



**Salem
Mennonite
Church**

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* – John B. Dykes/arr. Sharon Wilson
“How Great Thou Art”. . . Swedish Folk Tune – arr. Austin & Hayes

Call to Worship HWB #689

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *“To God be the Glory”* – HWB #102

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Hymn of Confession *“What Mercy and Divine compassion”* – HWB #524

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Anthem *“The Lord is my Shepherd”* – Henry Smart

Scripture Readings Exodus 12:1-17; Hebrews 9:11-28; Mark 14:22-26

Sermon *“Communion as New Passover Covenant”*

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

Song *“Since the Dawning of the Day”* – L. Preheim

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering**: Mennonite Mission Network
- Today’s **Sunday school offering**: Mennonite Central Committee
- **Children’s Offering**: Bethany Food Pantry

Community Sharing Mary Bohl, CASA
(Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children)

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD’S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn *“At the Lamb’s High Feast”* – insert

Benediction HWB #773

Postlude *“Since Jesus Came into my Heart”* – Charles Gabriel/arr. Wilson

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Worship Leader:** Cheryl Gering; **Musicians:** Linda Schrag (pianist), Ken Mannes and Lyle Preheim (special music), Barb Yoder (accompanist); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Class #18

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping 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.

1:30 p.m. – The South Dakota MDS annual meeting will be held at the Salem Mennonite Brethren Church, rural Bridgewater. Matt Troyer-Miller, Region 3 MDS Operations Coordinator, will share about Region 3 activity this past year and will also lead a training session on "Conducting Disaster Investigations". A brief business meeting will be held and refreshments will be served.

THIS WEEK

Mon. (16th), 7:30 p.m. – Deacon Board Meeting

Tues. (17th), 7:00 p.m. – A presentation by AIMM Co-Executive Coordinators at our church

NEXT SUNDAY, September 22

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Margie Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist), Barb Tieszen (special music); **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Coffee:** Class #18; **Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 30:13-23; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Mark 10:35-45

COMING EVENTS

October 6 – World Communion Sunday & Congregational Conversation Sunday

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

On September 29 the Pastor's Sunday school class will be discussing the communion texts from September. You will meet in the Pastor's study.

Volunteers needed – The Department of Mission & Service has been involved with the School Lunch Bag program through Bethany Food Pantry for the last school year. The school decides who would benefit from lunches sent home for the weekend and we pack the requested number of bags. This fall we need to train several new volunteers. The time requirement is only once every 5-6 weeks for about 2-2 1/2 hours anytime on Monday - Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Two volunteers work together. Call Marilyn Brockmueller for more details.

Offering Schedule Changes: September 8 – MCC Relief for Ukraine; October 20 – Oyate Hope Academy; October 27 (Mission Sunday) - Anistemi

The Endowment Fund Team will accept grant applications until October 1 for additional projects that could benefit Salem Mennonite Church and/or a mission and outreach aspect of Salem Mennonite Church. Based on 2023 Endowment Fund earnings and distribution of grant funds thus far in 2024, we anticipate that \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be available for distribution in December 2024. Application forms may be obtained by asking any Endowment Fund Team member or the church office Janver Stucky, Endowment Fund Team Chairman

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The September issue of the SLCC newsletter is available online at www.myslcc.com. Jerry Kroeker, Exec. Director, shares reflections on the summer.

Swan Lake Christian Camp has two employment positions available: Youth Camp Program Director and Cook. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

Rural Revival will host a presentation on Permaculture by Matt Stone on Monday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Freeman library followed by the regular monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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Since the Dawning of the Day

Lyle Preheim

Since the dawning of the day we left our native soil
We've reaped the mighty harvest of love and pain and toil
We've crossed the mighty river of life's unfolding time
We've heard the baby cry, we've seen our loved ones die

Since beginning of our time on this unbroken plain
We've sung the song of life in all its old refrain
We've shared with all who listen of our unending train
Of love and life and laughter, and sometimes of our pain

It was knowing in our lives in melodies now gone
The joys of human living with laughter ringing strong
But lives were always changing like seasons on the plain
The days of ringing laughter joined the sorrow and the pain

In the unknown days ahead we seek the open door
Believing in the One who led us on before
Receiving from the past a strength we use today
We fuel the fire of living, we meet the rising of the day

In the drawing of our lives from past to times unknown
We live the daily measure as to our lives is shown
Before our lives outstretched, we seek the guiding Hand
We walk this land together before God and man we stand

In the evening of our time within our chosen band
We've lived our lives together in this, our native land
We've sown the seeds of kindness and sometime of despair
We've learned to love each other in this our land so fair

Refrain:

Oh God, help us to see what our lives were meant to be
Oh God, help us to find the path of life You left behind
Oh God, help us to live