



# Salem Mennonite Church

A Congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

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**May 4, 2025**

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## **I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE**

Prelude

Call to Worship

HWB #663

Invocation Prayer

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Opening Hymn

*"Jesus Came, the Heav'ns Adoring"* – HWB #297

Confession and Assurance

(in unison) HWB #700

Anthem

*"Beautiful Savior"* – (arr. Knowles)

## **II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD**

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 16:14-23; Philippians 3:7-11; Luke 8:26-39

Sermon

*"Clothed with Life"*

Children's Message

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

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Daily Vacation Bible School
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering:** Oyate Hope Academy

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Closing Hymn

*"Proclaim the Tidings"* – HWB #282

Benediction

HWB #742

## Postlude

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**Greeters:** Brad & Kris Carlson; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); Ladies Ensemble (special music); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Classroom #18

## 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.

**The Congregational Conversations** will be held during the Sunday school hour. The topic of the conversations will be the County Fair Ice Cream Booth, now and in the future.

**Potluck brunch/lunch will follow. Please join us!**

### THIS WEEK

**Monday, May 5 – 7:30 p.m.** Deacon Meeting

**Tuesday, May 6 – 7:30 p.m.** Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85365395504>
- **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504    **Passcode:** prayer2020
- One tap mobile +13462487799,,85365395504# US (Houston)
- Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799    **Meeting ID:** 853 6539 5504

### NEXT SUNDAY, May 11, 2025

**Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Lois Janzen Preheim; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ); Sunday School Children (special music); **Greeters:** Brad and Kris Carlson; **Coffee:** Classroom #18; **Scripture:** Amos 9:11-15; 2 Corinthians 4:7-5:5; Luke 7:1-23

**Worship Offering:** General Fund

**Sunday School Offering:** Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety

**Children's Offering:** Oyate Hope Academy

### COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, May 14 – 7:00 p.m.** Community Baccalaureate

**Saturday, May 17 – 11:00 a.m.** Freeman Academy Graduation

**2:00 p.m.** Freeman High School Graduation

**Tuesday, May 20 – 7:00 p.m.** Christian Formation Meeting

## **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

**Worship music scheduling underway:** The music team at South Church is now scheduling worship music for the summer months from June through early October. This is the time to offer your musical talents and share your gifts with the congregation. It is also an opportunity to have family or friends visiting here bring music and be a part of our worship service. If you are willing to provide a solo, duet or organize a small group, either vocal or instrumental, please contact Kathy Kleinsasser or any of the music team members.

**Bulletin delivery by email:** Please let Vernetta know if there is ever a time that you do NOT receive the bulletin at your email address. Send a notice to church email or leave a message on the church phone.

**If you have a high school or college graduate,** please submit a picture (if you have one) to the church office. I would also like to know what their plans are after high school. Also, are there any college graduates – where are they graduating from and future plans (no photo needed). Thanks, Vernetta

**Christian Formation will again offer a scholarship** toward your camp registration fee. The scholarship amount you can deduct is half of your registration fee. For campers that register before May 31<sup>st</sup> (see camp early registration notice), you can calculate your ½ scholarship amount prior to deducting your \$25 early registration discount. Contact Christian Formation Treasurer, Cindi Mutchelknaus at 605-929-1714 if you have questions.

**Vernetta's office hours will be** from 9:30-12:30 on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**It is time to renew our group subscription** to Anabaptist World. The publication will update the group recipient list on June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to continue receiving Anabaptist World or would like to be added to the list please contact Lee Brockmueller in the next several weeks. Also, let him know of any address changes. The cost is \$44 per subscription.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference** will be hosted in Rock Island, IL at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center June 26-29. Registrations are open on-line at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/> and click on "Annual Meeting 2025". Contact Norm Kaufman or a department Church Council representative if you would like to be a delegate.

## **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

**Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary** invites you to make a difference in the lives of our community, patients, and residents, by supporting our **Annual Fund Drive**. Together we can ensure that our hospital, clinics, nursing home and assisted living, are able to continue offering the best possible care at Freeman Regional. Checks can be made out to FRHS Auxiliary and sent to Marlene Herman, Auxiliary Treasurer, PO Box 364, Freeman, SD 57029. Donations can also be dropped off at the FRHS business office. Thank you for your support

**Summer camps at Swan Lake Christian Camp will be starting soon!** Please sign your children up early. If they are coming for overnight camp, they will get a FREE t-shirt if they register by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. New this year is a **\$25 discount** if registration is done by **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. after that, the discount will not be available. Also, our camps often fill up, so don't wait and find out the camp is full. We do our best to accommodate as many as we can but we only have so much bed space.

**Et cetera Shoppe** is seeking volunteers who are willing to serve on a weekly tagging committee. We have a lot of fun doing meaningful work together – please consider joining us! Call 925-7098 or stop in the shop to express your interest.

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