



# Salem Mennonite Church

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## I. GOD CALLS US INTO PRAISE

### Prelude

*Fling Wide the Gates* – Stainer  
*All Glory, Laud and Honor* – Manz  
*Improvisation for Palm Sunday* – Guilment  
*The King Rides In* - Smith

### Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 50*)

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,  
to know the word that sustains the weary.

**He wakens me morning by morning,  
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.**

**The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious,  
I have not turned away.**

I offered my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;  
I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

**Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.**

**Who will condemn me?**

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant?  
Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light,  
trust in the name of the LORD and rely on their God.

### Invocation

### Opening Hymn

*Hosanna! Hosanna!* – STS #74

### Greeting and Welcoming Each Other

### Hymn of Confession

*O Christ the Lamb of God* – HWB #153

### Anthem

*Joyful, Joyful* – Beethoven, arr. Gazda & Clark  
*For the Beauty of the Earth* – Dix, arr. Gazda & Clark

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

Scripture Readings

Numbers 19:1-10 (ESV); Hebrews 9:1-15(ESV)  
Matthew 21:1-17 (ESV)

Sermon

*Prophet, King and Priest*

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

Offertory Procession with Singing – *We Will Follow* - STS # 40

Announcements and Offerings

- **Today's Worship offering:** Oyate Hope Academy
- **Today's Sunday school offering:** Mennonite Disaster Service
- **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

*Ride on Ride on in Majesty* – HWB #239

Benediction

HWB #746

Postlude

*Jerusalem* - Perry

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**Speaker:** Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Brad Carlson; **Musicians:** Sharla Unruh (organist); Horn Trio: Janet Balzer, Annie Carlson, Donna Ries (special music); **Greeters:** Angie Brockmueller and Cindee Mutchelknaus; **Coffee:** Conference Room Class

### **THE CHURCH AT WORK**

#### **TODAY**

**Holy Week Service, 6:30 p.m.**– Freeman Community Center

#### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.** – Holy Week Service – Community Center

**Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.** – Holy Week Service – Community Center

**Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.** – Holy Week Service – Community Center

**Wednesday, April 1, 8:00 p.m.** – Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.** – Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion

**Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.** – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

## **NEXT SUNDAY, April 5, 2026**

**Speaker:** Spencer Bradford; **Worship Leader:** Norm Kaufman; **Greeters:** Linda Graber and Vernetta Waltner; **Musicians:** Debra Schmeichel (organist); Chancel Choir (special music); **Coffee:** Young Adult Class; **Scriptures:** Isaiah 25:1-9; Isaiah 26: 16-19; Psalm 30; Matthew 28:1-15

**Easter Breakfast** will be served starting at 8:30 a.m. Join us and bring guests!

**Join us for an Easter egg hunt** sponsored by the Sunday school department. Meet in the narthex to join in the fun at 9:00 a.m. and bring a bag, basket, etc. Visitors welcome!

**Worship Offering:** Mennonite Central Committee

**Sunday School Offering:** Salem Sunday School

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

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.** – Prayer & Fasting

**Wednesday, April 8, 11:30 a.m.** – Freeman Network for Justice & Peace  
At the Freeman Public Library

## **SOUTH CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES**

**Easter Lilies** – If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in memory or in honor of a family member, please contact Cheryl Wollmann at Fensels Greenhouse.

**The Endowment Fund Team will accept grant applications until April 1** for projects that could benefit Salem Mennonite Church and/or a mission and outreach aspect of Salem Mennonite Church. Distributions will be made in June 2026.

Application forms are available on the table in the narthex. An electronic version may also be requested from the church office. Duane Ries, Endowment Chr.

## **COMMUNITY & BEYOND**

**The Mennonite Churches of Freeman** invite the Freeman Community to attend Holy Week services being held at the Freeman Community Center from March 30 to April 1. Each evening will begin with a time of fellowship, cookies & coffee at 6:00 pm. The service will start at 6:30 pm each night. **An offering** will be taken each evening, with all gifts going directly to White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby, MT. **If you choose to write a check, please make them out to White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church.**

This year's preacher Suzette Shreffler and the theme is, "God's suffering, Our suffering." Suzette Shreffler is the first enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana to become an ordained pastor in the Anabaptist world. Her and her husband, Scott, co-pastor the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church.

**Volunteers needed during Schmeckfest (April 10 & 11).** We are still **short over 20 workers** in the dining hall for serving or table clearing/resetting jobs. Please consider signing up or encourage others to sign up. To volunteer, go to Schmeckfest.com and click on the “sign up to volunteer” button or contact Janet Balzer 605-310-1644

**Freeman Academy continues to have a need for volunteers in various areas.**

**Building and Grounds**, including preparation for Schmeckfest

**Front Office:** phone coverage, computer and other tasks

**Dorm: weekend staff coverage**, meals, and transportation

For these needs, contact Brice Kauffman or Charity Ortman in the school office at (605) 925-4237.

**The Bridgewater Community Chorus** presents “*Calvary’s Lamb*” by Mary McDonald on Sunday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Zion Bible Church Bridgewater, SD and Good Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Emery, SD.

**Schmeckfest Country Kitchen** is asking for donations of food items for April 10 and 11. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, kuchen, pumpkin rolls, jam, horseradish, and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

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Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/Sunday School – Following Worship  
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