

**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m.
January 26, 2025**

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome

Announcements

1. Beginning next Sunday and continuing for four weeks, Pastor Peter will be presenting a new sermon series titled **Living the Questions: A Journey through Faith and Life**.
2. There will be an online event for children's ministry leaders via Zoom on Saturday, February 22nd, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The program's name is "Little Readers, Big Faith!" You can join us at the church or access it through a registered link.
3. We will continue 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.
4. Your 2024 annual contribution statements are ready in the lobby.
5. Sign up sheets for scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host are on the table in the back. Please Volunteer if you are able.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$2,015.

Call to worship!

L: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

P: God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.

L: To proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery of sight for the blind.

P: To set the oppressed free and declare the year of the Lord's favor!

L: Come, let us worship the One who fulfills His promises.

P: With joy and expectation, we lift our hearts to the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we gather in Your presence today, filled with gratitude for Your faithfulness. Open our hearts to receive Your Word, and may it come alive within us. Let this be a time of renewal, where the broken find comfort, the weary find rest, and the captive find freedom. Help us to see Your promises unfolding in our lives and to carry Your light into the world. Bless this time of worship, and may it glorify Your holy name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession



The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

UMH#882

Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH#140

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21 (NIV)

Leanna Warner

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Today This Scripture Is Fulfilled!" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn of Response

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH#593

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH#95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaim good news, set the oppressed free, and bring sight to the blind. Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of Jesus in this world. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

TFWS#2173

Sending Forth

Go now, as bearers of good news! Proclaim freedom to the oppressed, hope to the broken, and healing to the hurting. May the Spirit of the Lord go with you, empowering you to live out the promises of God in your daily life. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord, sharing His light with all you meet. Amen.

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

Happy Birthday to

Dudley Scharff

Prayer List

Nadine Fahrlander

Marion Johnson

Lee Mills

Larry Anderson

Jan 26-Feb 1, 2025

Sunday

2pm Girl Scouts

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

3:30 Wednesday

School

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Vision statement for 2025:

**"A Life Centered
on Worship"**

inspired by Romans 12:1