

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist
"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
"Revelation Song"
"Gratitude"

"Give Thanks" 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 Alan Janzen

* "Praise, I will praise you Lord" HWB 76
(*Children are invited to come forward on stanza 3.*)

Children's Focus Pastor Andrea Wall

* "Rain down" STJ 49

Congregational Prayer Pastor Chelsea Vaught

"I Will Follow" Worship Band

Scripture Reading Pastor J Epp
Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Serve Like You Mean It" Pastor J Epp

Responsive Reading – "True Evangelical Faith"
Based on the writings of Menno Simons (1539)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us recall the way of Christ — the path of humble service, mercy, and costly love.

People: We come to follow Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve.

Leader: True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant.

People: It awakens our hearts and guides our hands.

Leader: It manifests itself in righteousness and deeds of love.

People: It dies to selfishness and rises to new life in Christ.

Leader: True faith seeks God with an undivided heart, turning away from destructive desires and walking in the light.

People: Lord, shape our inner life so that our outward life reflects You.

Leader: True faith clothes the naked, feeds the hungry, and comforts the sorrowful.

People: Make us a people of compassion, bearing one another's burdens with joy.

Leader: It shelters the destitute and binds up the wounded.

People: Make us healers in a broken world, vessels of Your mercy.

Leader: True faith becomes all things to all people, serving even those who oppose or misunderstand.

People: Teach us the way of reconciliation and peace.

Leader: And when persecution, hardship, or loss come to those who follow Christ—

People: Give us courage, that we may endure without bitterness, trusting in Your sustaining love.

Leader: People of God, this is the life to which Christ calls us: a faith made visible through love, a discipleship lived in community, a peace that overcomes the world.

People: Lord, make our faith active, our love genuine, and our service faithful.
Amen.

* "O Master, let me walk with thee"

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Announcements	Alan Janzen
Offering to God Offertory	Alan Janzen Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist
*Benediction	Pastor J Epp
*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"	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

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 - 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 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
 - Pastor Andrea Wall: 402-710-3195 (cell) or email andrea@mainstaycomm.net
- In addition to assistance from Bethesda pastors and deacons, domestic abuse support services are available to victims. Call (toll-free) 1-877-388-4673, 24 hours/day.



**TRULY I TELL YOU,
WHATEVER YOU DID
FOR ONE
OF THE LEAST OF
THESE BROTHERS AND
SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID
FOR ME.'**



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