



# Salem Mennonite Church

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## I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

*“Cortege et Litanie”* – Dupre  
*“Largo from Xerxes”* – Handel

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 105)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Leader: He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

**People: They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**

Leader: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

**People: For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. He brings out his people with joy, his chosen ones with singing.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

*“Brethren, We Have met to Worship”* – HWB #8

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Confession of Sin (in unison)

HWB #692

## II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Scripture Readings

John 6:1-15, 25-40

Sermon

*“Jesus is More Than Enough”* – Michele Hershberger

Children’s Time

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

Hymn of Response

*"Lamp of our Feet"* – HWB #312

#### **Announcements & Offerings**

- Today's **Worship offering**: Central Plains Mennonite Conference
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Bethany Food Pantry
- **Children's Offering**: Bethany Food Pantry

#### **Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

### IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* – HWB #582

#### **Benediction** (from Psalm 105)

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! Go in joy and peace.

Postlude

*"Hornpipe"* – Handel

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**Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Worship Leader:** Katelyn Hurley; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); **Speaker:** Michele Hershberger; **Children's Time:** Jeri Butkus; **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.

**In celebration of our 40th** wedding anniversary today, please join us in the fellowship hall for cake following the worship service. James & Sharla

### THIS WEEK

**Tues. (25<sup>th</sup>), 7:00 p.m.** – Christian Formation Meeting

**Wed. (26<sup>th</sup>), 7:00 p.m.** – Bible Study: "Hymns Across the History of Christian Worship"

### NEXT SUNDAY, June 30

**Speaker:** Pastor Bob; **Worship Leader:** Lois Preheim; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Coffee:** Class #14

**Worship Offering:** Mennonite Disaster Service

**Sunday school Offering:** AMBS/EMS

**Children's Offering:** Bethany Food Pantry

**We will be having a potluck** to celebrate Pastor Bob's time with us. Pork loin sandwiches will be served. Those with last names starting with A – O should bring a side dish or salad and those starting with P – Z should bring a dessert.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**July 3** – Final Bible Study Session – “Hymns Across Times and Seasons”

**July 4** – Early Bulletin Deadline

**July 7** – Kate Friesen Will be Speaking

**July 18** – Serving at the Yankton Banquet

## **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

**This week (June 23- 29)** is our week to work in the Community Garden in Freeman. With several inches of rain in Freeman this week, we will need to let things dry out a little before we can weed and maintain the garden. If you are able to help later this week, perhaps on Thursday or Friday evening, please contact Chantel Hofer. Our next picking/weeding assignment is not until the week of August 18.

**Church Council would like** to have an updated pictorial directory made. Anyone who is interested in helping organize this project should contact Vernetta before July 11.

**The Mission and Service Team has decided** to continue supporting the work among the indigenous Cofan people of Ecuador begun by the Ross Richer family. Sadly, because of the high danger of drug and gang related violence there, the Ross Richers are unable to return to continue their work. However, in order to continue supporting the growth of the Christian church there, a new organization named “Two Way Mission,” has been organized which will be handled through the Ross Richer's home church, Waterford Mennonite Church. They have established a planning board, including Jerrell, to support the mission. The goals of this mission are to support the ongoing discipleship and leadership development among the indigenous Christians, including scholarships for university education of teachers, nurses, and pastors. It will support the continuation of the Mobile Bible Institute; travel funds for local church outreach; and occasional travel between Ecuador and USA. The Mission and Service Department will direct the budgeted \$3000 for 2024 to this cause.

**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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee** (Corey Miller, Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Everett Waltner and Rudy Brockmueller)

## **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**Prayers and help are needed** to support Jerry & Judi Kroeker and Swan Lake Christian Camp. Within the past week, two employees have resigned, one employee needed knee surgery and is not able to work the rest of the summer, and a Bible leader for later this summer has declined to serve. Along with prayers, volunteers and names of potential employees are needed for the camps to run successfully under the Kroeker's leadership. Positions that need to be filled are a full time kitchen person & a program director. Please contact the camp at 605-326-5690 or email at [campoffice@myslcc.com](mailto:campoffice@myslcc.com) to find out how you might be able to support this important ministry.

**The June edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: The MDS Cabinet Shop celebrates a new warehouse, the Peace Academic Center gets an unexpected boost and a bridge opens access to more than 25 families. Sign up to volunteer this summer and fall.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3RuHArK>

**Schmeckfest Sausage is having a summer sale** on Thursday, June 27, from 4-8 p.m. We hope to clear our remaining inventory so are offering it at a reduced price. Watch the local shopper for more details.

**Rural Revival will meet June 24 at 7:30 pm** at the Freeman library for the annual meeting, board reorganization and election of officers. All are welcome to attend.

**Church friends**, during our busy summer season, if anyone who is driving to Sioux Falls or Yankton would be willing to haul some boxes of excess or expired donations to Goodwill for us, we would be so grateful. Feel free to pull up to our back door, and we'll load up as many boxes as you have room for. Thank you for your continued support of our work! -Et Cetera Shoppe

**The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** is hosting its second event of a 5-part series exploring the background history of the current conflict between Israel and Palestine. On **Friday June 28 at 7PM** in the Freeman Community Center 224 S. Wipf St. Freeman SD 57029, Shaykh Hamzah Maqbul will present on how the different faith communities (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) interacted with each other throughout history.

This event will be live-streamed and recorded. Please follow the Facebook and Youtube pages for the Freeman Network for Justice and Peace for details.

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