



# Salem Mennonite Church

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

**Prelude**      *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* - arr. Larry Clark  
7-8 Ensemble  
*"Buds & Blossoms"* – Cornelius Gurlitt; Jax Kaufman, piano  
*"Three Spirituals"* - arr. Lewis J. Buckley; Woodwind Ensemble

### **Call to Worship (Psalm 75:1)**

We give thanks to you, O God;

**We give thanks, for your name is near.**

**We recount your wondrous deeds!**

**Choral Call to Worship** *"Let there be Light"* - Ana-Levy Lyons, Chamber Choir

### **Invocation**

### **Greeting and Welcoming Each Other**

### **Confession of Sin (based on Psalm 75)**

For not from the east or from the west, and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another. For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

**O Lord, you judge our boasting, and find wickedness in those who exalt themselves. Forgive our pride and self-importance, O God; deliver us from conceit, from speaking with a haughty neck. All the pride of the wicked will be cut off, but the humble and righteous shall be lifted up. So let us sing praises to the God of Jacob.**

The Lord says, "At the set time that I appoint, I will judge with equity. When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants shake, it is I who keep steady its pillars." Give thanks to God, for his name is near.

**Freeman Academy Sharing**

Brice Kauffman, Head of School

**Anthems**

*"Abide with Me 'tis Eventide"* – Crawford Gates  
*"For this Joy"* – Susan LaBarr; Concert Choir

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

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 25:6-9

**Anthem**

*"Thee We Adore"* – Ralph Johnson, Chamber Choir

**Scripture Reading**

Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5

**Sermon**

*"A New Creation"*

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

**Announcements and Offerings**

- **Today's Worship offering:** Ecuador Project
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Freeman Regional Assisted Living
- **Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

**Congregational Sharing & Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Closing Hymn**

*"Beyond a Dying Sun"* – HWB #323

**Benediction** (adapted from Phillipians 2:14-18)

Hold fast to the word of life. Do all things without grumbling or disputing. Live as children of God, blameless and innocent. Shine as lights in a crooked and twisted world. Be glad, and rejoice with one another. Amen.

**Postlude**

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* – arr. Johnson

**Speaker:** Robert Engbrecht; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Greeters:** Wendy & Brian Miller; **Musicians:** Heather Haggerty (organist), Freeman Academy Instrumental & Choral (special music); **Coffee:** Classroom #14

## **THE CHURCH AT WORK**

### **TODAY**

**We welcome all** who are worshipping with us this morning! Coffee is available following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

**7:00 p.m.** – Swiss Choral Practice Begins at Salem-Zion

## **THIS WEEK**

**Friday, Oct. 24, 10:30-1:30** – Auxiliary Soup Day – Senior Citizen Center

**Friday, October 24, 4:30-8:00 p.m.** – JoAnn Ries 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

## **NEXT SUNDAY, October 26, 2025**

**Speaker:** Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Everett Waltner; **Greeters:** Wendy & Brian Miller; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Brass Ensemble (special music)

**Coffee:** Classroom #14

All Saints Observed during the Worship Service

Please bring photographs on that day of loved ones no longer with us.

**Worship Offering:** MCC Meat Canning

**Sunday School Offering:** Student Tuition Sharing

**Children's Offering:** Weekend School Lunch Bag Program

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.** – “No Other Land” at Prairie Arboretum V.C.

**Tuesday, October 28, 8:00 p.m.** – Rural Revival at Freeman Library

**Thursday, October 30, 11:00 a.m.** – Bonita Tieszen Memorial Reception

**Sunday, November 2** – Mission Festival Sunday at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

**Sunday, November 2, 1:00 p.m.** – Fall Bible study begins

**November 21-22, 24-25** – MCC Meat Canner in Henderson, NE (info below)

**Friday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.** – Swiss Choral Society, “*Mass in G*” @Salem-Zion

## **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

**All are invited** to help JoAnn Ries celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Friday, October 24 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church. A light lunch will be served.

**Fall Bible Study** will be a book study on “Reclaiming Rural” by Allen T. Stanton. It focuses on the unique challenges and opportunities for rural churches. Books will be available for participants. Sessions will occur on Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 1:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet is available on the Narthex table. **If you wish to share a book, please sign both names on the same line.** We need to order by October 19.

## **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**Freeman Academy's Annual Fall Church Drive begins TODAY.** During the Church Drive, we ask you to consider making a gift to the school's general fund. Committee members will be available at a table to receive your donations. If you are not in church on the 19<sup>th</sup> and would like to participate, self-addressed envelopes will be available on a table for your convenience, or you can make your donation online at [freemanacademy.org](http://freemanacademy.org).

## **NO OTHER LAND SHOWING**

**"No Other Land" will be shown on Sunday Oct 26** at 3pm at the Prairie Arboretum Visitors Center, Freeman SD. It is an Academy Award-winning documentary showcasing the forced displacement of the native Palestinians by the Israeli government in the West Bank. Hosted by the Freeman Network for Justice and Peace, part 4 of an on-going series titled "Challenging the Myth of the Israel Palestine Narrative: A Community Conversation." We recommend minimum age of 16 years and older due to nature of content. Free event, all are welcome. For additional information please call/text Shakil Hafiz 630-329-7610 Previous events on this series are recorded and available at [youtube.com/@FreemanNetworkJusticePeace](https://youtube.com/@FreemanNetworkJusticePeace)

Our annual **Harvest Mission Festival** will be hosted at Salem-Zion Mennonite on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Our special speaker is Linda Shelly, recently retired Mennonite Mission Network director for Latin America.

**Linda will speak to the youth during our SS hour at 9:30 a.m. and preach in our worship service at 10:30.a.m.**

**We will enjoy a fellowship meal at noon, with food provided by Salem-Zion.**

**During the SS hour for all adults**, Tim Eisenbeis will lead a discussion of listening for God's call in local missions.

**In the evening at 7:00 p.m.**, Linda will speak again and we will surround our worship with special music and children's voices. Salem Mennonite is warmly invited to all these services as we celebrate Christ's church throughout the world. An offering will be received on Sunday morning for Mennonite Mission Network.

**Greetings from Bethesda Mennonite Church.** We have heard that the MCC Meat Canner is not going to be making a stop this year in South Dakota. In response to that, we at Bethesda would be happy to invite you to come down and lend a hand at our canner this year. **Dates are November 21-22, 24-25.** You can come as an individual or a group. As far as housing is concerned, York is nearby with plenty of hotels as well as the many family connections that exist between our communities. Contact person for the Canner is Jay Dee Janzen. Phone number 402-362-0512 (cell). You may call or text. Please leave a message if no answer. You could also contact the Bethesda Church Office 402-723-4562 and leave a message there and they can relay the information to Jay Dee.

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\*chamber choir    + section leader

### Soprano 1

Estelle Waltner+\*

Arianne Fink\*

Jessica Scheetz

Hannah Bradley

### Soprano 2

Alea Miller+\*

Ange Kamanda

Bria McCue

Emma Alexander

### Alto 1

Arianna Miller+\*

Tedel Lonumba

Samuela Balongi

Thomas Lewter

Simon Ortman

### Alto 2

Abigail Bradley+\*

Samantha Balongi

Saerta Kola

Raelynn Taylor

### Tenor 1

Armando Miller+\*

Thomas Ding\*

### Tenor 2

Christian Ortman+\*

Liam Beaver\*

### Baritone

Jax Kaufman+\*

Daniel Ilunga

David Ilunga

David Malonga

Gabe Mattix

### Bass

Solomon Ortman+

AJ Miller

Ben Clark

Matthew Cortez-Hernandez

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