

# Salem Ebenezer Reformed Church

## LORD'S DAY

January 5, 2025 10 a.m.

Rev. James Grossmann

Prelude . . . . . Deb Bruckschen

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 50

\***Hymn 31** "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

\*Salutation and Invocation

**Hymn 109** "This is My Father's World"

The Belgic Confession #34 part 2 (see insert)

Congregational Prayer

\***Hymn 651** "When He Cometh, When He Cometh"

Scripture Reading and Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon title: "**The Most Important Day of Our Lives**"

\*Prayer of Application (concluded with Lord's Prayer in unison)

**Hymn 726** "Some Day the Silver Cord will Break"  
(Tithes and Offerings Collected)

\*Benediction

\*Doxology (Pg. xvi) (\*congregation stands if possible)

## Church Calendar

Sunday	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Family Bible Study
Thursday	Jan. 9	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
Sunday	Jan. 12	1:00 p.m.	Congregational Mtg.
Sunday	Jan. 12	6:00 p.m.	Young Peoples Mtg.

We welcome all **visitors** who are worshiping with us today. Please sign the Guest Register in the Fellowship Hall and join us again soon!

## Announcements

Those wishing to **contact Rev. Grossmann** for spiritual or other needs can call him on his cell phone at 1-605-228-6508. The home phone number is 920-726-4464.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12, after a brief fellowship meal. All congregation members are encouraged and welcome to attend. (In case of a weather cancellation, the meeting would be the 19<sup>th</sup>). **Officer elections** at this meeting are for 3-year terms. The Consistory nominates for Elder: Larry Stock; and for Deacon: Ben Stock. Please prayerfully consider these candidates in light of God's description of these offices, found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-16, and 1 Peter 5:1-5.

Our local Constitution states that one additional nomination for each position may be made by congregation members in good and regular standing. This nomination can be made as late as the day of the meeting. However, it is best for any potential nominee to have more advance notice, so please bring any additional nominations to the Consistory as soon as possible.

**Continue to pray** for healing for the Sonnenburg family, following the recent deaths of Larry and Caroline.

There is a box in the fellowship hall for donations to **Day of Prayer** – Reformed Faith and Life.

**Happy Birthday** – Saturday to Conner Burton

Our Sunday worship services are available on live stream at  
<http://tinysa.com/live/salem>

**Rev. James Grossmann**  
**“The Most Important Day of Our Lives”**  
Matthew 25:1-13

Theme: Our Bridegroom Admonishes All to Prepare for His Return

- I. God Gives Opportunity for Preparation – vv. 1-5
  - A. An Unseen Division – vv. 1-4; HC QA 116
  - B. There is Time Left Over for Sleep – v. 5; 2 Pe 3:4, 9; Lk 21:34-35
- II. Christ will Return at an Hour We Do Not Expect – vv. 6-10
  - A. Christ's Return is Sudden, but Not Unexpected – v. 6; Is 55:1; Mt 24:44
  - B. Those Who were Ready Enter – v. 10; Mt 7:21
- III. Lack of Preparation Brings Judgment – vv. 11-13
  - A. The Unprepared thought They were All Right – v. 11
  - B. Our Status before God will be Revealed – v. 12; Mt 24:31
  - C. Watch Therefore – v. 13; Re 16:15