



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

“Simple gifts” – Held

Call to Worship (*Psalm 16:5-11*)

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People: For you will not abandon my soul to the grave, or let your holy one see corruption.

Leader: You make known to me the path of life;

People: in your presence there is fullness of joy, at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” – HWB #285

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Hymn of Confession

“Spirit of God, Descend” – HWB #502

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Children’s Lesson

Scripture Readings

Psalm 110:1-3; Mark 12:35-37; Acts 2:22-41

Sermon

“Jesus, the Word of Promise”

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

Musical Response

"Trinity Song" – Sandra McCracken

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering**: Swan Lake Christian Camp
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Salem Sunday School
- **Children's Offering**: Bethany Food Pantry

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

"Filled With the Spirit's Power" – HWB #289

V. BENEDICTION (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Postlude

"They'll Know We are Christians" - Held

Greeters: Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Worship Leader:** LaVonne Brockmueller;
Musicians: Heather Haggerty (organist), Clara Beseman & Jada Koerner (special music); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Class #14

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning! Coffee is available in the fellowship hall following the worship service. There are small cups with lids for children to use.

A short meeting will follow the worship service to affirm our church's delegates for Central Plains Conference. The following church members are recommended by our Church Council: Brad Carlson, Peggy (Derrold) Waltner, Barb Yoder, Marilyn Brockmueller, Marge Waltner, Everett Waltner and Vernetta Waltner.

3:00 p.m. (at the Bethel Church on the HHM&A grounds) – In the first of a three-part series, Heritage Hall Museum & Archives will take a look at life in the area known today as Ukraine. **Museum admission that day will include** the program. Admission for only the program (\$8) will be charged at the door; HHM&A members \$4.

THIS WEEK

Mon. (3rd) – Fri. (7th), 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – VBS at North Church

Tues. (4th) – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **8:00 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, June 9

10:00 a.m. – Vacation Bible School program at North Church

Worship Offering: SD MCC Relief Sale

Sunday school Offering:

Children's Offering: Bethany Food Pantry

COMING EVENTS

June 11 – Mission & Service Team Meeting

June 20-23 – CPMC Annual Meeting in Wayland, IA

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow at 9AM and goes until 1:15PM. Children will need to bring a sack lunch. Snacks will be provided.

A special thank you to those who gave so generously to the Freeman Regional Hospital Fund Drive. Dawn Stahl

As plans for the celebration of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonite immigration to South Dakota fall into place, we will need additional funds to promote these events. Any monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. The South Church has created an account to fund this celebration. Checks should be made to "Salem Mennonite Church" and given to any of the committee members. **The 150th anniversary committee** (Corey Miller, Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Everett Waltner and Rudy Brockmueller)

This year is the 150th year of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites coming to South Dakota. There will be two videos shown later this summer. One is "The Radicals" which goes back to the founding of the Anabaptist faith. The other is "The Reformer" which tells the story of Ulrich Zwingli and the founding of the Reformed Church. **The 150th anniversary committee** is very excited about this upcoming commemoration scheduled for Sept. 7 & 8. We will be filling you in on our many ideas and plans as the year progresses. One thing we would like from you right now is your family stories, stories of your grandparents and great grandparents, people who have shaped our church and community. We are looking for stories that could be shared as children's stories, in Sunday School classes, in newsletters and possibly a booklet that we hope to compile. We are looking for stories of adventure, of hard times, of celebrations, and especially stories of faith. Please give or send your written stories to one of the committee members. Thank you.

Wednesday Night Summer Study Series - "O Sing Ye -- Hymns and Congregational Singing." June 12 - July 3, 7:00-8:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served before the first session, at 6:45 pm on June 12. Pastor Spencer and Dawn Stahl will lead four sessions about the spirituality of hymn-singing, and the history and role of hymns in the church. Each session will include some singing!

Pastor Bob Engbrecht will be retiring from his ministry as Associate Pastor of Senior Ministries at Salem Mennonite, effective July 1. On behalf of the congregation, the Deacons and Pastor Spencer offer their deep gratitude for his years of ministry in this church. We pray God's continual blessings for him and Marla in the next stage of their journey, and welcome them to return to worship and fellowship with us whenever the Spirit leads them back here! On Sunday, June 30, Pastor Bob will preach the sermon in our morning worship service, and we will have a fellowship lunch together to celebrate his ministry with us.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace will meet Wednesday, June 12 at 11:30 A.M. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

You are all invited to a Father's Day *Making Music for MCC* program at Hutterthal Mennonite Church on June 16 at 7pm. You will experience a variety of music (organ, piano and vocal) performed by musicians from several local churches. The offering will be designated to the MCC Relief Sale My Coins Count project to help secure pure water for families in Bolivia. Enjoy root beer floats to end the evening.

ATTENTION LOCAL MCC ALUMNI – in connection with the Father's *Day Making Music for MCC* Program at Hutterthal, we are inviting local MCC alumni to form a choir to sing 2 familiar hymns. No rehearsal needed. Whether you are a singer or not, you are welcome in this choir. Please join us for this special evening as we acknowledge those who have served with MCC. Children who were with their parents while they were serving with MCC are also invited to sing. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord as we raise funds for the relief sale My Coins Count clean water water project.

Job Opportunities at Freeman Academy: Administration Manager (Full-time): Freeman Academy seeks a well-organized self-starter to manage data systems related to student enrollment, faculty certification, and related data. This person also helps organize school meetings and events and assists the Head of School with other tasks as needed. **Business Manager (75%-100%):** Freeman Academy seeks a highly detailed, well-organized individual to manage the financial operations of the school, including payroll, as well as human resource processes. Both positions include full benefits, including daycare and tuition discounts. For more information or to apply for either job access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

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