



# Salem Mennonite Church

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**April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday**

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## **I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

(9:15-9:30) Gathering

- <https://zoom.us/j/278905019>
- Or phone call-in # (312) 626-6799 and Meeting ID: 278 905 019
- One-Tab Mobile (iPhone) +16699009128,,278905019#

**Prelude** Variations on “Christ ist erstanden” – arr. Fisher, Held, J.S. Bach

**Choral Call to Worship** “An Easter Introit” – Angerman and Paige  
Brass: Rolf Olson, Cheryl Gering, Brittney Kempf, Ryan Brockmueller,  
Paul Balzer and Brennan Haggerty (April 1, 2018)

### **Responsive Call to Worship:**

Leader: They tried to stone Him in the temple when He proclaimed the greatest news of all time.

**People: But He Lives!**

Leader: They tried to stop the joyous fulfillment of prophecy.

**People: But He lives!**

Leader: They mocked Him and beat Him, hoping that He would die even before He was nailed to that merciless beam.

**People: But He Lives!**

Leader: They laughed at Him like fools when He said those words of the immortal God, “Father, forgive them.” They wanted His blood and not His heart.

**People: But He Lives!**

Leader: He was nailed to the cross and suffered the torture and humiliation of the entire world. It was placed on His shoulders like a sacrificial lamb led to the altar to appease a Holy God.

**People: But He lives!**

Leader: They laughed as He died. They made sure He would be lost forever among the grave stones of eternity.

**People: But He Lives!**

Leader: They put a stone that would smother the truth. That would keep the dead in their rightful place.

**People: But He Lives!**

Leader: They thought they had seen the last of this man who loved them unconditionally.

**People: But He lives!**

Leader: Yes, He lives. They still want to muffle His grace.

**People: But He Lives!**

Leader: They still want to stop His power.

**People: But He Lives!**

Leader: They still want to bury the miracle.

**People: But He lives!**

**All: Praise God! Jesus, King Jesus lives.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome & Greeting One Another**

**Opening Hymn**

“Low in the Grave He Lay” – MH #567

## **II. HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**Sermon:**

“Jesus’ Resurrection and Us”

**Scripture Reading**

**I Corinthians 11:23-29**

**Communion**

**Anthem**

“Welcome This Resurrection Day” – Hayes

Handbells: Cheryle Gering, Heather Haggerty, Peggy Waltner (March 27, 2016)

## **III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST**

**Announcements & Offerings**

- Today’s **Worship offering** is for Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Today’s **Sunday school offering** is for Salem Sunday School
- **Children’s Offering** is for Oyate Concern Christian School

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

#### **IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Sending Hymn**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” – HWB # 280 (vs. 1-4)

**Choir with Congregation**

(“Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High” – arr. McDonald, March 27, 2016)

Brass: Donna Ries, Ben Harder, Ryan Haggerty, Cheryle Gering

**Spoken Benediction**

I Corinthians 15:55-58

**Postlude**

“O Sons and Daughters” – arr. Leavitt

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**Worship Leader:** Paul Balzer; **Speaker:** Pastor David; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ), Chancel Choir with Donna Ries and Janet Balzer (directors); Sharla Unruh (organist); Linda Schrag (pianist)

#### **THE CHURCH AT WORK**

##### **TODAY**

**We welcome all** who are worshipping with us this morning in person and on Zoom!

**Easter goodie bags are available** for the children, 8th grade on down, to pick up in the narthex. Bags are labeled for South Church children & there are extras for guests. If you are unable to attend services on Easter, bags will be left on top of the mailbox cabinet to pick up throughout the week. Since we are unable to hold the traditional Easter egg hunt, this is our way to do something special for Easter and show appreciation for the children of our church!

##### **THIS WEEK**

**Wed. (7<sup>th</sup>)** – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **7:30 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

- <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, April 11**

**Speaker:** Pastor David; **Worship Leader:** Lois Preheim; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organ)

**Worship Offering:** Oyate Concern School

**Sunday School Offering:** AMBS/EMS

**Children’s Offering:** Oyate Concern School

##### **COMING EVENTS**

**April 14** – Church Council Meeting

**April 21** – Christian Formation Meeting

## **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES**

**We would like to sincerely thank** all of you for your prayers, texts, cards, phone calls, gifts, and food these past few months. We have felt so much love from our congregation and feel blessed beyond measure! We are grateful for the healing that has and is still taking place!! Love and blessings to each of you!! Love, Kaye and Terry Waltner and family

**John & Jeri Butkus are first-time grandparents!** Jace John was born on January 15, 2021 to Blake and Natalie Kirschenman.

