



**Salem
Mennonite
Church**

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Remembering Gratitude

I. GATHERED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude "Voluntary on 'Kremser'" – Young, "Fantasia on 'Dix'" – Smith

Choral Call to Worship "Come, Ye Thankful People" – arr. Elvey

Welcome & Affirmation of Faith blue HWB #713

Scriptural Call to Worship **Philippians 4:4-13**

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ **Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.** ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters,

whatever is true,

whatever is noble,

whatever is right,

whatever is pure,

whatever is lovely,

whatever is admirable

—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy —

think about such things.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you...

¹¹... [F]or I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Choral Praise "Now Thank We All Our God" – arr. Cain

Pastoral Reflection "Praying in the key of G(ratitude)"

II. RESPONDING WITH PRAISE FOR CHRIST' PROVISIONS

Hymns of Response

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" blue HWB #328

Psalm 145

Gratitude Sheets

(see insert)

Offering

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)
"Songs of Gratitude and Praise" – Engel

Congregational Sharing & Prayers

- ❖ We thank the Holy Spirit for the **joy of worshipping with North Church sisters and brothers** this coming week in our longest-running Thanksgiving Day tradition; may the fellowship gladden our hearts.
- ❖ We petition God for healing and peace for Nancy Halvorson's family as her daughter-in-law **Trish Schweitzer & Dave** face an increasingly complicated cancer treatment journey; may their hearts, minds and bodies be guarded in Christ Jesus and may Trisha receive healing.
- ❖ We give Jesus, our Lord, thanks for **Christ's reign of unity and love seen between South Church members** that transcends the worldly kingdoms' divisions of partisan identities, fears and opinions.

III. SENT, FULL OF GOD'S SPIRIT OF PEACE

Doxology Hymn

(vv. 1-3) "We Praise Thee, O Lord" blue HWB #99

Spoken Blessing

Postlude

"Praise the Lord" – Kumler

Greeters: Chris & Carol Eisenbeis; **Musicians:** Marilyn Brockmueller (organ), Men's Choir; **Worship Leader:** Ruth Strasser; **Speaker:** Pastor Nick; **Nursery:** Deb Beier; **Coffee:** Class #10

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today

Heritage Hall Archives

Offering Next Sunday

Salem Sunday School

Children's S.S. Offering

Yankton Banquet

THE CHURCH AT WORK

TODAY

We welcome all who have come to worship with us this morning! Please take time to greet others, invite them to Sunday school, and grab some coffee.

12:30-2:00 –Christmas Eve program practice for children in grades 2-8.

Come hear more of Megan Eisenbeis' MCC experience! – You are invited to a Nepali-inspired supper and time of learning starting at 5:30pm tonight in South Church's fellowship hall. Megan will share about her work related to diet, nutrition and sustainable food choice. A love offering will be received for the meal and for MCC nutrition programs.

THIS WEEK

Wed. (27th), 9:30 a.m. – Early Bulletin Deadline & Printing

6:30 p.m. – Handbells

8:00 p.m. – Men's Choir

9:00 p.m. – Combined Men's Choir Rehearsal at North Church

Thurs. (28th), 10:30 a.m. – Thanksgiving Day Service at Salem-Zion, Offering for MCC Meat Canner (make checks out to Salem-Zion)

Sat. (30th), 10:00 – Youth Decorating Church for Christmas

NEXT SUNDAY, December 1

Speaker: Pastor Nick; **Worship Leader:** Katelyn Graber; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organ), Handbells; **Greeters:** Bob & Cheryl Wollmann; **Offering:** Harvest Thank Offering; **Nursery:** Janet Balzer; **Coffee:** Conf. Room Class

There will be a Sunday School opening for the preschool-4th grade classes.

COMING EVENTS

December 1 – Fellowship Hall Reserved for the Afternoon

December 2 – Deacon Board Meeting

December 3 – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting

December 7 – Trustee Work Day

December 8 – Oakview Chapel

Church Annual Meeting, 5:30 potluck followed by meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Our group subscription to *The Mennonite* is now due. Please contact Amy by December 11 if you want to be included.

On Thursday, November 28, when we gather as two churches to celebrate Thanksgiving, we will be accepting the following food donations for the Marion School and Freeman Public School: Granola bars, protein bars, peanut butter and crackers, mixed nuts, almonds, and cash for yogurt and string cheese. These items will be distributed by the school counselors to kids who need a snack to get through their day. Please place your donations in the baskets in the narthex and Thank You from the Salem-Zion Outreach and Service Committee on behalf of Bearcat Avenue and Freeman Public School.

The youth will decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 30 beginning at 10:00 a.m. We would welcome extra hands. If you enjoy Christmas decorating, please join us!

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one during this holiday season, please contact Cheryl at 925-4204.

Annual meeting will be held Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. We are asking everyone to bring a finger food to share for a light meal at 5:30.

Carols at Oakview on Sunday afternoon, December 8th – South Church will lead the Oakview Terrace chapel service at 2:30. It will be a half-hour of “Lessons & Carols” (nativity story scriptures and singing) with residents. All people interested in being part of our caroling group may join us there!

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Swan Lake Christian Camp will be hosting Piano Night at the Lake on Saturday, December 7 at 6:00pm. A meal will be served while being entertained with music from area musicians. Reservations are required and a free will donation will be taken. Call 605-326-5690 or email campoffice@myslcc.com to make your reservation. A raffle is being held for a Christmas quilt. The winner will be drawn at Piano night. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased by contacting Judi. Pictures of the quilt can be seen on the SLCC facebook page.

Rural Revival will meet at 8:00 p.m., November 25 in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend. The education topic for this month is hobby beekeeping presented by Bob Engbrecht

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday – Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
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