conta.cc/42hzp80. In this edition, dedicating the Green Giant in North Carolina, meet a couple who is on their 60th MDS assignment, and read the latest on the MDS response to the spring ice storm in Ontario.

MCC grateful for shipments of Material Resources in 2024 – MCC, despite the bridge collapse in Baltimore, weather-related and other unexplained delays,

strikes and piles of required paperwork, shipped 48 containers to MCC partners in 9 countries and Puerto Rico. Five were shipped from Canada, 42 from the U.S. and one from Europe. Items shipped included canned meat, comforters, soap and school, relief, hygiene, sewing, infant care and dignity kits. These shipments are a result of the thousands of MCC supporters, donors, and volunteers. Thanks be to God!

MCC Great Winter Warmup surpasses goal! Thank you for helping MCC surpass the Great Winter Warmup goal of 7,000 comforters during the months of January, February and March. During this 3-month campaign MCC received 18,368 comforters! Thank you to each person who tied knots this winter to share warmth, comfort, and love around the world!

Register today for the **MCC Immigration Learning Tour** in South Texas, October 4-9. This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. Find out more at mcc.org/learning-tour-texas.

Volunteer with **MCC Appalachia Build**: We have had some spots open in our volunteer schedule for the summer. Consider bringing your group for a life-changing week of serving and learning with MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP), a home repair ministry in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Volunteers help families make their homes safe, warm and dry, while building relationships and learning about Appalachia. Learn more and register your group at mcc.org/appalachia-build.

Resurrection begins in the Dark: *"Resurrection is always announced with Easter lilies, the sound of trumpets, bright streaming light. But it did not happen that way. If it happened in a cave, it happened in complete silence, in absolute darkness, with the smell of damp stone and dug earth in the air. New life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark."* - Barbara Brown Taylor

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