



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

Rock of Ages--Lorenz

Call to Worship

The Lord will make himself known;
he will listen to pleas for mercy and will heal you.

**Lord, we are not worthy to have you come under our roof,
but only say the word, and your servants will be healed.**

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn

Sing Praise to God – HWB # 59

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace HWB #700 (unison); #708 (leader)

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings Leviticus 13:45-46, 14:1-9 (ESV); Isaiah 19:19-25 (ESV)
Matthew 8:1-17

Sermon

Cleansed, Healed, Freed

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

Hymn of Response

Healer of Our Every Ill – HWB #377

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** General Fund
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Mennonite Disaster Service
- **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

My Life Flows On – HWB #580♥

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); **Greeters:** Angie Brockmueller and Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Coffee:** Brent & Cindee Mutchelknaus

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

Deacons and Pastor will be available for conversations in the Conference room during the Sunday School hour regarding their letter to Central Plains Conference.

Sunday, July 12, 12:00 – Lunch & 1st Summer Study session on Evangelism

NEXT SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Marge Waltner; **Greeters:** Barb Yoder and Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Musicians:** (organist); **Coffee:** Paul and Janet Balzer; **Scriptures:** Numbers 16:41-17:11; Isaiah 65:17-25; Matthew 9:18-34; James 5:13-20

Worship Offering: MC USA

Sunday School Offering: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's Offering: Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 16 – Serve at the Yankton Banquet

Saturday, July 17-18 – SD MCC Sale on Freeman Academy Campus

Saturday, July 18, 4:00-9:00 p.m. – FJC/FA Athletic Reunion – open to everyone!

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

Summer Study Series on Evangelism will begin TODAY, Sunday, July 12. This first session will be held following a brown bag lunch after Sunday School. Questions may be directed to Pastor Spencer or LaVonne Brockmueller.

Freeman Ministerium Card of Thanks is posted on the Narthex bulletin board.

The MCC Resource Center in N. Newton is sending a trailer to pick up kits and comforters in Freeman, Friday, July 17. If anyone is willing to help load these items from 3-4:00 p.m., please call Debra Schmeichel, 605-648-3430.

The Elrod (Harriet) Kaufman Family received word that Elrod's brother Orvis died in a Nursing Home in Oakland, CA this week. He was 89 yrs. old and a former member of this church. His sister, Iris (Shaw) is the only remaining sibling and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Community Notes

MCC Relief Sale reminders:

My Coins Count

This year the coins will go for School Support for Displaced Children in Kikwit, Democratic Republic of Congo. This money will help provide school kits with uniforms, notebooks and supplies and helps pay tuition for secondary students. This support eases the financial burden on families rebuilding after conflict and ensures children can continue their education. The project also trains teachers in trauma awareness and child protection and supplies hygiene kits to schools for healthier learning environments. \$22 provides a uniform and school supplies for a student. \$75 covers a student's fees for the national final exam. Your coins can be placed in the jar in the narthex today or you can take them direct to the MCC Sale on Saturday.

See the bulletin board in the narthex which gives details about the various aspects of the Sale.

Frisbee Golf – This is replacing the Bike Ride from past years. It is a family friendly event that will take place on **Friday evening, July 17**. (See the bulletin board in the narthex for details).

Bake Sale – Bakers, please consider donating breads, poppyseed rolls, noodles, kuchen, pies, etc. Jams and jellies are also in demand. Guests like to buy food items that they can take home with them.

Meal – Our church is responsible for: **10 pies** that will be served with the meal. There is a sign-up sheet and pie plates on the table in the narthex.

12# frozen Hamburger (from those of you who have beef butchered) for the sloppy joe booth. Talk to Marilyn if you have some to donate.

Questions – ask Cindee Mutchelknaus, Chantel Hofer or Marilyn Brockmueller

Freeman Junior College & Freeman Academy Alumni, Coaches and their Families, plus the FANS, are invited to attend a reunion on the evening of July 18 to celebrate the legacy of 120+ years of athletics on campus. There will be fellowship, food and fun – opportunities for informal games, friendly competition, team photos, and time to tour the campus. Join us after the MCC Sale starting with campus tours at 3:30 p.m. Food for purchase will be available from Armando's Tacos. If anyone has questions or input, please contact Nathan Epp at 605-929-4716 or Vernetta Waltner at 605-321-7351.

Prayer Seeds for July

Psalm 19:3—4: *Of course, there's no speech, no words—their voices can't be heard—but their sounds extend throughout the world.* Opening thought as we pray: *Whether with words or through my actions, may my life declare your glory.*

Thanksgivings and Requests

- Bible school went well; may the children remember something of what was taught
- Matthew Tschetter was hired to be executive director of Freeman Academy; may You give him wisdom, power, and the ability to help others act at the right time
- The privilege to serve at the Yankton Banquet; may the guests see the love of God for them
- Swan Lake Camp and its ministry to young people; give staff and counselors listening ears and stamina for the summer program
- For the existence of Mennonite Central Committee and for the privilege to participate in its ministry here in Freeman through the Sale; may volunteers have fun serving
- For the structures of the larger church and the privilege to belong to Central Plains Conference; may the transitions in leadership produce good results for the Conference
- For our congregation, for our mission in the Freeman community; may we see good fruit through our commitments to Your service
- For families through which we experience daily love and companionship, for children and grandchildren, for new marriages; may we value our daily commitment to each other and the support that relationships give
- For healing of our bodies; may we remember by name those with health challenges
- For the ice cream booth at the Parker fair; may we that project go well in August
- For people everywhere who love life; we ask that the destruction of wars that we hear about and the ones we are participating in cease, and we pray for those whose lives have been uprooted and irreparably wounded
- For health care workers in the Congo responding to the Ebola virus; may the Christian church there be able to help in crucial ways.
- For the church in every place in the world; may we all remain faithful to spreading the news of Your love for the world by giving Jesus to help us know Your love

May the Lord lead his own out of their troubles; may they not strike back but remain under the cross and shadow of his wings. Pilgram Marpeck

--Duane, Peggy and Derrold, Lois, and Pastor Spencer

