



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

- Prelude *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* – Held
- Call to Worship HWB #683
- Invocation Prayer
- Opening Hymn *"God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea"* – HWB #53
- Greeting and Welcoming Each Other
- Hymn of Confession *"Just As I Am"* – STJ #92

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

- Scripture Reading Job 31:13-28 (NIV); Luke 16:1-13 (NIV)
- Sermon *"Faith's Bottom Line"*
- Anthem *"The Heavens are Telling"* – Haydn

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

- Announcements and Offerings
- Today's Worship offering:
 - Today's Sunday school offering:
 - Children's Offering: Freeman Community Garden
- Congregational Sharing & Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer

III. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

- Closing Hymn *"God of the Fertile Fields"*

God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bus'd,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

TEXT: *Georgius von Garsdenius* 1769, alt.
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.
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ITALIAN HYMN
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Benediction

STS #157

Postlude

“Aus meines Herzens Grunde” – J.C. Bach

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Dennis Ries; **Greeters:** Cindee Mutchelknaus and Vernetta Waltner; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Barb Yoder and Sharla Unruh (piano/organ duet); **Coffee:** Classroom #10

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.

Bible Study – 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who prepared and served the meal at The Yankton Banquet this last Thursday. We enjoyed food and fellowship with 192 guests. Please mark your calendars for February 12, 2026 as our next serving date. Mission and Service Team

NEXT SUNDAY, July 27, 2025

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Paul Balzer; **Musicians:** Allison Wilson (organist); Kaufman Sisters (special music); **Greeters:** Barb Yoder and Monte Waltner; **Coffee:** Classroom #10

Pastor's Class during Sunday School

Worship Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Sunday School Offering: Members in Mission

Children's Offering: Freeman Community Garden

Bible Study – 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Coming Events

Sunday, July 27, 2:30 p.m. – AMBS Open House with Dave Boshart

July 27-August 17 – South Church Summer Study Series

August 10-14 – Turner County Fair (Ice Cream Booth)

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

You have just a few days left if you'd like the youth group to purchase fair booth attire for you to wear when you volunteer. If you didn't receive the email showing your choices, please consult the sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board. Then email your request to Kris at krisbrad@goldenwest.net by WEDNESDAY, JULY 23. This will have to be a hard-and-fast deadline! See you in the booth!

South Church Summer Study Series: "Prayer - Opening Our Hearts and Offering Our World." **July 20** - The Lord's Prayer and New Testament Prayer in Jesus' Name; **July 27** - Praying the Psalms and Other Scripture; **Aug. 3** - Hours of Prayer & The Jesus Prayer; **Aug. 17** - Prayer in Private and Public, with Heart and Mind

You will find the 2025 Gifts Discernment Survey in your mailboxes. Please take time to prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts with the congregation. There is a box on a table in the narthex to return your completed forms along with extra copies of the survey if needed. Please **return them by July 27** so we can get started on the process of finding nominees for the open positions in 2026. Any questions feel free to contact a member of the Gifts Discernment Team---LaVonne Brockmueller, Linda Schrag or Tyrone Preheim.

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. 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!

Brennan Haggerty & Brooke Vandenhoeck were married last Saturday, July 12. We (as the congregation) wish God's blessings on their new life together!

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Rural Revival will meet on Monday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

The Freeman community is invited to an informal time of sharing with President David Boshart of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary at Salem (South) Mennonite Church on Sunday, July 27, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Refreshments will be served, and a brief update will be shared about the latest developments at AMBS. In addition, Rev. Randy Detweiler, Development Associate at AMBS, will speak on the "Reconciling Mission of God" on Sunday Morning at 10:30 a.m. **at** Salem-Zion (North) Mennonite Church.

Hosting help needed! On September 11 and 12, Et Cetera Shoppe will host a conference for thrift shops in small towns and rural communities. (We face a different set of advantages and challenges than shops located in large cities!) We would like to provide lodging in host homes for some of the conference attendees - small-town folks just like us! Lodging is needed for the nights of Wednesday, September 10 and Thursday, September 11, plus transportation to and from the conference, which will be held at the Et Cetera Shoppe in Freeman. You would not need to provide ANY meals. If you would be willing to help our shop out in this way, please call 925-7098 as soon as possible, and let Kris or Anita know how many guests you could host. Thanks in advance - we know the Freeman community will not let us down!

