

# **First Mennonite Church of Halstead**

September 28, 2025

*God is always creating, always doing something new (Isaiah 43:18-19). Welcome to worship, where we listen for the new word God has for us today.*

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**Gathering Music** – Cindy Siemens

**Welcome and Announcements** - Melanie Haspels  
*September Birthday Offering*

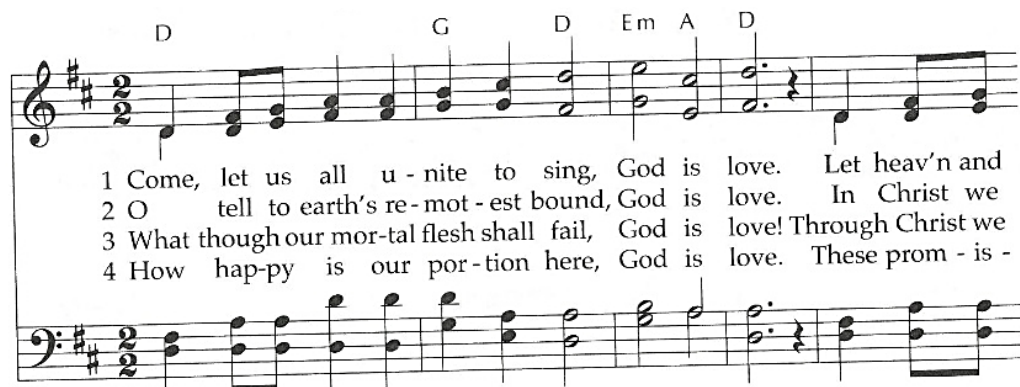
**Centering Music** – Choir  
*Here We Stand, Lord!* – Nancy Price & Don Besig

**\*Call to Worship** - Pastor Steve

# \*Worship Through Singing – Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing –

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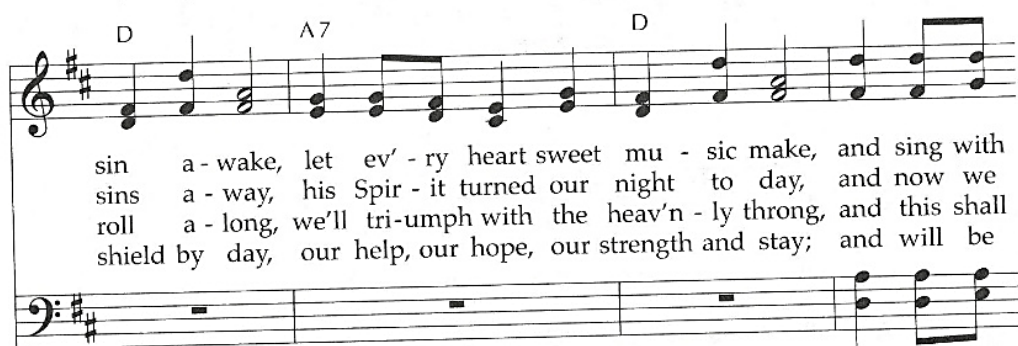
1 Come, let us all u - nite to sing, God is love. Let heav'n and  
 2 O tell to earth's re - mot - est bound, God is love. In Christ we  
 3 What though our mor - tal flesh shall fail, God is love! Through Christ we  
 4 How hap - py is our por - tion here, God is love. These prom - is -

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earth their prais - es bring, God is love. Let ev' - ry soul from  
 have re - demp - tion found, God is love. His blood has washed our  
 shall o'er death pre - vail, God is love! While end - less ag - es  
 es our spir - its cheer, God is love. God is our sun and

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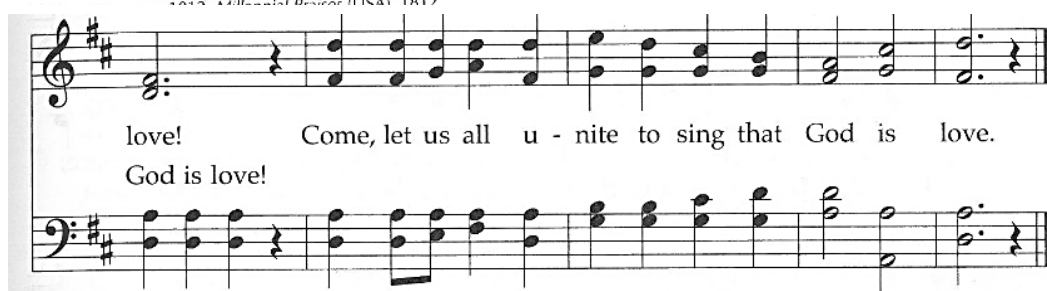
sin a - wake, let ev' - ry heart sweet mu - sic make, and sing with  
 sins a - way, his Spir - it turned our night to day, and now we  
 roll a - long, we'll tri - umph with the heav'n - ly throng, and this shall  
 shield by day, our help, our hope, our strength and stay; and will be

