

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

Sunday, July 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist
"Trust in God"

"Bless God" Worship Band
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel,
Braden Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert,
Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, Amanda Goertzen, Mary Dente

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor J Epp

**"God is here among us" HWB 16
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 3.)

Children's Focus Tara Maltsberger

**"Rain Down" STJ 49

Congregational Prayer Laura Steingard

**"I Believe" Worship Band

Scripture Reading Pastor Chelsea Vaught
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Shine Like the Sun" Pastor Chelsea Vaught

**"For the Fruit of All Creation" see Bethesda News

Announcements Pastor J Epp

Offering to God Pastor J Epp
Offertory Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

* Benediction

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

* "Sanctuary"

Worship Band

** 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.

The Parable of the Weeds

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Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'"

"An enemy did this," he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'"

"No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

Then he left the crowd and went into his house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.



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- When you are unable to attend worship, please join us via...
 - Radio at KOOL 103.5 FM at 11:30 a.m.
 - 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
 - Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004 (cell) or email chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org
 - Pastor J. Epp: 402-366-7475 (cell) or email j.epp@bethesdamc.org

MATTHEW 13



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