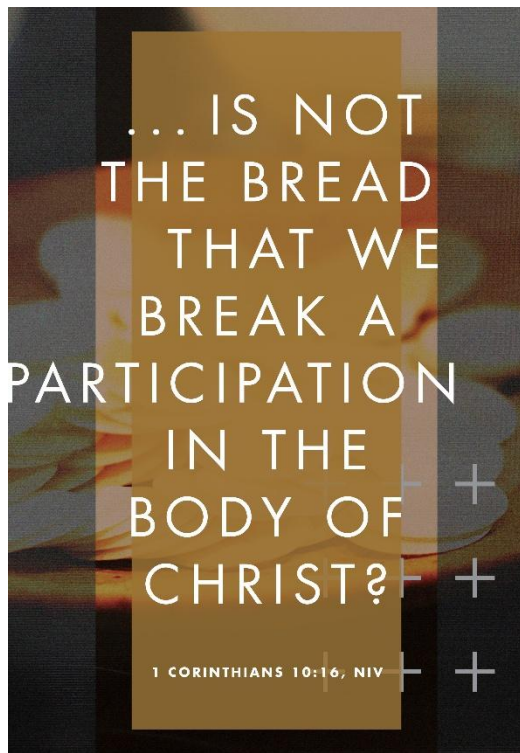




First Mennonite Church of Halstead

October 4, 2026

On this World Communion Sunday, we join with Christians around the world in sharing the Lord's Supper. We warmly welcome all who have gathered for worship and encourage everyone to greet one another with the love of Christ.

Gathering Music – Cindy Siemens

Welcome and Announcements – Ruth Mueller

Call to Worship/Centering Music – Choir
Glory and Grace – Phillip M. Young

*Worship Through Singing – The Church's One Foundation –

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1 The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, our Lord;
 2 The church in ev - 'ry na - tion is one through all the earth;
 3 Still, schis - ms, trib - u - la - tion, and ha - tred fuel our war;
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three in One,

we are a new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 our char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth;
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more.
 and mys - tic, sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and taught us what per - fect love can be;
 one name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
 The saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Oh, hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free.
 to one hope ev - er press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

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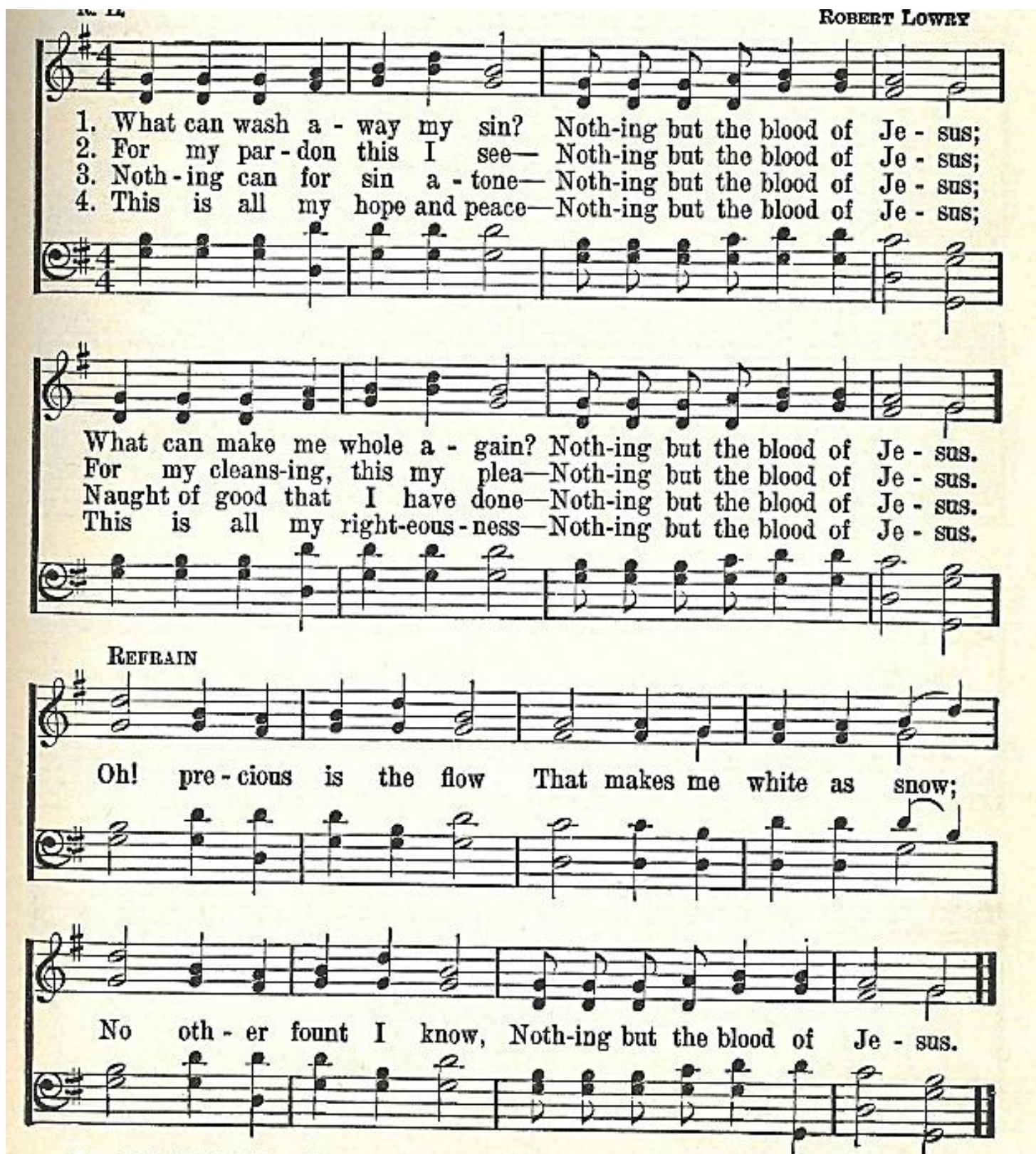
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Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 10:15-17 (p. 1782-83)

