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## I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

### Prelude

Choral Call to Worship *Jubilate Deo – Slagle Mayo*  
*Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; serve with gladness.*

Call to Worship HWB #685

### Invocation

Opening Hymn *Christ is Our Cornerstone – HWB #43*

### Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Hymn of Confession *Jesus, My Lord – HWB #533*

Anthem *The Music of Thy Name – Courtney*

## II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Micah 7:1-9 (ESV); 2 Timothy 3:10-17 (NIV)  
Matthew 10:32-11:1 (NIV)

Sermon *Allegiance to Jesus*

## III. RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Song *Come Thou Fount (Pastor Spencer & Alison Neufeld, guitar)*

### Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Salem Sunday School
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** SLCC Scholarships
- **Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

Congregational Sharing & Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

## IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision – HWB #545*♥

Benediction

STJ # 167

Postlude

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**Speaker:** Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Peggy Waltner; **Greeters:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); Ladies Ensemble (special music), Heather Haggerty (accompanist); **Coffee:** Classroom #10

### THE CHURCH AT WORK

#### TODAY

**Sunday, February 15, 3:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall – Romero** (1966, 102 minutes). Acclaimed movie about Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, his engagement with the suffering of his church members under the government, and his assassination. Attendees are welcome to bring comfy lawn seats and snacks. ADVISORY: Rated PG-13 for descriptions of torture and images of murder victims.

#### THIS WEEK

**Monday, February 16, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** – Etc. Shoppe "Tie a Quilt"

**Wednesday, February 18, 11:30 a.m.** – Freeman Network for Justice & Peace  
At Freeman Public Library

**Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.** – Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday, February 19, 2:30 p.m.** – Freezer Meal Assembly for FA Dorm

**Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** – Women in Mission Work Day

#### NEXT SUNDAY, February 22, 2026

**Speaker:** Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Renee Bradford; **Greeters:** Brian & Wendy Miller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Men's Choir (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #10; **Scriptures:** Isaiah 43:14-44:8; Numbers 14:11-38; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 4:1-11

**Worship Offering:** Swan Lake Christian Camp

**Sunday School Offering:** First Fruits Garden

**Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

#### COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 22, 4:00 p.m.** – Lenten Sunday Study Series Begins

**Thursday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.** – Mission & Service Meeting

**The 2026 Lenten Study Series on "Aspects of End of Life"** will feature five presentations and discussions about facing and preparing for the end of this mortal life with grace and care. All will be in the South Church Fellowship Hall on Sundays at 4:00 pm.

**Feb. 22** - Caregiving for Loved Ones with Dementia, Pastor Bob Engbrecht & Chaplain Betty Janke.

**Mar. 1** - Practicing Faith in Coping with Dementia, Chaplain Betty Janke

**Mar. 8** - Being Present with the Dying, Lavonne Brockmueller

**Mar. 15** - Planning Your Funeral, Nathan Walter & Pastor Spencer

**Mar. 22** - Advance Directives on Care at the End of Life

*"Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."* Psalm 90:12

### **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES**

**THANK YOU to all the volunteers** who prepared and served the meal at The Yankton Banquet this last Thursday. We enjoyed food and fellowship with 204 guests. Mission and Service Team

**Mission and Service Team is having a workday at the church** on Saturday, February 21, for MCC projects. This includes cutting fabric for MCC comforters and school/hygiene kits and sewing the bags. If you are able, please bring your sewing machine and/or cutting tools, along with any fabric that you wish to donate. We will start at 9 a.m. and work until 1 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Please contact Kathy K., Deb S., or Chantel for more information.

**Ryan Brockmueller will cover household treasurer duties** in February during Lee's absence. He will be monitoring Lee's mailbox so you may continue to put bills and donations there or give them directly to Ryan. Either way will work.

**Additional help is being sought to help make coffee** for our church's Sunday morning coffee time. There are currently three Sunday School classes taking turns. It takes about 10-15 minutes before church and again after church or Sunday School. It can be done by an individual or as many people as you want to help you! There are written instructions to make the coffee, but any of the current volunteers would be happy to work with you until you are comfortable. **If you would be willing to occasionally take a turn, please write your name on the signup sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please talk to Donna Ries, Kris Carlson, or Brent Brockmueller or any member of the Conference Room Class, Class 10 or the Young Adult Class.**

### **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**Mennonite Central Committee's annual "Great Winter Warmup" is underway.** MCC hopes to collect 10,000 relief comforters by the end of March, which will then be distributed to provide comfort and warmth across the US and around the world. Join the effort! **Stop in the Et Cetera Shoppe on Monday, February 16 and help us tie a comforter.** You do not need to know how to sew in order to help! Stay for as little or as long as you like – and receive a coupon for one free clothing item worth \$4 or less, just for helping. Let's spread the warmth!

**MCC Central States annual meeting** – You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117.

**On Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 7:00 pm,** Salem-Zion Mennonite Church (North Church) will host a free community concert featuring the world premiere of a new arrangement of Antonio Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. This innovative version, created by internationally recognized cellist and pedagogue Emilio Colón, reimagines the iconic work for solo cello, cello quartet, double bass, and harpsichord. The concert is free and open to the public."

**Swan Lake Christian Camp Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will probably be held in the new worship center so you can see the progress being made. A light lunch will follow. RSVP's are appreciated.

**Schmeckfest sign-up sheets** are in the fellowship hall; please sign up to bring food and also to work one or more shifts at the Schmeckfest meal on April 10 & 11, 2026. Questions? See Alison Neufeld or Jenelle Miller.

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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/Sunday School – Following Worship  
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**We Love because He first Loved Us! 1 John 4:19**