



Salem Mennonite Church

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October 5, 2025

I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

"Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation" – arr. Willan

"We all Believe in One True God" – arr. Peeters

Musical Call to Worship

"He Shall Feed His Flock"/ Messiah – G.F. Handel

Call to Worship

STS #202

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

"All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord" – HWB #21

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin

HWB #822

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:4-27 (ESV); Luke 17:1-4 (ESV)

Sermon

"United in Forgiveness"

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

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Central Plains Conference
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Salem Sunday school
- **Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Footwashing

"Lord, Help Us Live in Peace" – J.D. Martin, arr/Larry Nickel, performed by
Slave Lake Christian Fellowship

"Water Fall on Me" – composed & performed by Jonathan Reuel

"Do Lord, Remember Me" – The Work of the People

"Come, Nourish Me" – Lantz – Mixed Octet

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Bread and Cup

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie" – HWB #421

Benediction

HWB #790

Postlude

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Greeters:** Wendy & Brian Miller; **Musicians:** Deb Schmeichel (organist), Barb Tieszen (solo), Barb Yoder (accompanist), Mixed Octet; **Coffee:** Classroom #14

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning! Coffee is available following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. – Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m. – 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, October 12, 2025

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brent Brockmueller; **Greeters:** Wendy & Brian Miller; **Musicians:** Deb Schmeichel (organist); Alan Friesen (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #14

Pastor's Class in Pastor's Study during Sunday school.

Worship Offering: General Fund

Sunday School Offering: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's Offering: Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m. – Christian Formation Team Meeting

Sunday, November 2 – Mission Festival Sunday at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Sunday, November 2, 1:00 p.m. – Fall Bible study begins

Friday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. – Swiss Choral Society, "*Mass in G*" @Salem-Zion

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Thank you everyone who joined in our celebration on Sept. 28. We are grateful for your words of kindness, greetings and thoughtfulness. God bless y'all!

Thank you to all that participated and filled out the quarterly conversation questionnaire last Sunday. I hope everyone enjoyed the conversation. If you were unable to attend, and would like to fill out the questionnaire, please pick up the form on the table in the narthex and put it in my mailbox by October 12. I hope to compile a summary of results in the near future. Thank you! Carmelle

Fall Bible Study will be a book study on "Reclaiming Rural" by Allen T. Stanton. It focuses on the unique challenges and opportunities for rural churches. Books will be available for participants. Sessions will occur on Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 1:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet is available on the Narthex table. **If you wish to share a book, please sign both names on the same line.** We need to order by October 19.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Freeman Academy Fall Music Concert – October 16, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

The music Department (grades 7-12) ensembles performing will be Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Concert Band. Featured instrumentalists will include Sherilyn Ortman, piano; Craig Wollman, bass guitar; Jim McKinney, drums. Directors are Rolf Olson – choirs, and Mataya Yilmaz – band. All are Welcome!

Swiss Choral will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. Schubert's *Mass in G* will be performed, accompanied by string quartet on Friday, November 28. Vocal scores will be provided. Please come and join in singing, community, and fellowship as we work to prepare a beautiful piece of music! Dan Graber

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual banquet will be held on October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the Burrton City Auditorium (203 N. Burrton Ave., Burrton, KS). Peter Buller, recent Bethel College graduate, will speak about his experience this summer at Reba Place in Chicago, connecting with bigger themes about our role as Mennonites in the world. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Schwisters. **RSVP by October 11** to Dave Stucky at bigdstucky@gmail.com or text or call 620-532-4408. The cost of the banquet is \$25 and can be paid at the door or online at www.swissmennonite.org.

On Sunday, October 12, from 5:45 to 8:45 pm, Mennonite Action will come to Mountain Lake, bringing training, tools, and frameworks to help our communities respond in courage to the challenges facing our world today. Over the course of the 3-hour training, we'll have a potluck meal, spend time in song, and dive into trainings that will include instruction, education and spiritual formation to equip us for public action. We will gather at Community Bible Church--[500 Klein Street, Mountain Lake](#)--for a potluck at 5:45 pm to share a meal together before training begins at 6:45 pm. All are welcome to join this journey towards peace and justice both at home and abroad!

It can be hard to find a sense of God in our world today. From senseless school shootings in the U.S. to the ever-increasing political divide to the genocide in Gaza, it is natural and healthy to ask where God is in the chaos.

But Christ himself reminds us that he's there with the oppressed and the poor. Four thousand passages and verses in the Bible point to God's concern for justice for everyone. God invites us into this work today, whether that's through Mennonite Action or serving the neighbors around us.

[Matthew 25:31-40](#), a favorite passage in Mennonite circles, speaks of the promises God has for those who do the good work of justice. Every visit we make to an inmate in prison, every time we publicly stand against injustice, every word of comfort we share and dollar we give to those who need it, God is there with us. As we pray for God's intervention in the world and in people's hearts, let us remember that, in many ways, we can be the answer to someone's prayer.

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