

United Methodist Church—340 N Newell Ave—Minden, Nebraska
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m.—January 19, 2025

Video

Welcome

Opening Songs **“How Great is Our God” #4**
 “Glorious Day” #24



Call to worship!

L: Come, let us gather to celebrate the presence of Jesus among us.

P: We come to worship the One who turns water into wine and sorrow into joy.

L: Jesus meets us in the ordinary moments of life and reveals His extraordinary grace.

P: With open hearts, we come to experience His transforming power today.

L: Let us worship with joy and thanksgiving!

ALL: Amen!

Silent Prayer of Reflection

Prayer of Assurance

God of grace, we thank You for the quiet moments to reflect on our lives and Your presence with us. Guide our hearts as we continue to grow in faith and help us see the ways You are calling us each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

Kent Verbeck

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Happy Birthday to

Jack Hultquist

Ali Lovin

Jim Madsen

Zachary Klabunde

Makenna Dornhoff

Ian Sinsel

Prayer List

Nadine Fahrlander

Marion Johnson

Lee Mills

Joe Hultquist

Larry Anderson

January 19-25, 2025

Sunday

Monday

7pm Girl Scouts

7:15pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

Wednesday

3:30pm –5:00pm

Wednesday School

6:30pm Youth Group

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Message

“The Miracle at Cana: Turning Water into Joy”

Pastor Peter Choi

Announcements

1. **Local Church Leadership Training 2025** will take place January 21–23 via Zoom from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A registration link was emailed to church leaders. We kindly ask the Administrative Council Chair, Trustee Committee Chair, Finance Chair, Lay Leader, and Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair to check their emails for the registration details. Additionally, there will be a session dedicated to discussing the *One Board* model on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

2. In February 2025, Pastor Peter will begin a new sermon series titled **Living the Questions: A Journey through Faith and Life**. For more details, please check the church newsletter, where you'll find a list of potential topics for this series. If there's a particular topic that interests you, please feel free to contact the church.

3. Over the next two weeks, we will focus on supporting those affected by the devastating fires in California. If you would like to contribute, please write "California Fire Fund" in the memo section of your check. Your generosity and compassion can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who are suffering. Thank you for your support.

4. The Youth Group meeting will be at 6:30 pm this Wednesday.

5. Annual contribution statements are ready in the lobby. Please pick up your contribution statement for 2024.

6. We encourage you to consider volunteering as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host. If you feel called to serve our church and ministry, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

7. Last week we received offerings of \$3,628.

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH#95

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. We bring these offerings as a reflection of our gratitude and trust in Your abundant provision. Use them to further Your kingdom, to spread Your love, and to bring hope to those in need. Bless these gifts and the hands that give them, that they may glorify You and serve Your purpose in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song “I Will Follow” #36

Sending Forth

Go now with the assurance that Jesus turns the ordinary into extraordinary. Just as He brought joy to the wedding at Cana, He brings transformation to our lives. Step into this week ready to experience His presence in the everyday moments, and share His grace with those around you. May you carry His love, peace, and joy, Amen.

Postlude

Lena Choi

Vision statement for 2025: “A Life Centered on Worship” inspired by Romans 12:1