



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude Variations on *“Duke Street”* – arr. Held, Burkhardt

Choral Call to Worship *“Your Grace is Enough”* – Maher and Tomlin

Call to Worship (from Psalm 25)

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

People: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation, and we wait for you all the day long. Let your integrity and righteousness preserve us, for we wait for you.

Leader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *“Jesus Shall Reign”* – HWB #319

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Confession of Sin (from Psalm 25)

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust. Who are those who fear the LORD? God will instruct them in the way to choose. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

People: My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart grow large – bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Anthem

“Not One Falls” – Sorenson

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Ezekiel 47:21-23; Mark 3:31-35; Acts 6:1-7

Sermon *“Divine Nondiscrimination”*

Anthem *“He Will Hold Me Fast”* – Habershon and Merker

Children’s Message

III. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST’S BODY

Hymn of Response *“The Church’s One Foundation”* – HWB # 311

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering:** General Fund
- Today’s **Sunday school offering:** Camper Scholarships
- **Children’s Offering:** Bethany Food Pantry

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD’S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn *“Christ From Whom All Blessings flow”* – HWB #365

Benediction

Postlude

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist), Robin, Sydney & Ella Anderson, JoLeen Cunningham, Sharla Unruh, & Allison Wilson (special music), Linda Schrag (accompanist); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Children’s Message:** Jeri Butkus; **Coffee:** Class #10

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service. There are small cups with lids for children to use.

During the Sunday school hour: There will be a program on the experiences of some of the members of North and South churches in military and alternative service. We will talk about the decisions that some of these young men were faced with and what role the church played in their decision.

2:00 p.m. – Matthew and Kelly Erdman will give a full ministry update about Family First Worldwide at the Prairie Arboretum.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 28

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Lee Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist), Women’s Quartet (special music); **Greeters:** David Graber & Monte Waltner; **Coffee:** Class #10

Worship Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Sunday school Offering: Freeman Academy

Children’s Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

7:00 p.m. – The movie “Zwingli” will be shown here. Information about the film (not recommended for young children) has been posted in the narthex.

COMING EVENTS

August 4 – Communion will be observed

August 12 – Deacon Board Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Words cannot express how grateful I am to all that came to help with the clean-up of the building from snow damage. Your willingness to volunteer your time, equipment, tools and manual labor, will not be forgotten! I appreciated all the help from the ladies who assisted with the food. Thank you to ALL of you for the service you provided and MDS for organizing the project. May God Bless You!
Lucille Graber

If you helped with the MDS project at Lucille Graber's and are missing a Dewalt driver or a wonder bar with blue tape on it, please contact LeRoy Pullman at 605-660-1014.

From the Mission and Service Team: MANY THANKS to those who prepared and served food or donated grocery money for 217 guests and workers at the Yankton Banquet this past Thursday. The Banquet staff are very appreciative of the 25 years we have been supporting their ministry! Please mark your calendars for our serving dates in 2025: February 13 and July 17.

We will be starting our annual school kit drive next week. Please give monetary donations to Lee Brockmueller earmarked for school kits or purchase supplies at your convenience. A list of items is available on the narthex table. Thank you for helping with this important project!

Starting July 28, during the Sunday School hour after Sunday morning worship, Pastor Spencer Bradford will offer a monthly Pastor's Class meeting to discuss scriptures and sermon themes of the past month. On July 28, this time will focus on questions and reflections that members have regarding Bible texts and sermons from July services. This format will be offered again on August 25, Sept. 29, Nov. 3 (for October services) and Dec. 1 (for November services). No long-term commitment is needed -- this is for occasions when individuals want to delve deeper into recent texts and themes from worship. The class will meet in the Pastor's Study, unless announced otherwise. Pastor Spencer also welcomes such discussions one-on-one for those who would like them.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Our July Edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares a letter of gratitude from Arcadia, Florida, volunteers install our 100th bridge allowing residents to travel home again, and homeowners are on the road to recovery thanks to volunteers working in Lytton, British Columbia.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3WnPGFw>

Maintenance Person (Full-time): Freeman Academy seeks a capable full-time maintenance person to care for our beautiful campus. The successful candidate will have experience with a variety of hands-on maintenance as well as managing supplies and working with outside contractors as needed, and will be supported by our volunteer facilities committee. Position reports directly to the Head of School. Interested persons may submit an application or direct questions to Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org, or 605.925.4237.

Freeman Academy is needing housing for an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) worker planning to come for the 2024-25 school year. This young man is an English teacher from Chad, and he will be working at FA as a teacher’s assistant in a variety of capacities. He would need to have transportation to and from school each day, in addition to regular room and board, lasting from mid-August to the end of school (with a few breaks for holiday/IVEP event travel). MCC will reimburse hosts \$450/month, and it is possible to commit to only one half of the year, if you are unable to host for a full year. If you have an interest in hosting, please contact Brad Anderson at 605.925.4237 or banderson@freemanacademy.org.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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