Salem Mennonite Church
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I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

Prelude *Prelude in Classic Style* -- Young

Choral Call to Worship *Join in the Song* – Pethel

Invocation Prayer

Opening Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation* – HWB #90

Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

Hymn of Confession *Lord Jesus Think on Me* – HWB #527

Anthem *Go in My Father's Name* - Martin

II. HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Children's Message Pastor Spencer

Scripture Readings Exodus 33:12-23 (NRSV); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NRSV)

Sermon *Show Me Your Glory*

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

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Voice of Hope
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Swan Lake Camper Scholarships
- **Children's Offering:** Oyate Hope Academy

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

IV. RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn *The Work is Thine, O Christ Our Lord*– HWB #396

Benediction

Postlude *They'll Know We Are Christians* -- Held

Speaker: Jonah & Memee Yang; **Worship Leader:** Spencer Bradford; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist); Mixed Octet-LeRoy Epp, Lacey Friesen, Judy Graber, Patrick Hofer, Norm Kaufman, Kathy Kleinsasser, Lyle Preheim, Sonja Waltner (special music); Deb Schmeichel (accompanist); **Greeters:** Brad and Kris Carlson; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

TODAY

Sunday, October 18 – Noon Potluck Meal

THE CHURCH AT WORK

NEXT SUNDAY, October 25, 2026

Speaker: Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Cheryle Gering; **Greeters:** Brad and Kris Carlson; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Ladies Ensemble (special music); **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

Worship Offering: MCC Meat Canner
Sunday School Offering: Student Tuition Sharing Fund
Children's Offering: Oyate Hope Academy

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. – Handbells
8:00 p.m. – Ladies Ensemble
Friday, October 23, 11:00-1:00 – Hospital Auxiliary Soup Day at Sr. Citizen Center

COMING EVENTS

Sunday October 25 – Congregation Conversations & Lunch
Sundays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 – Bible Study/Interpreting Scripture Wisely and Well
Sunday, December 6 – Annual Meeting w/noon potluck

SOUTH CHURCH NOTES

For our Congregational Conversation potluck on the 25th, we're going to throw it back to the days of the annual Chili Feed! Please bring either a crockpot of your family's favorite chili, OR a 9x13" pan of dessert. Everything else will be provided - including a special treat! Please plan to join us!

COMMUNITY NOTES

On Sunday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. rehearsals will begin for the Swiss Choral Society in preparation of John Rutter's *Requiem.* Rehearsals will take place at Salem-Zion Mennonite and scores will be provided. All singers are encouraged to attend!

Hospital Auxiliary Soup Day: Enjoy delicious soup, sandwiches and pie, pick up some homemade baked goods, and support the Auxiliary's efforts to provide equipment and services that benefit Freeman Regional patients and residents. **Want to help?** Donate your favorite baked goods! Donations can be dropped off at the Senior Citizen Center any time after 8 AM on **October 23.**
Come eat, shop, donate and support healthcare in our community - Thank you for your support!

On Sunday, Oct 25 – The film **"The Voice of Hind Rajab,"** winner of the "Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize" at the 2025 film festival, will be shown Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Interpretive Center in Freeman. This film is sponsored by The Freeman Network for Justice and Peace.

Rural Revival will meet Tuesday, October 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome to attend.

Central Plains Mennonite Conference is looking for a Conference Minister for Ministerial Leadership. This position gives leadership to the credentialing, pastoral transitions, and leadership development and training in Central Plains and serves as a pastor to the ministering persons of the conference. Interested individuals should contact Michael Swartzendruber, Conference Moderator, at mswartzendruber@gmail.com.

One last fall MDS service opportunity – This fall SD MDS has been helping several single mothers replace their roofs due to severe damage from summer storms at Pine Ridge. If you are able to be part of a two-day work crew on **November 6-7** to replace one more roof, please call or text SD chairman Craig Wollman at 605-760-9657.