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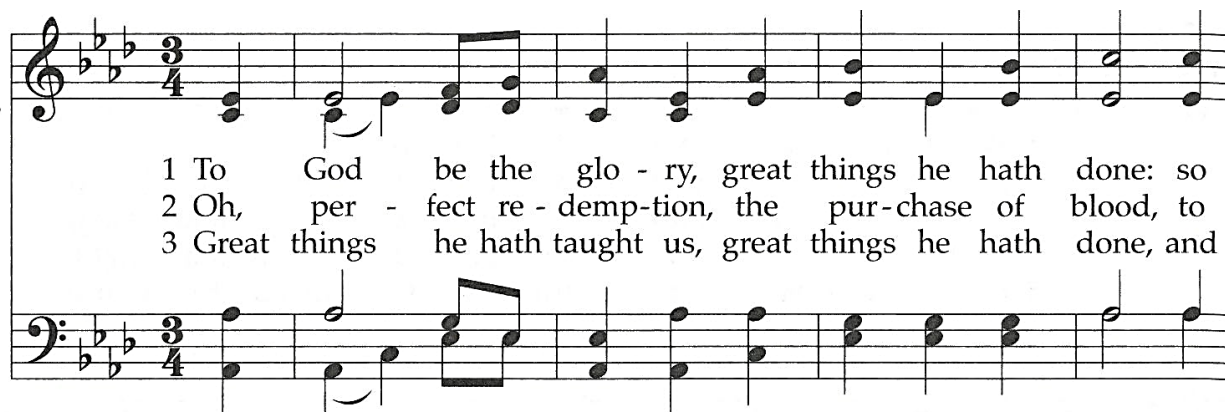


us for Je - sus' sake, for God is love. God is love! God is  
 can re - joice to say that God is love.  
 be our sweet - est song, that God is love! God is love!  
 with us all the way: our God is love.

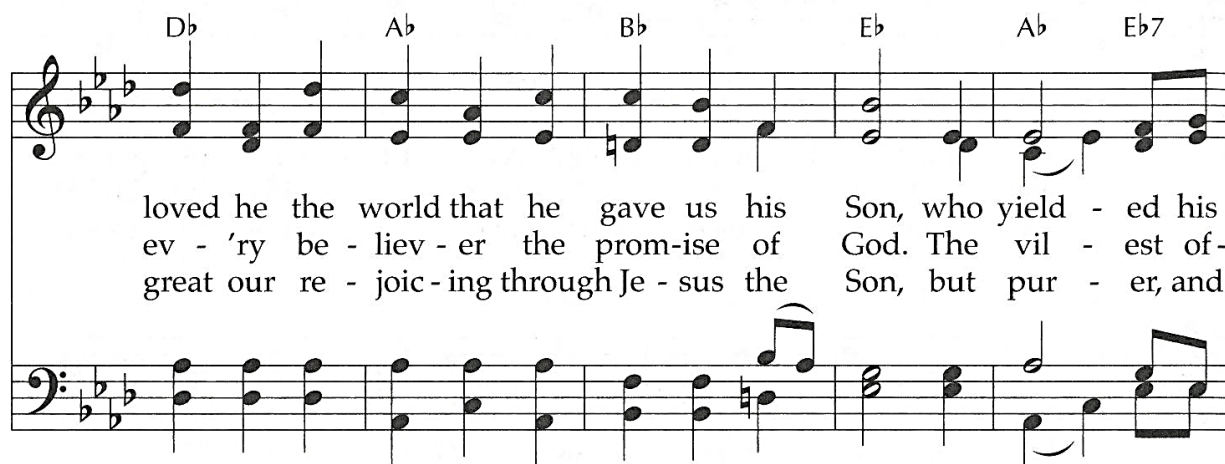
love! Come, let us all u - nite to sing that God is love.  
 God is love!



