



# Salem Mennonite Church

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**May 11, 2025**

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## **I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE**

**Prelude** *Variations on “St. Anne” – arr. Manz, Young, Fleischer*

**Call to Worship** STS #179

**Invocation Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** “Christ Who Left His Home in Glory” – HWB #283  
(v. 1 & 3)

**Greeting and Welcoming Each Other**

**Children’s Music**

**Hymn of Confession** “At Evening When the Sun Had Set” – HWB #628

## **II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD**

**Scripture Readings** Job 5:8-18; 2 Corinthians 4:7-5:5; Luke 7:1-23

**Sermon**

**Anointing with Oil** “Christian Do You Hear the Lord?” – HWB #494  
(v. 1-4)

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

**Announcements and Offerings**

- **Today’s Worship offering:** General Fund
- **Today’s Sunday school offering:** Children’s Home Shelter/Family Safety
- **Children’s Offering:** Oyate Hope Academy

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

## **IV. RETURNING TO GOD’S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES**

**Closing Hymn** “Now Thank We All Our God” – HWB #86

**Benediction** HWB #770

**Greeters:** Brad & Kris Carlson; **Worship Leader:** Renee Bradford; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); Sunday School Children (special music); **Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Coffee:** Classroom #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.

**This Sunday morning after the sermon,** Pastor Spencer will offer anointing with oil and prayers for healing for any who wish to receive it. This is a means for the Holy Spirit to share God's life-giving grace for us in our experiences of disease, disability and frailty, in body or mind or spirit, whether short-term or chronic and ongoing. Pastor Spencer is prepared to offer this individually in personal meetings where desired also, but offering it in our gathered worship joins the prayers of the whole congregation for the Holy Spirit's work of healing and new life.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, May 14 – 7:00 p.m.** Community Baccalaureate

**Saturday, May 17 – 11:00 a.m.** Freeman Academy Graduation

**2:00 p.m.** Freeman High School Graduation

### **NEXT SUNDAY, May 18, 2025**

**Speaker:** Pastor Spencer; **Worship Leader:** Margie Waltner; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organ); **Greeters:** Barb Yoder & Monte Waltner; **Coffee:** Classroom #18; **Scripture:** Daniel 12:1-3; Acts 9:32-42; Luke 8:40-56

**Worship Offering:** Central Plains Mennonite Conference

**Sunday School Offering:** Heritage Hall Museum & Archives

**Children's Offering:** Oyate Hope Academy

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, May 20 – 7:00 p.m.** Christian Formation Meeting

**June 2-6** – Daily Vacation Bible School at South Church

### **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

**This year's VBS,** Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace, will take place at South Church on June 2-6 from 9-1:15 each morning. Snacks will be provided but children should bring their own sack lunch! Paper registration is available in the Narthex and online registration can be done

here: <https://shorturl.at/OTfsx>. VBS Superintendents are also hoping to collect items to decorate the church that fit the Egyptian theme. These may include pillars/columns, plants/vines/flowers, baskets, pots, blue fabric/plastic, or trees. Let Bailey Carlson, Lacey Friesen, or Kelsey Pidde know if you have something to provide.

**Pastor Spencer and Renee will be away May 26 - June 8**, attending the Mennonite World Conference's Anabaptism at 500 commemoration in Switzerland and the 2025 Believers Church Conference in the Netherlands. If pastoral support is needed during those dates, please contact the Deacons.

**Worship music scheduling underway:** The music team at South Church is now scheduling worship music for the summer months from 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 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.

**Christian Formation will again offer a scholarship** toward your camp registration fee. The scholarship amount you can deduct is half of your registration fee. For campers that register before May 31<sup>st</sup> (see camp early registration notice), you can calculate your ½ scholarship amount prior to deducting your \$25 early registration discount. Contact Christian Formation Treasurer, Cindi Mutchelknaus at 605-929-1714 if you have questions.

**Early Bulletin Deadline for May 11** – Announcements needed by Wednesday, May 14. Bulletin will be printed on Thursday, May 15.

**It is time to renew our group subscription** to Anabaptist World. The publication will update the group recipient list on June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to continue receiving Anabaptist World or would like to be added to the list please contact Lee Brockmueller in the next several weeks. Also, let him know of any address changes. The cost is \$44 per subscription.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference** will be hosted in Rock Island, IL at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center June 26-29. Registrations are open on-line at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/> and click on "Annual Meeting 2025". Contact Norm Kaufman or a department Church Council representative if you would like to be a delegate.

## **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** will meet Wednesday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome.

## **Head of School Opening at Freeman Academy**

Freeman Academy (Freeman, SD) is seeking an interim Head of School to begin in summer of 2025. This individual will provide educational and spiritual leadership for a K-12 Mennonite school, which has a strong fine arts tradition and rich history of serving the church and community. To learn more about Freeman Academy, please visit [freemanacademy.org](https://freemanacademy.org). To apply or for more information, email [SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org](mailto:SearchCommittee@freemanacademy.org).

**Freeman Regional Health Services Auxiliary** invites you to make a difference in the lives of our community, patients, and residents, by supporting our **Annual Fund Drive**. Checks can be made out to FRHS Auxiliary and sent to Marlene Herman, Auxiliary Treasurer, PO Box 364, Freeman, SD 57029 or given to Peggy Waltner. Donations can also be dropped off at the FRHS business office. Thank you for your support

**Summer camps at Swan Lake Christian Camp will be starting soon!** Please sign your children up early. If they are coming for overnight camp, they will get a FREE t-shirt if they register by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. New this year is a **\$25 discount** if registration is done by **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. after that, the discount will not be available. Also, our camps often fill up, so don't wait and find out the camp is full. We do our best to accommodate as many as we can but we only have so much bed space.

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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/Sunday School – Following Worship  
Vernetta Waltner, Administrative Assistant ([southchurch@goldenwest.net](mailto:southchurch@goldenwest.net)) 925-4553  
Spencer Bradford, Pastor 919-808-2024/[spencerbradford42@gmail.com](mailto:spencerbradford42@gmail.com)

## **Prayer Meeting May 2025**

**Thanksgivings** for warm, mild weather, and for spring growth.

For family visit by Janzen brothers.

For Nate and Amanda Preheim returning to Freeman.

For Jubilee Partners' assistance services for refugees.

For new sports co-op by Freeman Academy and Freeman Public.

For students graduating high school and college.

For healing and return home for Ted Boese.

### **Petitions and Intercessions**

For upcoming Bible School, for teachers and other needed support.

For summer MCC Sale

For healing, for Peggy's family member and others.

For Donna Lehmann, in hospice

For consolation and comfort for the families and friends of Mariell Waltner and Rob Huber.

For Central Plains Mennonite Conference summer meeting, and delegates from South Church.

For Swan Lake summer camps, for staff and students.

For those struggling with conditions of flooding of southern U.S., or drought in South Dakota.

For Freeman Academy in charting the future.

For those injured, bereaved, or suffering from war or social unrest in Gaza, Lebanon, West Bank, Israel, Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, Congo, Iraq, Syria and Ukraine.

For Dennis and Shirley's home sale.

