



Hutterthal  
**Mennonite  
Church**

*Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving*

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT March 9, 2014

**Prelude**     *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, How Firm a Foundation*

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

L: Lord, we come before You veiled in weakness and frailty;

**P: grant us strength and instruct us in Your ways.**

L: Lord, we stumble into Your presence;

**P: grant us refuge from the raging storms of life.**

L: Lord, we want to witness Your redeeming love and strength.

**ALL: Grant us pure hearts as we worship You now.**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 439,

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

**Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3: 1-7 (Pew Bible p. 1)

**Silent Reflection**

**Time of Confession**

L: I am the parent going to bed hungry so that my child can eat, the client at the food bank and not one of its volunteers; I hold my plate in my hands at the refugee center, and fight in front of the Red Cross truck that brings the grain and rice.

*L2: The serpent says, "Turn this bread into stone."*

**P: Think of all the people we could feed!**

L: I am one of the underemployed, the unemployed, a worker denied a living wage, and immigrant denied status, a prisoner denied a fair trial.

*L2: The serpent says, "let me give you all the power of the kingdom."*

**P: Think of all the injustices we could right!**

L: I am one of those who have died too young, who died from violence on my street, in my city, in my school, in my marketplace, in my country, who died from fists and knives and guns and bombs and drones.

*L2: The serpent says, "You have dominion over death."*

**P: Think of all the life we could protect!**

L: We want to be wise, to have our eyes fully opened, to know all the secrets of the universe and of ourselves.

*L2: The serpent says, "There is nothing that will be unknown to you."*

**P: Think of all the good we could do for the world.**

**ALL: We fail to see the dark shadow. We don't recognize that our desire for abundance, power, and knowledge is a desire for ourselves, not for others. We are without understanding. Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

L: The Lord is our hiding place; God preserves us from trouble and surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.

**ALL: Steadfast love surrounds us for we trust in the Lord. We are the blessed whose transgressions have been forgiven.**

**Theme Song:** STJ no. 100,

*Here I Am*

**Children's Time:**

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**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (debts and debtors)

**Hymn:** STJ no. 71,

*Alleluia, the Great Storm is Over*

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 4: 1-11 (Pew Bible p. 510)

**Silent Reflection**

**Prayer**

**Message:**

Temptation

**Witnessing**

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offering Prayer**

*There is Power in the Blood*

**Hymn:** HWB no. 567,

*How Firm a Foundation*

**Benediction:**

L: We've encountered God's provision of strength in times of temptation.

**P: Let us go then as witnesses to God's redeeming and steadfast love, on the lookout in the week ahead for how God is offering the blessing of grace to all people.**

**ALL: Amen.**

## Musical Response

### Postlude

*Rock of Ages*

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**Worship Participants:** Michelle Hofer (bulletin cover art), Tristan Kellar & Charlene Friesen (prelude, offertory & postlude), Edie Tschetter (organ), Jill Hofer (song leader), Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message), Monica Clem (witnessing)

## PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **Family of Faith Ann (Stahl) Sarfarazi**
- **Dorothy Haas** (daughter of Moses Glanzer)
- **Heather VanMeveren** (wife of Pastor Shane at Bethany Mennonite)
- **From CPMC:** Praise God for providing a new pastor for the Quito Mennonite Church! Luis Tapia began February 2. He and his wife Jennifer moved to Ecuador from Chile. Also, pray for Quito leader Patricia Uruena as she recovers from gall bladder surgery.
- **MMN:** Praise God for Janie and Neal Blough's decades of service through MMN. As the Bloughs near retirement, they are working with the Paris Mennonite Center's board to prepare young leaders to continue ministry in theological education and publication for French-speaking Mennonites.

We respectfully request that the **designated pews** remain open for families with young children and those with physical needs. We also request that the **crying room** remain available for infants and nursing mothers.

A **Handicap Accessible Bathroom** is located in the basement.

## TODAY: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

**9:00am: Gathering 58:6**

**Greeters:** Marj Hofer & Adeline Friesen

**Coffee Time:** Mildred Hofer

**2:00pm:** St. John's Bible Open House, 2pm (USF)

**MW Mar. project:** Hygiene Kits and or Soap - see *Connection!* for details

**Children's Sun. School project:** MMN N. Ireland Peacemaking

## **NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Greeters:** Gordon & Alvina Hofer

**Piano:** Paige Zachariasen

**Coffee Time:** John & Deloris Stahl

**2:30pm:** Movie Event: *The Illuminator*

## **THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Prayer Shawl, 7pm

Worship Committee, 7pm

**Wednesday:** Youth Bible Study

**Friday:** Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Mar. 18:** Pastor-Peer, 9:15am (Sioux Falls)

Deacons Meeting, 7pm (Parsonage)

**Mar. 20:** Church Board, 7pm

**Mar. 21:** Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

**Apr. 6:** Baby shower for Michelle Neuharth @ 2pm

**Kathryn Hofer** will be celebrating her **90th birthday today, Mar. 9**, with an **open house** from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Salem Mennonite Home. She would like to invite everyone at Hutterthal to come and help her celebrate this special milestone in her life.

**Cards and prayers** to uphold **Dorothy & Greg Glanzer Haas** would be appreciated: 4260 East Bethel Lane, Bloomington, IN 47408.

**Lent Bible Display at HMC:** The Hutterthal worship committee would like to invite you to participate in creating a display of Bibles in our sanctuary for the Lent season **beginning today**. Do you have a Bible that has special meaning to you? a family heirloom Bible? a Bible commemorating a special event in your life? the Bible of a parent or grandparent who has passed on? Please leave your Bible(s) on the desk in the Pastor's study and include a slip of paper listing: Bible's owner, brief description on the significance of the Bible.

See the power and beauty of God's WORD in the ***Saint John's Bible*** –The artist-in-residence program at Hutterthal is planning **two upcoming events** featuring this incredible work of art:

- 1. *Saint John's Bible* on display at University of Sioux Falls, this afternoon, 2-4pm** – You are invited to join us for an outing to view reproduction volumes of the Saint John's Bible at USF. An open

house from 2-4pm that afternoon is being held for the public at Mears Library on campus.

- 2. Public movie event, Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm** - The public is invited to attend a viewing of the documentary on *the Saint John's Bible* project, "The Illuminator and a Bible for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". The film will be shown in the Hutterthal Mennonite Church basement fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served.

Freeman Academy will be hosting one of the regional **Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) Choir Festival April 11-13. Hutterthal has been assigned to host Eastern Mennonite High School** from Harrisonburg, Virginia. They will be bringing **40 students and 4 adult chaperones**. Please contact Edie Tschetter if you are able to host. More details coming.

Sunday Evening Fellowship at Salem-Zion is hosting **James Schwinn**, executive Officer of Boston and Western Corp., a company organized to develop projects and revitalize assets that build the health of our people, our economies, and our natural resources. He will be speaking about Economic Modeling for Stewardship Agriculture and Cultural Preservation, while also specifically addressing the Freeman Arts/Earth Center proposal that has been proposed in recent months in this community. The presentation will begin at **7:00 pm on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church.**

**The Schmeckfest Country Kitchen** is asking for donations of food items. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Items should be labeled.

Be intentional. Be transformed! **Serve for a year with DOOR:** Dwell in urban areas like Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, L.A., Miami, or San Antonio. Join other young adults (ages 19-30) from many Christian backgrounds!

[MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve)