



Salem Mennonite Church

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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” – arr. Zachau

“Holy, Holy, Holy” – arr. Logan

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly host, ascribe to the LORD
glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Leader: The God of glory thunders over many waters.

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is
full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness, and strips the
forest bare;

People: and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD
bless his people with peace!**

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Greeting One Another

Opening Hymn

“Come Thou Almighty King” – HWB #41

Confession & Reconciliation (*from Isaiah 6:1-8*)

Leader: I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the
hem of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim,
each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces,
with two they covered their feet, and with two they were
flying. And they called to one another:

**People: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full
of his glory.”**

Leader: At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds
shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

People: I cried, “Woe to me! I am lost, for I have unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

Leader: Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

People: And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Anthem

“If We Sing At All” – Pethel

Children’s Lesson

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9; John 15:26-16:15

Sermon

“The Harmonies of Love”

Instrumental Response

“In dich hab Ich gehoffet, Herr” – J.C. Bach

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

The Nicene Creed (in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Announcements & Offerings

- Today's **Worship offering**: Mennonite Mission Network
- Today's **Sunday school offering**: Camper Scholarships
- **Children's Offering**: Heifer International

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

- **Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig** are serving in Chad, with their three children, through Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Christy as she works as a nurse-midwife and for Peter as he teaches at Shalom: Evangelical Theological Seminary. Pray also for the children as they build relationships with their neighbors.

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" – HWB #121

V. BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Choral Benediction

"Holy is the Lord" - Schubert

Postlude

Greeters: Brad & Kris Carlson; **Worship Leader:** Margie Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist), Mixed Quartet: Norm Kaufman, Kathy Kleinsasser, Lyle Preheim, Sonja Waltner; **Accompanist:** Barb Yoder; **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.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 2

Speaker: Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** LaVonne Brockmueller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Coffee:** Class #14

Worship Offering: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Sunday school Offering: Salem Sunday School

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

New address for Annie Carlson: 6949 E. Rushwood Circle, Wichita KS 67226

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.

Wednesday Night Summer Study Series - "O Sing Ye -- Hymns and Congregational Singing." June 12 - July 3, 7:00-8:00 pm. A simple supper will be served before the first session, at 6:00 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!

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.

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.

May 26: It's not too late to get the discounted rate for CPMC's Annual Meeting--but rates go up on June 1. Register today to attend Annual Meeting where we will worship, learn, fellowship and discern together! See our website for more information and to register, www.centralplainsmc.org

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.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Much of the focus of this year's 150th anniversary of the wave of Germans-from-Russia immigrants is on their arrival in Dakota Territory that began in 1874. But the story of that migration goes back to Europe and southern Russia prior to the exodus of thousands of German-speaking people who had lived there for more than a century. **In the first of a three-part series**, Heritage Hall Museum & Archives in Freeman will take a look at life in the area known today as Ukraine. Scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 2 at the historical Bethel Church on the HHM&A grounds, the program will explore the impetus for people moving to that region starting in the 1700s. It will take a look at what life was like there, and what prompted them to leave starting in the 1870s. **A four-member panel** – Dan Flyger, Marnette (Ortman) Hofer, Norman Hofer and S. Roy Kaufman – will look at various aspects of this story. That includes the history and perspectives of Hutterite, Lutheran, Low German Mennonite, Reformed, and Swiss Amish who all settled primarily in Hutchinson and Turner counties in southeastern Dakota Territory in the 1870s. **Museum admission that day will include** the program. Admission for only the program (\$8) will be charged at the door; HHM&A members \$4.

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.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
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From Mom's Stash

Instructions for Life. . .

- ◆ Give people more than they expect, and do it cheerfully.
- ◆ When you say I love you, mean it.
- ◆ When you say I'm sorry, look the person in the eye.
- ◆ When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
- ◆ Pray. There's immeasurable power in it.
- ◆ Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
- ◆ When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
- ◆ Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- ◆ In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation.
Don't bring up the past.
- ◆ Be gentle with the earth.
- ◆ Mind your own business.
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