



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: feat. “Article 12: The Lord’s Supper” from *Mennonite Confession of Faith Adapted by Mennonite General Conference August 22, 1963*”

L: We gather in the presence of our God, one people.

P: We are brothers and sisters in Christ, bound together by faith – a common expression of love.

L: It is good and right and true, therefore, that we “observe the communion of the Lord’s Supper as an ordinance instituted by Jesus Christ to symbolize the new covenant.

P: We recognize the bread and the cup as symbols commemorating Christ’s broken body and shed blood, of our spiritual life in Him, and of the spiritual unity and fellowship of the body of Christ.

L: [In preparation for communion] each believer shall examine him [or herself] so as not to partake of the sacred emblems carelessly or while living in sin.

P: The church shall invite to the Lord’s Table only those who have peace with God and with their [neighbor], and who share the faith of the church.”

L: Let us therefore gather as one people seeking reconciliation with God and one another.

P: The table has been spread; the seeds of new life are being sown.

L: Come to the table of the Lord.

ALL: We come together; we come as one.

L: May all God's people be filled!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 1, *What is This Place*

Children's Time: Hide and Seek

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offering Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 406, *And is the Gospel Peace and Love*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23 (Pew Bible p. 516)

Silent Meditation

Message: Responding to the Gospel

Communion

Hymn: HWB no. 461, *In the Quiet Consecration*

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Assistants: Amy Hofer Vetch (piano) and Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **Andrew Koerner** (in Japan with MMN Youth Venture)
- **Pastor Todd** as he provides Bible instruction for Senior High Camp at Swan Lake this week

- **Carol Detweiler** (undergoing treatments)
- **Heather VanMeveren** (wife of Pastor Shane at Bethany Mennonite)
- **From CPMC:** Tim Detweiler is speaking this week at Cheyenne Mennonite Family Camp near Lame Deer, Montana. Pray for Tim and for all those attending the camp.
- **From MMN:** The South Africa and Paraguay Radical Journey teams will arrive in Chicago tomorrow for four days of re-entry sessions. Pray for discernment during this time of debriefing and preparation for returning to their home communities and what comes next in their lives.

TODAY:

Greeters: Aaron & Marcella Glanzer

Coffee Time: Gordon & Alvina Hofer

MW July project: Cash - The Banquet (S. Falls) or Gospel Mission

Children's Sun. School project: Swan Lake Christian Camp

Communion & Benevolent Fund Offering

NEXT SUNDAY:

Youth Breakfast fund-raiser

Greeters: Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

Organ: Shirley Hofer

Music: Carrol and Glenda Langeland

Coffee Time: Randy Glanzer

THIS WEEK:

Wed.: Program featuring Aaron & Consuelo (Deckert) Meyers, 7pm (HMC)

Fri.: Men's Group, 9am (parsonage)

Silent Auction & Bake Sale for VanMeveren's, 10am-4pm (Modern Woodman Office)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 23: August *Connection!* Deadline

Youth Gathering, 7pm

Worship Committee, 7pm

Mission & Outreach Committee, 8pm

July 25: Men's group, 9am (parsonage)

July 26: S.D. MCC Relief Sale (Freeman Community Center)

July 27: Youth Breakfast

Aug. 3: "First Things" Bible Study, 11:10am

Aug. 10: Annual S.S. mtg. following worship service

TODAY we will be collecting a **special offering** for the **Benevolent Fund**. This fund is maintained and distributed by the Deacons and is used for members and friends of our congregation who are experiencing acute financial need due to illness, job loss, or other hardships. If you are experiencing such need we ask that you speak with one of the Deacons (Monica Clem, Todd Koerner, or Monica Hofer) who can confidentially assist you. A basket has been placed in the foyer for this special collection.

A note regarding **Communion**: At HMC, we recognize and celebrate an “open table.” All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and are seeking to live more fully into His truth are invited to share together in the bread and the cup.

"First Things" Bible Study Offered: The Deacons invite you to participate in a special study of Creation and "First Things" throughout the month of August. The study will include a DVD presentation during the Sunday School hour (starting promptly at 11:10am in the sanctuary) followed by a simple fellowship meal and discussion in the Fellowship Hall. Fifth Grade through Adults will find this to be an intriguing study covering "Dinosaurs and Dragons," "The Mystery of Ancient Man," "The Relevance of Creation," "Global Flood," and "Biblical Authority."

Children's SS Teachers take note - An area introduction to the new children's Shine curriculum published by MennoMedia and that we will be using this next year will be Thursday evening, August 7. Please plan to attend, see the new material and learn how to best use it.

The **Prairie Arboretum** would like to invite you to a **fundraising event today** featuring the Lennox Municipal Band (South Dakota's oldest!) who have been together for 131 years! The meal will be **served starting at 5 pm**. There will be a freewill offering. In case of inclement weather the event will be in Pioneer Hall. Come enjoy the beautiful Prairie Arboretum! Questions call Linda Graber 925-7400.

Join us on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm as we gather with **Aaron and Consuela Myers** who will be sharing with us in regard to “Crescent Project” – a ministry to Muslim people right here in North America.

Silent auction and bake sale to **assist Pastor Shane & Heather VanMeveren with medical expenses: Thursday, July 17 from 10:00am –4:00pm** and will be held at **Shane Vetch's Modern Woodmen** office in Freeman. If you would have an item to donate to the silent auction or if you would like to donate a baked good item, please contact Jennifer Thompson.

Alumni and community members are invited to attend the **annual FJC and FA Alumni**

Banquet on Saturday, August 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Dennis W. Graber (FA '64) will be the featured speaker. The 1964 FJC Men's Ensemble will bring special music. Honored classes this year include 1939, 1944, 1954, 1964, 1989, 2004 and 2014. Advance reservations are needed by Friday, July 25 and can be made by calling 925-4237, ext. 235 or emailing vwaltner@freemanacademy.org.

S.D. MCC Relief Sale - July 26, 8:00am

1. Hutterthal has been asked to provide 10 pies. Pie plates are available by the library.
2. Hutterthal is responsible for the pancake breakfast. If you would like to contribute to cover the expenses, make check out to MW and give to Ardella or put in the MW mailbox.
3. Donations of baked/homemade items, produce and crafts are welcome.
4. **Register now** for the **11 mile bike race** to be held at 8 am. This one event requires pre-registration for which you can find forms on the table in the foyer or by contacting Angie VanDiepen at pamdav4him@gmail.com or call 925-4859 (local MCC office). The **trike race and slow race**, do not require pre-registration, and will also be held at the Community Center at the same time.

Et Cetera Shoppe & Global Gifts wishes to congratulate Lynelle Yoder and Josh Hofer on their upcoming wedding, and to thank them for supporting fair trade by registering for handmade gift items from Ten Thousand Villages. May God richly bless your years together!