

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA
Sunday, January 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Epiphany



As we journey to Epiphany we continue to “Be Amazed!” The scriptures we have focused on so far and will continue to focus on have a common thread of God acting in powerful and astonishing ways. The response seen in many of these passages is that of awe. We are encouraged to be amazed!

Imagine the voice of Jesus. What does it sound like? On this journey through Advent and Christmas, we’ve seen and heard the glorious presence of God in fire and desert, a baby’s cry, and a spirit dove. Today, we see an open door. Now hear Jesus inviting you to “come and see” the house where he is staying. Follow him through the door. What new wonders will you see?

Prelude Laura Steingard, Organist

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!" (See Bethesda News)

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor J Epp
Based on John 1:35-51

(Congregation read bold print)

The invitation has been spoken: “Come and see.”

The door to a stable stands open.

The way is before us.

**We heard the call. Now we step forward in wonder;
ready to follow, open to the unexpected.**

“You will see greater things than these,” Jesus says.

We stand in amazement, waiting to be changed.

Come, let us worship the One who calls us by name, who sees us as we are and leads us into new life.

We come, ready to follow, ready to see, ready to be amazed!

*“As with gladness men of old” HWB 218

(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 5)

Children’s Focus Kara Janzen

*“Christ, whose glory fills the skies” HWB 216

Congregational Prayer Carol Janzen

Scripture Reading: John 1:35-50 Pastor Andrea Wall

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message Pastor Andrea Wall

“Be Amazed!: Come and see”

* “Come and see” HWB 20

Deacon Affirmation: Kara Janzen

Deacon Affirmation: Norm Yoder

Congregational Response:

We accept your service as deacon of Bethesda Mennonite Church. We commit ourselves to uphold you in prayer and in ways which will make your service effective. We join with you in affirming the priority of Christ’s kingdom. We urge you to consider your calling as God’s occasion to work through you in ministering to our congregation and community. May Christ express himself through you in word and deed.

Announcements Pastor J Epp

Offering to God Pastor J Epp
Offertory Laura Steingard, Organist

* Benediction Pastor Andrea Wall

* “Praise God from whom” HWB 118

** If you are able, you are invited to stand.*

All are invited to participate in the Christian education hour
and to stop by the Coffee Spot in the Fellowship Hall.

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 - Radio at KOOL 103.5 FM
 - Livestream at <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
 - Cobalt Cable Channel #3207
- Hearing Impaired Worshipers: If you need hearing assistance, feel free to sit in the front center seating to take advantage of our Hearing-Loop system. Williams units are also available in the rear of the sanctuary for your use.
- When you desire pastoral care outside of office hours, please call:
 - Pastor Andrea Wall: 402-710-3195 (cell) or email andrea@mainstaycomm.net
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