

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Lee Ann Lux, Nicholas Pearson, and Jean Liebers.

Happy Anniversary to Jason & Jaime Sinsel—16 years and Donlyn & Sandra Space—49 years.

Prayer List: Merlin Beahm and Kent Verbeck.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as we present these offerings, may we be reminded of the many blessings you have shared with us as individuals, and as a community of believers. You have fed us with the milk of your grace and have nurtured us with a love that knows no limits or boundaries. May our sharing this day reveal our priorities and our promises, for we belong to you and offer you our gifts, that they may be used in mission and in ministry to bring glory to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Trust and Obey” UMH#467

Benediction

As we journey out into the world, may each of us walk in the light of God's ways, striving to be blameless and just. May our hearts be vessels of God's love, and may the Lord bless us in the land that we are entering. Hold fast. Do not be led astray and may the love of God be yours this day and forevermore. Go now in peace. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

JESUS
LOVES YOU—
and so do we!

United Methodist Church

Minden, Nebraska

10:00 a.m.

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. We will start a 12 week confirmation class at 5:30 pm on February 15. If your kids are interested in the class, please get in touch with me. We need four male mentors and two female mentors for the students. They will meet students 3-4 times for 12 weeks. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact the pastor.
2. Please join us at 7:00 pm, February 22, for Ash Wednesday Service.
3. The Lenten season begins on February 22. During the Lenten season, we will offer an exceptional opportunity to participate in the ministry of daily devotion. Choose one of the 40 days, you read the scripture and prayer in Upper Room. Pastor Peter can record the video or you can record yourself and send it to peterchoiminden@gmail.com. Pastor Peter will post the video on Facebook and YouTube at 7:00 am daily.
4. Minden Inter-Church Ministry will be hosting lunch on Wednesdays during the Lenten season start 11:45 am. This year all lunches will be held at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Our church will serve lunch on March 1. Please join the program and support Minden Inter-Church Ministry every Wednesday.
5. The Bible study, *Threading the Bible: New Testament*, will be at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm this Thursday. If you want to join the class, please come to the library at either time.
6. If you want to serve our church and ministry the sheets for the volunteers of Scripture Reading, Usher and Greeter, Refreshment, and Daily Devotion are in the back.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$3,695. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

P: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

L: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

P: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

L: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

P: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us. Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art" UMH#77

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scriptures

Matthew 5:21-26 (NIV)

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Conflict with or Against" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" UMH#358

