



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude *"Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott"* – arr. Cassler, J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

To the Trinity be praise! God is music, God is life that nurtures every creature in its kind.

**Our God is the song of the angel throng and the splendor of secret ways
hid from all humankind, but God our life is the life of all.**

Song of Response *"Glory be to the Father"* – HWB #127

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* – HWB #120

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Hymn of Confession (in unison) *"O Lamb of God"* – HWB #146

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:1-17 (NIV)

Hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord"* – HWB #75

verse 3: Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!
Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,
Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three-in-One!

Scripture Readings 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (NIV); Luke 10:21-24 (ESV)

Sermon *"The Music of Unity"*

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** SD MCC Relief Sale
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Member in Mission
- **Children's Offering:** Freeman Community Garden

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

1. Our Fa - ther, God, who art in heav'n, all hal - lowed be thy name!
2. Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and as we those for - give
3. In - to temp - ta - tion lead us not; from e - vil set us free;

Thy king - dom come; thy will be done, in earth and heav'n the same!
who sin a - gainst us, so may we for - giv - ing grace re - ceive.
for thine the king - dom, thine the pow'r and glo - ry ev - er be! A - men.

The Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving
Sharing Bread and Cup from the Lord's Table

III. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

"I Believe in God Almighty" - insert

Benediction

Grace, mercy and peace, and all God's blessings go with you and keep you,
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" – arr. J.C. Bach

Greeters: Brian & Wendy Miller; **Worship Leader:** Paul Balzer; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Classroom #14

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.

A short congregational meeting will be held immediately following the worship service to affirm the delegates to Central Plains Conference and MC USA Conference. Delegates who will be attending: Pastor Spencer, Gregg Waltner, Audrey Waltner, and Lois Janzen Preheim.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 22, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Brent Mutchelknaus; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Polly & Annie Carlson and Brennan & Stephen Waltner;
Greeters: Brian & Wendy Miller; **Coffee:** Classroom #14

Worship Offering: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Sunday School Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

Children's Offering: Freeman Community Garden

COMING EVENTS

June 23 7:30 p.m. – Rural Revival meets at the Freeman library

June 23-27 – Work in Community Garden in Freeman

June 26-29 – Central Plains Conference in Moline, IL

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Picture Directory – Some folks have expressed interest in doing a new picture directory of our congregation. This time we would not use a company, but would use a local photographer and make copies of the book through a service provided by Thrifty White Pharmacy. **Before going forward with planning, we would like to see the level of interest. Please sign up on the paper located on the narthex table by July 1.** Questions may be directed to Vernetta Waltner or Carolyn Preheim.

June 23 - 27 is our week to work in the Community Garden in Freeman. Helpers will be needed to weed and maintain the plantings. If you are able to help, please contact Chantel Hofer.

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. Your participation with this project would be appreciated. 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

Reception for the Andersons – Sunday, June 22

Join us for an open house reception for Brad and Elizabeth Anderson to express gratitude for their service to Freeman Academy and the wider community over the past 8 years. Please stop by the Prairie Arboretum Visitors center for light refreshments between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22.

Rural Revival will meet June 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Freeman library for the annual meeting, board annual reorganization and election of officers. All are welcome to attend.

Academic Support Coordinator (75% FTE)

Freeman Academy is seeking an Academic Support Coordinator to assist students to meet learning goals through one-on-one sessions and collaborative strategies with teachers. This work also includes helping international students acclimate and perfect their English skills. The position is full-time during the school year, and is benefits-eligible. For more information or to apply, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

Administrative Associate (80% - \$16-20/hr)

Freeman Academy is seeking a well-organized self-starter to manage student enrollment, faculty certification, general office tasks, and assist the Head of School as needed. The position is full-time during the school year, with reduced and flexible hours during the summer. Benefits include paid leave, insurance, retirement, and tuition discounts. For more information, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

