



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In” (MH #208) – Kara-Elert
“O for a Thousand Tongues” – Hopson
“O for a Thousand Tongues” – Manz

Call to Worship (*Psalm 104:24, 30-33*)

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

**People: May the glory of the LORD endure forever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works,**

Leader: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

**People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being!**

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Come with Power”— HWB #26

Confession & Reconciliation

HWB #781 (in unison)

Announcements & Offerings

- Today’s **Worship offering**: Oyate Hope Academy
- Today’s **Sunday school offering**: Heritage Hall Museum & Archives
- **Children’s Offering**: Heifer International

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

II. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Making Whole" – HWB #300

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 14:15-27

Sermon

"Companion of Orphans"

Invitation Song

"Come As You Are"

III. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Sharing the Bread and Cup at the Lord's Table

(Communion will be served at the front. If you are unable to come forward, a Deacon will serve you in the pew.)

IV. SENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Closing Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" – HWB #478

Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

"Come, Holy Spirit" – Clokey

Greeters: Brad & Kris Carlson; **Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist), Mixed Quartet; **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Class #18

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. There are small cups with lids for children to use.

Congregational Conversation Hour and Potluck following Sunday School. Plan to join us!

NEXT SUNDAY, May 26

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Margie Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); **Greeters:** Brad & Kris Carlson; **Coffee:** Class #18

Worship Offering: Mennonite Mission Network

Sunday school Offering: Camper Scholarships

Children's Offering: Heifer International

COMING EVENTS

June 3-7 – Vacation Bible School at North Church

June 5 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting

June 9 – VBS Program at North Church

June 11 – Mission & Service Team Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

A short congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, June 2 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.

Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors! Register to attend Annual Meeting where you can worship, fellowship, discern and learn with your brothers and sisters from across CPMC! See our website to learn more and to register, www.centralplainsmc.org

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 (Corey Miller, Marnette Hofer, Polly Waltner, Gwen Ortman, Rudy Brockmueller, and Everett Waltner) 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.

Vern Schrag (Kingman, KS) has completed a study on the Swiss Volhynian immigration to America in 1874 and has made it available to the congregation. A copy of his study is available on the table in the narthex. You are welcome to take it home to look, but please don't keep it very long.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! This year the joint North and South Church VBS will be held at the North Church on June 3-7 starting at 9:00 AM and ending at 1:15 PM. Children will need to bring a sack lunch. Snacks will be provided.

The music team is now scheduling worship music for June through early October. This is the time to offer your musical talents and share your gifts with the congregation. It is also an opportunity to have family or friends visiting here to bring music and be a part of our worship service. If you are willing to provide a solo, duet or organize a small group, either vocal or instrumental, please contact Kathy Kleinsasser or any of the music team members.

It is time to renew our group subscription to Anabaptist World. The publication would like the group recipient list updated by June 1st as that is when they will invoice us for the next year. If you would like to continue receiving Anabaptist World or would like to be added to the list please contact Lee Brockmueller as soon as you can. Also, let him know of any address changes. The cost remains at \$39 per subscription.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

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. Full benefits, including daycare and tuition discounts, apply. For more information or to apply, access the application at <https://freemanacademy.org/about/employment/> or contact Dr. Brad Anderson, Head of School, at banderson@freemanacademy.org / 605.925.4237.

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Rural Revival will meet Monday, May 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman library. All are welcome to attend.

The May edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King introduces you to some of our national partners, learn how MDS is helping those who help the homeless in Selma, Alabama, and take a look at the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4akQLBQ>

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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THE COMMUNION OF THANKSGIVING

Minister praying in light print, congregation prays in bold.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. We come in gratitude for Jesus' cross and resurrection, giving from our receiving, inviting as we have been invited, serving as we are served, renewing our bond to the narrow way of Jesus. All those baptized into following Jesus are invited to his covenant table.

**The Lord is God, compassionate and gracious,
overflowing in loving mercy and steadfast kindness.
Blessed be God, now and forever!**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hills are now united on this table in bread and drink, so Lord, may we be made a true community of your Spirit as your Body on earth, and may your whole people soon be gathered together from across the earth in your Kingdom of holy peace.

Come, Lord Jesus! To you be glory forever!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise to the Lord,
because he is good; his love is eternal.**

Truly, it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to offer our praise, worship, and thanksgiving to you, Almighty and Ever living God. For your generous grace creating life, for redemption from slavery and sin, and for calling your people into obedient love through your law, prophets, and apostles,

Blessed are you, O God, holy and mighty.

For your Son Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer; for his call to faith and peace; for his death and resurrection to bring forgiveness while we were your enemies killing him; for life in his Spirit, free from sin and death; for our communion with him in his Body, and the promise of his return in your full kingdom.

Blessed are you, Creator Spirit, who makes all things new!

Come, Spirit of Christ, and fulfill the promise of your kingdom among us. For on the night that he was betrayed, during supper, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." So with praise and thanksgiving, we offer to you all these gifts and our very selves, received from your grace, to be a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's self-giving for us and for the whole world:

We praise you, we bless you, we worship and thank you, O Lord our God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this communion, on us gathered here and on these gifts, that the sharing of this bread and cup may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify and fill us with your true presence, that in all our lives we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. As we share your presence anew at this table of your giving, let us share your presence with the world in the giving of our lives and selves, in your service for all people. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one in fellowship with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast together at your heavenly table with all your saints. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

AMEN.