

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Sandra Quiring, Pianist

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" – arr. Alice Parker A*Men
Connor Boehr, Brent Buller, Bennett Friesen, Pastor J Epp,
Kurt Goertzen, Ethan Hall, Lynn Hall, Brad Janzen,
JayDee Janzen, Royce Janzen, Jay Kroeker, Alex Peters,
Brian Peters, Shawn Peters, Dale Steingard, Mike Wall
Under the direction of Lynn Hall

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Andrea Wall

One: We come together this morning grateful for God's mercy.

All: We are thankful that God does not give up on us.

One: We all have times when we fall short, make mistakes, or need a second chance.

All: And God meets us with patience, forgiveness, and grace.

One: Jesus calls us to show that same mercy to others.

All: Help us to be patient, forgiving, and willing to give others another chance.

One: May God's mercy take root in us.

All: And may it shape the way we live with one another.

* "Lord, whose love in humble service" HWB 369
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 3.)

Children's Focus Connie Bechtel

* "Healer of our every ill" HWB 377

Congregational Prayer Pastor J Epp

* "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" – arr. Mack Wilberg A*Men

Scripture Reading Pastor Chelsea Vaught
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Practicing Mercy" Pastor Chelsea Vaught

* "Will you let me be your servant"

HWB 307

Announcements

Pastor Andrea Wall

Offering to God
Offertory

Pastor Andrea Wall
Sandra Quiring, Pianist

*Benediction

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

*"The Gift of Love" arr. Hall

A*Men

** 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.

Matthew

The Call of Matthew

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners? But

9:9-13

when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

9:18-26

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live. And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I

will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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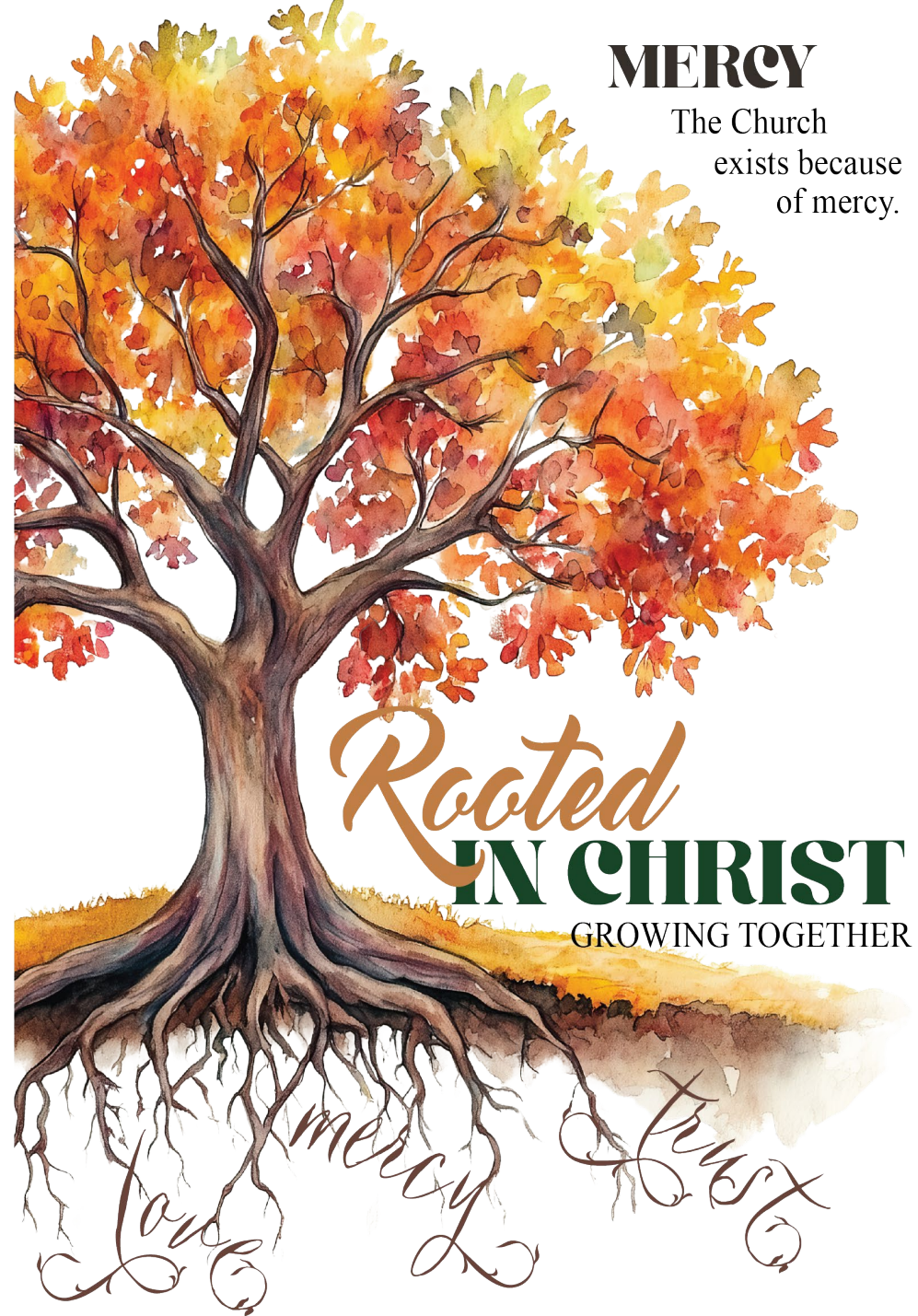
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- When you are unable to attend worship, please join us via...
 - Radio at KOOL 103.5 FM at 11:30 a.m.
 - Livestream at <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
 - Cobalt Cable Channel #3207
- Hearing Impaired Worshipers: If you need hearing assistance, feel free to sit in the front center seating to take advantage of our Hearing-Loop system. Williams units are also available at the rear of the sanctuary for your use.
- When you desire pastoral care outside of office hours, please call:
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MERCY

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exists because
of mercy.



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