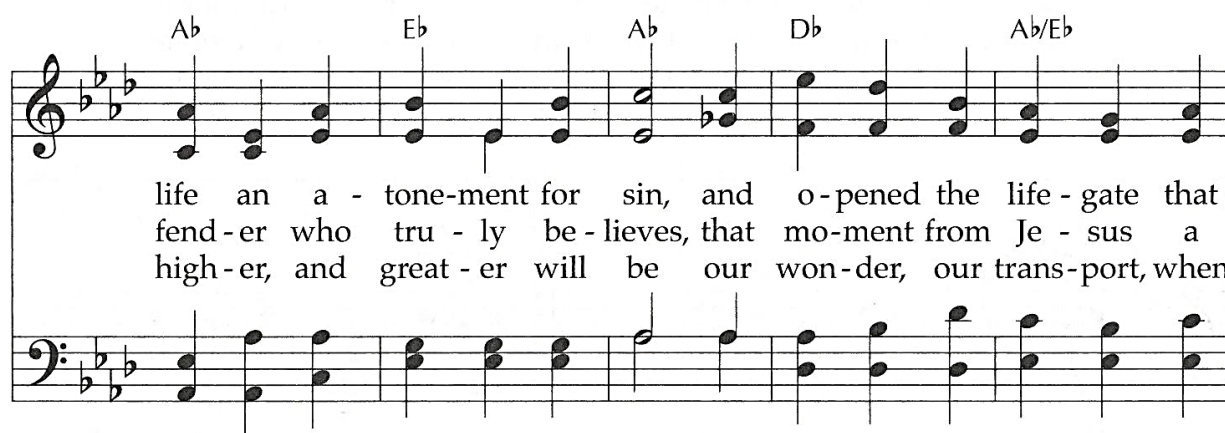
**\*Worship Through Singing – To God Be the Glory – VT #84**



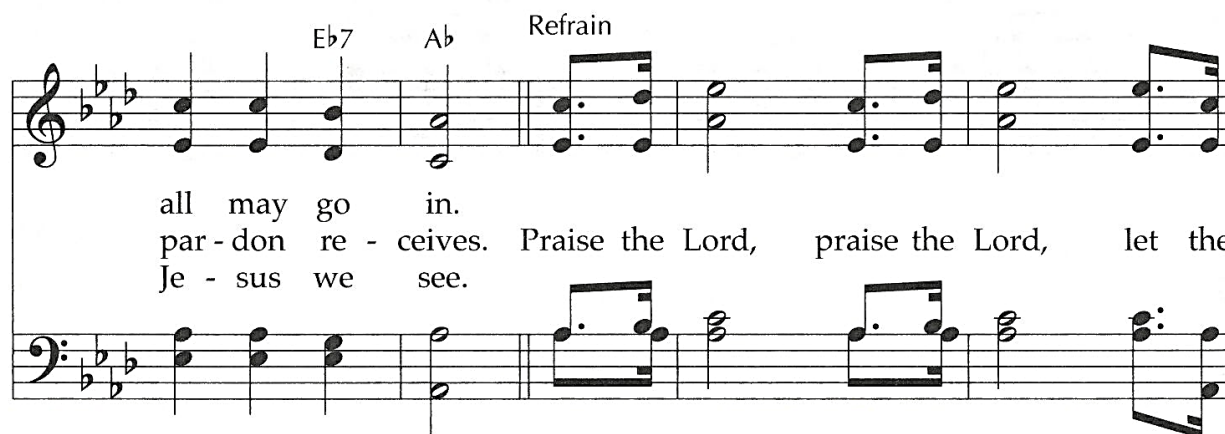
1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done: so  
 2 Oh, per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to  
 3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and



loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his  
 ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom-ise of God. The vil - est of-  
 great our re - joic-ing through Je - sus the Son, but pur - er, and



life an a - tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life - gate that  
 fend-er who tru - ly be-lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a  
 high-er, and great - er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when



all may go in.  
 par-don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the  
 Je - sus we see.

Refrain

earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the

peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther, through Je-sus the

Son, and give him the glo-ry, great things he hath done.

**Offering & Offertory** – MC USA

**Child Dedication** – Jack and Joseph Cannon, sons of Jarod and  
Dakotah Cannon

**Children's Time** – Brocia Mueller

*A nursery is available in the basement for  
children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.*

**Worship Through Singing** - *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*  
– Lyrics Projected

## **Congregational Prayer** – Pastor Steve

**Scripture** – Luke 16:19-31 (p. 1626)

**Message** – Pastor Steve

*When Even Resurrection Isn't Enough*

**\*Response Song** – *This I Believe (The Creed)* – Lyrics Projected

**\*Closing Prayer**

**Sending Song** – *Gospelfest* –Choir

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

\*Please stand if you are able

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### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sept. 28	12:00 p.m.	Last Sunday Potluck
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Sept. 30	7:45 a.m.	Early Birds Breakfast
Oct. 1	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Night Supper
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
Oct. 5	10:30 a.m.	Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adult Bible Study continues this Wednesday, Oct. 1,** at 6:45 p.m. following supper at 6:00 p.m. The study will run through Wednesday, Oct. 22.