Worship Through Singing – *Nothing but the blood*

ROBERT LOWRY



1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. For my par - don this I see— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. This is all my hope and peace— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
For my cleans-ing, this my plea— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right-eous-ness— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN

Oh! pre - cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;

No oth - er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Worship Through Singing – *All to Honour Jesus* – Lyrics Projected

Children's Time – Melanie Haspels

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

Offering & Offertory – Church Budget

Communion Hymn – David Kellermeyer Choir

Message – Pastor Steve

The Global Table of Grace

Response Song – *Communion Song* – Lyrics Projected

Communion

***Sending Song** – *We Are the Body of Christ* – Lyrics Projected

***Benediction**

***Postlude** – Cindy Siemens

*Please stand if you are able

CHURCH CALENDAR

Oct. 4	10:30 a.m.	Communion & the Choir sings
	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Oct. 5	7:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Oct. 7	5:00 p.m.	Kids Club
	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Meal
	6:45 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice
Oct. 11	12:00 p.m.	Beginner Bells practice
	3-7:00 p.m.	P & M Pumpkin Ranch Outing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will celebrate communion today as part of World Communion Sunday. All who call Jesus Lord and Savior are welcome to participate.

Beginner Bells will rehearse after church today and next Sunday and will share songs during the worship service on October 18. All ages (third grade through adult) are invited to join this intergenerational bell choir. Talk to Casey if you want to be involved.

The last adult Bible study for the fall will take place this Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6:45 p.m.

FMC is headed back to P&M Pumpkin Ranch on Sunday, October 11. We have a Campfire Spot reserved from 3-7 p.m., but you are welcome to go earlier. The church will provide hot dogs, chips, s'mores and drinks. Admission is \$19.49 for ages 3 and up; mention First Mennonite to receive 10% off at the gate. A sign up sheet is posted on the board to help with food planning.

Our Annual Hog Roast will be held Sunday evening, October 18, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the gazebo in Scout Park, across from our church. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music from the Schrag Siblings with special guests Ken and Eric. A pulled pork meal with fixings will be provided. Cost by donation - proceeds going to Camp Mennoscah. Invite friends and neighbors! **Kids Club will meet every Wednesday** until Oct. 21 from 5-6 p.m. Kids ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to join us as we learn how the disciples began their ministry after Jesus' resurrection. We will dig into the book of Acts this school year.

A sign-up sheet for lunch following the focus groups on Oct. 25 is up on the bulletin board. Please help us plan for food by signing up, even if you're not entirely sure you'll be in attendance. The Vision Team invites all adults to take part in the next pastor and congregational review by participating in a focus group following the worship service on Oct. 25. Childcare will be available during the focus groups and lunch will be provided following the focus groups. All who call FMC home and are involved in the current life of the church are invited to participate in sharing their thoughts

and ideas about the life of our church. Junior and senior high youth will participate in the review process the following week during Sunday School. Questions that will be used in the focus groups will be in your boxes on Oct. 11. Questions? Talk to Jason Smoker, Chuck Mueller, Jesse Mueller, Melanie Haspels or Sandy Allen.