### **The Easter lilies this year are in memory of:**

Melvin & Betty Schmeichel from their family

Gordon Brockmueller from Shirley & his family

Bernard & Amelia Kaufman and Harold Mutchelknaus from Jake & Irene Gross

Dr. Ernest & Elsie Hofer, Gloria & Merle Miller from Dawn Stahl

Happy Easter “And in His resurrection we have eternal life”

Ryan Graber & Jerry Graber from their family

## **COMMUNITY AND BEYOND**

**Prayer concern:** Please lift up prayers for the family of Mark Osborne, Saint Peter, Minn., who was tragically killed in a tractor accident on Wednesday, March 31. Remember Liz, (formerly Liz Preheim of this congregation), Morgan, Sara and Casey, as they go through this difficult time of loss.

**MDS Pine Ridge Project:** After the Covid work slowdown, we are now increasing our efforts to finish the binational Pine Ridge project. The home building work is completed, and now we are in the interior finishing phase of the volunteer center which the local Long Term Recovery Team asked MDS to build for the purpose of providing a place for future volunteer groups to be housed and fed. Remaining tasks include some drywall hanging, interior painting, hanging prehung doors, base, window and door trim, floor epoxy coating, kitchen cabinet and mini-split A/C unit installation. If you are able to assist in this opportunity now or in the next few months, please contact our SD MDS coordinators LeRoy Pullman (605-660-1014) or Dennis Ries (605-925-7788) to arrange details.

**The world is longing to “return to normal”,** and so is the Et Cetera Shoppe! But in order to do so, we would need more volunteers. Currently we are in need of clothing pricers (a weekly position), a shoe department person (totally flexible), and clerks up front (flexible shifts). If you'd like to join the fun and be part of our mission that impacts people both locally and globally, PLEASE call the shop at 925-7098 and talk to Kris or Anita to express your interest.

## **SCHMECKFEST NOTES**

**Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming support** of our Schmeckfest Drive-Thru weekends. Without the generous donations from our local bakers and the volunteers at work days preparing baked goods and sausage, this event would not have taken place. We are so grateful to all of you! We appreciate all the shoppers who bought food and made additional monetary donations to Schmeckfest and Freeman Academy. Your support made this event a huge success! We hope you enjoyed our "taste of Schmeckfest" and anticipate a "back to normal" event in 2022! Freeman Academy Auxiliary executive committee

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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am (in person & Zoom) No Sunday School at this time  
Office Hours – Wednesday - Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday  
Amy Waltner, Administrative Assistant (southchurch@goldenwest.net) 925-4553  
David Erdman, Interim Pastor 605 350-7231  
Bob Engbrecht, Pastor 648-3017/659-4331

## **Sunday School Information**

**The "conference room" Sunday school class** is meeting via zoom, we are using the Salt and Light material. We are open to anyone interested in joining us, the zoom link is 730 116 4491. We meet following the worship service at approximately 11am.

**The adult Sunday School class** that meets in Room 10 (and is still often referred to as the "Young Marrieds" class) welcomes others to join them via Zoom. Contact Brad Carlson for the login info or to find out more. Please know that all are welcome! You don't have to be young or even married to participate.

**The intergenerational adult class** meets starting around 11:15 AM, or about 15 minutes after the worship service ends. Several individuals share the responsibility of leading our class sessions and we welcome any and all to join us via Zoom! The link, meeting ID, and passcode are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89643979906?pwd=TXZRWmxSSUJwcHphS3BiWE dyd2MwZz09> Meeting ID: 896 4397 9906 Passcode: SS2020 We study the *Salt & Light* material.

**The Northeast Sunday School class meets** Sunday afternoon at 4:00. You can contact Dennis Ries (925-7788) for log-in information.

