

Offertory—Doxology #94

Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

One: May we leave worship today eager to follow Jesus.
To those in darkness, let us proclaim:

Many: God is our light and our salvation.

One: To those in danger, let us proclaim:

Many: God is our protection and shelter.

One: To those caught in conflicts and divisions, let us proclaim:

Many: Jesus Christ draws us together in mind and purpose.

One: Following Jesus, may we know and share the message:

Many: The Kingdom of heaven has come near.

Closing Hymn: "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

Postlude by Glen Haselbarth

January 25-31, 2025

Sunday

10:00am Worship—11:15 am Confirmation
Happy Birthday! Ian Sinsel

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

6:30pm Youth Group

Thursday

Happy Birthday! Dudley Scharff

Friday

Saturday

Happy Birthday! Denise Jensen

Last week we received offering of \$1,197.



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340 N Newell Ave, Minden, Nebraska
Order of Worship for January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude by Glen Haselbarth

Welcome of Guests—Greeting—Sharing of Announcements—Invocation

1. Youth Group Wednesday at 6:30pm.
2. The carts are in the lobby for food pantry collection. There is a list on the table of needed items.
3. Check Bulletin board by office for activities.
4. If you'd like to volunteer as a helper during worship service please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the sanctuary.

Opening Hymn “Shine, Jesus, Shine” TFWS 2173

*Call to Worship

One: Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

Many: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

One: When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

Many: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

One: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

Many: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

One: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

Many: We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Young Disciple’s Lesson

“Where Children Belong” TFWS 2233

Prayer Hymn

UMH 206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer of Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

UMH 103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Scripture Proclamation read by Kent Verbeck

Isaiah 9:1-4

Nonetheless, those who were in distress won’t be exhausted. At an earlier time, God cursed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later he glorified the way of the sea, the far side of the Jordan, and the Galilee of the nations. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you’ve shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone? The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything? I have asked one thing from the Lord—it’s all I seek: to live in the Lord’s house all the days of my life, seeing the Lord’s beauty and constantly adoring his temple. Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times; he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock. Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God’s tent—sacrifices with shouts of joy! I will sing and praise the Lord. Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out—have mercy on me and answer me! Come, my heart says, seek God’s face. Lord, I do seek your face! Please don’t hide it from me! Don’t push your servant aside angrily—you have been my help! God who saves me, don’t neglect me! Don’t leave me all alone!

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title “Carrying the Light”

Responsive Hymn

UMH 529, vs. 1, 4, & 5

“How Firm a Foundation”