Pine Village is gearing up for our 2026 Benefit Day Auction and Sausage Supper on October 15. Supper will be served from 5:00–6:30 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. We are excited that this year's auction will feature a car. Auction items will be available for viewing in advance on our website at www.pinevillageks.org. This year's raffle item is an autographed Bobby Witt Jr. baseball in a display case. Gift cards and certificates will also be available for online bidding. All links and auction information can be found on our website.

Bethel College Fall Fest is coming and BCWA welcomes donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwieback, cinnamon rolls and other home-made goodies. We are happy to have donated craft items to sell as well. We would also welcome help staffing the Market in the Round, located in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about donations, please contact Valerie Klaassen at jvklaassen@gmail.com. Donated baked and craft items can be brought to Luyken Fine Arts Center music library on Friday, October 16, between 1 and 5 p.m. or on Saturday, October 17, between 7 and 9 a.m.

Bethel College Updates: Wed., Oct. 7 – Life Enrichment programs will be held at Bethel College Mennonite Church this week: 9:30 a.m., "Schubert: Master of Melody," Doyle and Mary Jo Preheim; 10:50 a.m., "And We Entered a New Era: The 1941 Deportation of the Volga Germans," Brent Mai. **Now through Oct. 17** – "This is Bob: Student, Teacher, Artist," a retrospective of work by Bob Regier (reception Oct. 16; final day Oct. 17). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. **Bethel College is offering a new Math Problem-Solving & Test Prep Series for high school juniors and seniors** looking to prepare for the ACT, build confidence, master new strategies and tackle tough math

challenges. Fall dates are Sat., Oct. 10, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. on campus, with different topics and activities each time, led by Bethel math faculty, alumni and current students, and with lunch provided after. There is no cost to attend (one, two or all three) but registration is required. A link to register was sent with the bulletin

packet. **Oct. 14 – 18** – Bethel College Fall Fest. **Thurs., Oct. 15** – Bethel College Jazz, 6 p.m. on the Main & Broadway stage at Taste of Newton, downtown Newton. **Fri., Oct. 16, 7 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 17, 3 p.m.; Sun., Oct. 18, 2 p.m.** – Bethel College music and theater present the musical *The Spitfire Grill* by James Valcq and Fred Alley during Fall Fest, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Ticket purchase required, in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., online or at the door. (Friday performance interpreted for the D/deaf community.) **Sat., Oct. 17 – Fall Fest programs at Kauffman Museum** (*in the museum auditorium*): recital on the Teschemacher parlor organ with Rosi Penner Kaufman and Donna Hetrick, 10 a.m.; “A Tactile Cogitation,” with artist Karen Reimer, Chicago, 1 p.m.

Camp Mennoscah Update: The dam is scheduled to be removed on October 18 at 2:30 p.m. Spectators and helpers are welcome. This task involves heavy boards and rushing water, so younger ages should plan on watching the process, not helping. Wear appropriate clothing for the task and weather. Watch Facebook for any changes or text/call 316-293-7313.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Western District Conference: Pray for participants and leaders in the Faithful Response Immigration Gathering in Texas beginning today, as an ecumenical event co-sponsored by a variety of church groups including WDC to build skills and relationships to respond to the current crisis of immigration detention and deportation.
- Mennonite Mission Network: On August 26, Nepal experienced a severe flood that resulted in severe damage to buildings and

infrastructure, as well as the deaths of several thousand people, many of whom are still missing or unidentified. Pray for the people of Nepal who have lost their homes and loved ones.

SUNDAY INFORMATION

NURSERY TODAY Mary Kay Bean, Jason Mueller, Ewan Jacob

PIANIST/ORGANIST Cindy Siemens

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Birthday	67.00
Church Budget	1,265.00
Hesston College	125.00
MC USA	1,078.00
Western District Conference	140.00

ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY 83

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY Hog Roast - Mission

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY Lauren Mueller, Shirley Rodenberg, Eli Wilcox

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Balance @7-31-26	\$9,657.58
August Receipts	\$12,516.92
August Expenses	(\$14,055.79)
Budget Balance @8-31-26	\$8,118.71