# BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

Sunday, November 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude — Worship Band

"Everlasting God"
"The Church"
"Lion and the Lamb"

"Prayer to the King" — Worship Band
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel, James Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert, Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, and Amanda Goertzen

Welcome & Call to Worship — Mark Janzen

* "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" — HWB 70
*(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4.)*

Children's Focus — Connie Bechtel

* "Guide my feet" — HWB 546

Congregational Prayer — Pastor J Epp

"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)" — Worship Band

Scripture Reading — Pastor Chelsea Vaught
Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)
**Leader:** This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
**People:** Thanks be to God!

Message **"The Way of Readiness"** — Pastor Chelsea Vaught

* "I want to walk as a child of the light" — STJ 95

Announcements — Mark Janzen

Offering to God — Mark Janzen
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.

# Matthew 25:1-13

**The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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