**The Bell Choir will be practicing on Wednesday, Oct. 1,** at 8:00 p.m. We plan to play during the worship service on Oct. 12.

**Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 5,** during the worship service. This is also World Communion Sunday.

**Our Annual Hog Roast will be Sunday, October 26, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Scout Park.** A pulled pork meal will be available by donation, and music will be provided by the local bluegrass group *Prairie Highway*. Invite your friends, bring your lawn chairs, and be part of an enjoyable evening at the park. Proceeds from the meal will go to Camp Mennoscah.

**The Mission Ministry invites you to help them complete a 500-roll,** toilet paper challenge during the month of October for the Neighbors Store. Bring your rolls of any kind of toilet paper and place them under the coat racks at any time during the month of October. The recipients of our last toilet paper challenge were very appreciative. Let's bless them again!

**Grace Hill Mennonite Church invites you to attend the 9th Annual Community Hog Roast,** on Sunday, September 28, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the church, located at 10218 SE 12th, Whitewater. A pulled pork meal with sides will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. *The Flannelbacks* and Brett and Caleb Klingenberg will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the free-will donation will support the Newton, Whitewater, and Potwin food banks.

**Bethel College Updates: Tues., Sept. 30** –Fall Fest parade, 6 p.m., North Main (starting at stadium parking lot) to 24th, 24th to residence halls driveway, North Newton. **Thurs., Oct. 2** – Bethel College Jazz, 6 p.m. on the Main & Broadway stage at Taste of Newton, downtown Newton. **Fri., Oct. 3** – "Made for you by a professional seamstress," fiber art by Karen Reimer, opens in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, with the exhibit reception also Fri., Oct. 3, 6-8 p.m., in the gallery, as



part of Fall Fest. The exhibit is open through Oct. 27. Regular hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. (extended hours: Sat., Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.). **Oct. 2-5** - Bethel College's Fall Fest, which features music, food, class reunions, soccer (vs. Sterling), softball (vs. Dodge City CC), football (vs. Sterling), the Fall Fest play and the dedication for the new Wellness Center. See [bethelks.edu/fallfest/](http://bethelks.edu/fallfest/) for the complete schedule. **Fri., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 4, 3:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 5, 2 p.m.** - The Bethel College theater department presents *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* by Christopher Durang. Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Ticket purchase required in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or at the door. Contains adult content and may not be suitable for young children. **Sat., Oct. 4** - Miroslav Wolf, "Striving for Superiority and Striving for Excellence," 10 a.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*. Wolf, a Croatian Protestant theologian, is the Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology and director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture at Yale University. **Sat., Oct. 4** - Fall Fest programs at Kauffman Museum (in the museum auditorium): "The Organ Still Sings," with Rosi Penner Kaufman and Donna Hetrick, 10 a.m.; "Revisiting the Voth-Unruh-Fast House: 150 Years of History," with Kris Schmucker, 1:30 p.m. **Thurs., Oct. 9** - Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Chris Miertschin, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**Camp Mennoscah Updates:** The next tee shirt comforter will be (silent) auctioned off at Bethel College's Fall Fest on October 4. Tee shirts and other souvenirs will be available, too.

### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Pray for Jessica Dyck who is recovering at home following a stay in the hospital for several health issues.
- Praise God that Ron Auernheimer's brother, Doug Aurenheimer, is now cancer free!
- Pray for Marilyn Auernheimer's friend, Theresa, who has developed an infection following surgery. Pray for her healing.

- Ron Auernheimer's brother-in-law, Doug Woodard, passed away suddenly this week. Please keep his family in prayer as they work through this sudden loss. May God's comfort and peace be present to them during this time.
- Western District Conference: Pray for the new and emerging faith communities at WDC, that God will guide their growth and bless their leaders with wisdom and vision.
- Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service participants in San Francisco, California — Bella Kephart, Keyan Krabill, Emmi Scott and Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver, who is continuing for a second year — will build good rhythms of life, as they learn to live as a household, adjust to their service assignments and integrate into their host congregation, First Mennonite Church of San Francisco.

## **SUNDAY INFORMATION**

<b>NURSERY TODAY</b>	Kristin Burckhart, Lauren Mueller, Kalyn Ortman
<b>PIANIST/ORGANIST</b>	Cindy Siemens
<b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>	
Building Maintenance	2608.73
Church Budget	2,891.51
Family Night	144.00
Hesston College	50.00
Interfaith School	775.00
MCUSA	90.00
Mennonite Mission Network (Givens Family)	400.00
Wednesday Supper	114.00
Western District Conference	40.00
<b>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</b>	84
<b>OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Church Budget
<b>NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Sara Smoker, Jason Mueller, Megan Ortman