



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

"O World, I E'en Must Leave Thee" – Rinck
"For All the Saints" – Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship (Joel 1:1, 11)

Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain!

**Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near!**

For the day of the LORD is great and dreadful; who can endure it?

Invocation

Opening Hymn

"Give Thanks for Life" – STJ #108

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin

STS # 127

Anthem

"It is Well With My Soul" – Bliss, arr. DeWitt

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Joel 1:15-2:2a; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; Luke 12:35:48

Sermon

"Awake and Ready"

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

We give God thanks for God's faithfulness in the lives of South Church members and former participants who passed through the Valley of the Shadow of Death in the past year. May God receive these holy ones in joy as God's own beloved children:

Mariell (Mary) Waltner, 44, April 19, 2025

Donna Lehmann, 91, May 21, 2025

Lorene Kaufman, 87, May 27, 2025

Johnny Gering, 68, June 3, 2025
Karl Ries, 66, August 31, 2025
Gertie Graber, 98, September 7, 2025
Larry Waltner, 88, September 1, 2025
Murray Ries, 71, September 14, 2025
Phyllis Reimer, 99, September 20, 2025
Bonita Tieszen, 88, September 24, 2025

Litany of Remembrance for All Saint's Day

HWB #805

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** MCC Meat Canning
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Student Tuition Sharing
- **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

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens" – HWB #175

Benediction

Let us be sober, wearing the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. Encourage one another and build one another up, for blessed is that servant whom our Master will find so doing when he comes.

Postlude

"Canzona" – Langlais, arr. Danchik

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Everett Waltner; **Greeters:** Wendy & Brian Miller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Trumpets: Donna Ries, Cheryle Gering; Horn: Janet Balzer; Trombone: Paul Balzer; Baritone: Debra Schmeichel; Turba: Ben Carlson (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #14

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

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

3:00 p.m. – *"No Other Land"* documentary at Prairie Arboretum Visitor Center

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m. – Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, October 28, 8:00 p.m. – Rural Revival at Freeman Library

Thursday, October 30, 11:00 a.m. – Bonita Tieszen Memorial Reception

NEXT SUNDAY, November 2, 2025

Mission Sunday at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Joint Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. – Children will hear from Linda Shelly and adults from Tim Eisenbeis (see poster for details).

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. with Linda Shelly; **Offering for MMN**

Noon Fellowship Meal with Salem-Zion providing food, all are welcome!

1:30 p.m. – Fall Bible Study at South Church – **please note time!**

7:00 p.m. Evening worship with Linda Shelly

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 4, 7:30 p.m. – Prayer & Fasting

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

Chancel Choir and Men's Choir will begin rehearsals on November 5. Times will be 7:30 for chancel and 8:30 for men. We are looking forward to meeting and singing together again. If you have not sung with these groups or it has been awhile, now is your chance! Come join us! Contact Donna Ries or Janet Balzer if you have any questions.

November 21-22, 24-25 – MCC Meat Canner in Henderson, NE (info below)

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

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Church Photo Directory - We would like to proceed with plans to accumulate and assemble photos of our church family. Our goal is to have current pictures of all local and/or regular attendees of South Church. If you have a recent photo of your family unit - whether individuals, couples or families - you are welcome to submit that to Vernetta in the church office. An electronic file in jpg format would be easiest for us to work with as we will be making the directory ourselves.

If you prefer, we will be scheduling a time for a local photographer to come to the church to take photos. This will likely be on a Sunday morning between Church Service and Sunday School and after Sunday School. If desired, we would schedule a weekday evening in addition but hope to fit everyone needing a photo into that particular Sunday.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table for those **WHO NEED A PHOTO TAKEN.** We would like to have all photos submitted by November 30. Questions may be directed to Vernetta or Carolyn Preheim.

Ruth Anne Reed, sister to Margie Waltner, passed away on Sept. 28 at the age of 79 after a long illness. Memorial services were held Oct. 13. Ruth Anne was the mother of Beth Reed Suby who lived with Margie and Everett and attended Freeman Academy for a couple of years.

Elvera Peters, mother of Margie Waltner, recently moved to Freeman Regional Nursing Home. Her new address is: PO Box 370, Freeman, SD 57029.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Freeman Academy's Annual Fall Church Drive continues TODAY. During the Church Drive, we ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund. Committee members will be available at a table to receive your donations. If you are not prepared to give today and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available on a table for your convenience, or you can make your donation online at freemanacademy.org.

Estelle Waltner is organizing a food drive for the **Bethany Food Pantry** for the Thanksgiving season, seeking monetary donations with which to purchase items. Donations can be made by cash or check (made out to Estelle) by November 5 so that she can have the food ordered by Thanksgiving pickup time. Please contact Estelle if you have questions: (605) 310-3424, or ecwaltner23@gmail.com

Greetings from Bethesda Mennonite Church. We have heard that the MCC Meat Canner is not going to be making a stop this year in South Dakota. In response to that, we at Bethesda would be happy to invite you to come down and lend a hand at our canner this year. **Dates are November 21-22, 24-25.** You can come as an individual or a group. As far as housing is concerned, York is nearby with plenty of hotels as well as the many family connections that exist between our communities. Contact person for the Canner is Jay Dee Janzen. Phone number 402-362-0512 (cell). You may call or text. Please leave a message if no answer. You could also contact the Bethesda Church Office 402-723-4562 and leave a message there and they can relay the information to Jay Dee.

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