



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude *"Jesus Lead Thou On"* – arr. Blackburn

Call to Worship (from Psalm 97)

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn *"Jesus, thou mighty Lord"* – HWB #115

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We are complacent with evil, and we condone prejudice, violence and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, receive forgiveness, and live anew for your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Anthem *"Wondrous Merciful Savior"* - arr. Mott/Handley

Scripture Reading Mark 4:35-41

Sermon *"Faith in the Storm"*

Anthem *"The Power of the Cross"* – arr. Rhodes

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** General Fund
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering:** Freeman Community Garden

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

III. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn *"He Leadith Me"* – HWB #599

Benediction

Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and go giving thanks to his holy name!

Postlude *"God is My Strong Salvation"* – arr. Karg-Elert

Speaker: Kate Friesen; **Worship Leader:** Lois Janzen Preheim; **Greeters:** Cindee Mutchelknaus and Vernetta Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); Katelyn Hurley, Laura Nettifee, Victoria Boese, Lauren Penning, Sonja Waltner (accompanist); **Coffee:** Classroom #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.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, July 16, 11:30 a.m. – Freeman Network for Justice and Peace

Wednesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

Thursday, July 17 – Serving at the Banquet in Yankton

Friday, July 18 – Church Kitchen reserved for Sale Prep

Saturday, July 19 – SD MCC Relief Sale in Freeman

NEXT SUNDAY, July 20, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Dennis Ries; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty(organist); Barb Yoder & Sharla Unruh (special music); **Greeters:** Cindee Mutchelknaus and Vernetta Waltner; **Coffee:** Classroom #10

Worship Offering: MC USA Conference

Sunday School Offering: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's Offering: Freeman Community Garden

Coming Events

July 20-August 17 – South Church Summer Study Series

August 10-14 – Turner County Fair (Ice Cream Booth)

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Serving at the Banquet in Yankton is scheduled for Thursday, July 17. A sign-up sheet for workers, bars and cookies is located in the narthex. Cash donations for groceries may be given to Lee Brockmueller.

South Church Summer Study Series: "Prayer - Opening Our Hearts and Offering Our World." On four Sunday afternoons at 4:30 pm, Pastor Spencer will lead presentations and discussions regarding prayer's purpose and practice, in scripture and in the life of Christians across history.

July 20 - The Lord's Prayer and New Testament Prayer in Jesus' Name; **July 27** - Praying the Psalms and Other Scripture Aug. 3 - Hours of Prayer & The Jesus Prayer Aug. 17 - Prayer in Private and Public, with Heart and Mind

You will find the 2025 Gifts Discernment Survey in your mailboxes. Please take time to prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts with the congregation. There is a box on a table in the narthex to return your completed forms along with extra copies of the survey if needed. We would like them **returned by July 27** so we can get started on the process of finding nominees for the positions that will be open in 2026. If you have any questions feel free to contact a member of the Gifts Discernment Committee---LaVonne Brockmueller, Linda Schrag or Tyrone Preheim.

Upcoming MCC school kit drive – During the month of July, South Church Mission & Service team will be participating in MCC's School Kit Challenge. School kits are MCC's most requested item and their goal is to collect a total of 25,000 kits. A list of items is available on the narthex table. Monetary donations can be given to Lee Brockmueller for school kits or purchase supplies at your convenience. Thank you!

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will meet on Wednesday, July 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

MCC Relief Sale reminders:

Relief Sale Notes:

1. **Friday, July 18, 7pm:** bike ride (registration at 6:30pm)
2. **Saturday, July 19, 9-10 am:** Bring pies and items for the live auction, silent auction and bake sale **to the Pioneer Hall dining room lobby**
3. **Saturday, July 19:** Bring your coins for the MY COINS COUNT for the Ethiopia nutrition project
4. **Only donations will be received for meals and booth purchases. Donations can be made in cash or with the use of a buyer number.** Buyer numbers are needed for the auctions. A donation container will be available in each booth but **there will be no cash boxes** so no change will be available for those paying in cash
5. The entire Saturday event will take place in the Pioneer Hall dining room

Consider making a theme basket with family, friends or S.S. class – need an idea, go to Google. Plan now for what you can donate to the **bake sale**.

My Coins Count at South Church- start saving your coins for MCC. This year our theme is food; improving nutrition for mothers and malnourished children under 5 in Ethiopia. \$76 will provide nutritional supplements for one child for a year. There is a container in the Narthex to collect coins over the next few weeks. You can also save coins at home and bring to the sale on July 19th. Thank you for supporting MCC.

Our church is responsible for:

- 6 pies
- 3 people to help set up for the Sale on Friday evening (July 18) at 6 pm. Pizza provided.
- 3 people to help take down after the Sale
- 10 pounds frozen hamburger meat (from those of you who have meat butchered)
- Baked goods donated are always appreciated for the Bake Sale

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex along with other information about the Sale. Questions – ask Marilyn Brockmueller or Cindee Mutchelknaus

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