



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

A New Day – Snyder

Call to Worship

HWB #739

Invocation

Opening Hymn

God of the Bible – STJ #273 ♥

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin

HWB #698

Anthem

Grace in My Hour of Need – arr. Greer/Smith

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:13-10:4 (NIV); James 2:1-13 (NIV)
Matthew 23:1-12 (ESV)

Sermon

Burdens of Judgment & Mercy

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

Offertory Doxology – HWB 119A

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Mennonite Mission Network
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Freeman Academy
- **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

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous – HWB #338♥

Postlude

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Marge Waltner; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); Ladies Ensemble (special music); Heather Haggerty (accompanist); **Greeters:** Kris Carlson and Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

THE CHURCH AT WORK**TODAY**

Lenten study session at 4 p.m. -- *Planning Your Funeral*; Nathan Walter
Pastor Spencer & Pastor Randall Koehler

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir
8:30 p.m. – Men’s Choir

NEXT SUNDAY, March 22, 2026

Speaker: Matthew Waltner; **Worship Leader:** Crystal Nelson; **Greeters:** Angie Brockmueller & Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Musicians:** Barb Yoder (pianist); Ladies Ensemble (special music); **Coffee:** Conference Room Class; **Scriptures:** Leviticus 8:10-30, Isaiah 57:11-21, Hebrews 10:1-25, Matthew 26:1-16

Worship Offering: Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Sunday School Offering: FRHS Assisted Living (Salem Home)

Children’s Offering: Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

COMING EVENTS

Lenten Study Series continues – 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

March 22 – *Advance Directives on Care at the End of Life*; Lindsey Unruh

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

Holy Week Services – March 30-April 1 – Freeman Community_Center

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

The Endowment Fund Team will accept grant applications until April 1 for projects that could benefit Salem Mennonite Church and/or a mission and outreach aspect of Salem Mennonite Church. Distributions will be made in June 2026.

Based on Endowment Fund policy and account balances, approximately \$10,000 is available for distribution in 2026. If grant funds are still available, another opportunity for grant applications will be offered in October 2026.

Application forms are available on the table in the narthex. An electronic version may also be requested from the church office. Duane Ries, Endowment Chr.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Freeman Academy has an immediate need for volunteers in various departments on campus. We are calling on alumni and friends to help in any of the departments listed below.

Building and Grounds, including preparation for Schmeckfest

Front Office: phone coverage, computer and other tasks

Dorm: weekend staff coverage, meals, and transportation

For these needs, contact Brice Kauffman or Charity Ortman in the school office at (605) 925-4237.

Rural Revival will meet Tuesday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

The Mennonite Churches of Freeman invite the Freeman Community to attend Holy Week services being held at the Freeman Community Center from March 30 to April 1. Each evening will begin with a time of fellowship, cookies & coffee at 6:00 pm. The service will start at 6:30 pm each night. These services allow those gathered to fellowship and worship together with heartfelt singing, engagement with the scriptures and inspired preaching.

This year's preacher Suzette Shreffler and the theme is, "God's suffering, Our suffering." Suzette Shreffler is the first enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana to become an ordained pastor in the Anabaptist world. Her and her husband, Scott, co-pastor the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church.

Suzette's Cheyenne name, Ámé'há'e, which means Flying Woman. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She has experienced numerous traumatic events throughout her life, which she struggled to cope with for many years. The accompanying pain, shame, and emotional wounds have profoundly impacted her life. At 19, she left the reservation, seeking a better life and desiring to escape the traumas she had endured. As she departed, she vowed to return only if she could help her Cheyenne people in some way.

Having been raised on the reservation, she has a deep respect for the Cheyenne way of life and the protocols among her people, which enables her to connect with them where they are on their life journey. In 2007, she embarked on a spiritual journey with Christ, and as her relationship with Jesus deepened, she experienced profound healing in her heart. Her desire is to share this transformative experience with her family and fellow Cheyenne community members.

Schmeckfest Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items for April 10 and 11. Poppysseed rolls, fruit pockets, kuchen, pumpkin rolls, jam, horseradish, and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

On Sunday evening, March 22 at 7 pm, Dan Graber and friends will be sharing a recital at Salem-Zion. Solo organ works, along with selections for flute, clarinet and piano will be performed. The recital will conclude with Schubert's Shepherd on the Rock for soprano, clarinet and piano. Performers include: Karl Graber, piano; Rebecca Huberg-Krause, flute; Heather Engberg, soprano.

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

Dementia Dialogues® Hosted by Freeman Regional Health Services

FREE Dementia Dialogues® training is being offered to the Freeman community. The program is a 5-module, evidence-informed nationally registered training course designed to bring awareness and educate community members and caregivers for people who exhibit signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. **Dinner provided. Class size is limited!** Sponsored by South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care & SD Dept. of Human Services.

Location: **Dewald Street Village (Commons Area), 600 S. Dewald St., Freeman**
7 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AVAILABLE for EMS, Dental, Long-Term Care Administrators, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Chiropractors, and CHW / CHR professionals.

Registration Link: <https://osa.cventevents.com/02zrAZ>

Part 1 -March 23rd, 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Module 1 - The Basic Facts: An Overview of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Part 2 – March 24th, 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Module 2 - Keep the Dialogue Going: Strategies for Effective Communication
Module 3 - It's a Different World: Understanding the Impact of the Environment & Ways to Promote Independence

Part 3 -March 25th, 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Module 4 - It's Nothing Personal: Addressing Challenging Behaviors
Module 5 - Now What Do We Do? Creative Problem Solving