Head of School Opening at Freeman Academy

Freeman Academy (Freeman, SD) is seeking an interim Head of School to begin in summer of 2025. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school. To learn more about Freeman Academy, please visit freemanacademy.org. To apply or for more information, email SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/Sunday School – Following Worship
Vernetta Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553
Spencer Bradford, Pastor 919-808-2024/spencerbradford42@gmail.com

THE COMMUNION OF THANKSGIVING

**Congregation sings bold print to Old Hundredth,
*italicized prayer spoken by Pastor, not sung***

These are God's gifts for God's people, the mystery of Christ with us,
we give from what we have received, serving as he has served us first.
Christ welcomes us, and gives himself, and binds us to his covenant.
And there is room at his table for all who seek to follow him.

**The Lord our God is merciful, tender to us, compassionate,
overflowing with gracious love, his steadfast kindness is most great.
O Lord, you are good in all ways, your people will commemorate,
and all your truth and righteousness our joyful song will celebrate.**

*As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the
hills are now united on this table in bread and drink, so Lord, may we be made a
true community of your Spirit as your Body on earth, and may your whole people
soon be gathered together from across the earth in your Kingdom of holy peace.*

**Lord Jesus, come! Lord Jesus, come! Glory to you forevermore!
We lift our hearts, we raise up thanks, and evermore your praise proclaim!
You, Lord, are rightly to be praised; for you are good, and ever true,
Your love and righteousness endure, all creatures find their joy in you.**

*It is truly right and our greatest joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks
and praise, eternal and triune God. Almighty and Ever-living Father, you
brought all things to creation in loving grace through Christ your living Word, to
reflect your glory. By your Holy Spirit, you brought order out of chaos and
breathed life into your creatures. When we rejected your grace with
disobedience, you sent redemption from slavery and sin, fed us bread and drink
at your table in the wilderness, and called us into obedient love through your
law, prophets, and apostles. In your promises we find overflowing goodness and
mercy, and in your house is our home forever.*

**Blessed be God, our Lord, always! Holy and mighty is his name!
So sing the angels and the saints, our voices with their hymns unite!
Hosannas sing to Christ who comes, the name above all names is his!
Let all creation praise his name, forever and eternally!**

*We offer thanks and praise for your Son Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer,
born of your servant Mary to live as one of us; for his fulfillment of your
promises; for his call to faith and peace, truth and mercy; for his death*

and resurrection to bring forgiveness while we were your enemies killing him; for his ascension to reign and intercede for us; for life in his Spirit, free from sin and death; for our communion with him in his Body, and the promise of his return in your full kingdom.

**O Holy Spirit, bless'd are you, Creator who makes all things new!
Spirit of Christ, come to us now, and bring your promised kingdom here!**

We give thanks that the Lord Jesus, during supper on the night that he was arrested, took bread, and after blessing it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**We glorify and we praise you, we worship and we thank you, Lord!
For Christ has died and Christ arose, and Christ will come again in pow'r.**

So in praise and thanksgiving, we offer to you ourselves and all these gifts, that we may be a holy and living sacrifice, dedicated to your service, in union with Christ's saving self-offering for us and the whole world. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this communion, on us gathered here and on these gifts, that the sharing of this bread and cup may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify and fill us with your true presence, that in all our lives we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As we share your presence anew at this table of your giving, let us share your presence with the world in the giving of our lives and selves, in your service for all people. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one in fellowship with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast together at your heavenly banquet with all your saints, when all will be filled and satisfied.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ we sing, to the Almighty Father be,
in the Spirit's unity: Praise, honor and all glory!**



I Believe in God Almighty

PLEADING SAVIOR 8.7.8.7

1 I be - lieve in God Al-might - y, Au - thor of all
 2 I be - lieve that Je - sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and
 3 I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied -
 saints with - in one Church, cath - o - lic, and ho - ly

Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's Son,
 tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the
 where for - give-ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's re - sur -

Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the
 third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as
 rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the

Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun-dant life.
 cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.