

United Methodist Church—340 N Newell Ave—Minden, Nebraska
6th Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m.—February 16, 2025

Welcome

Opening Songs “Still” #39 & “Fill My Cup, Lord” #74

Call to worship!

L: Come, all who seek truth and hope.

P: We come with open hearts, longing for God’s presence.

L: Christ is risen! The promise of resurrection is our foundation.

P: We believe in the power of new life through Christ!

L: Though the world may doubt, we stand firm in faith.

P: Our hope is in the risen Lord, who has conquered death!

L: Come, let us worship the God of life and salvation!

P: With joy and thanksgiving, we lift our voices in praise!

Silent Prayer of Reflection

Prayer of Assurance

Gracious God, we thank You for Your unshakable love and the assurance of eternal life through Christ. In moments of doubt and fear, remind us of Your presence and the hope we have in Your resurrection. No matter what we face, we are never alone. We trust in Your forgiveness, Your guidance, and the peace that comes from knowing we are Yours. Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and for the promise of life eternal. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Sermon

Scriptures

Marilyn Rasmussen

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV) Believers Who Have Died

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

John 11:25-26 (NIV)

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.



Happy Birthday to
James Wilkinson

Happy Anniversary to

Jason & Jaime
Sinsel—18 years
Donlyn & Sandra
Space—51 years

Prayer List

Nadine Fahrlander
Marion Johnson
Lee Mills
Larry Anderson

February 16-22, 2025

Sunday

Monday

President’s Day
7pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

Wednesday

3:30pm –5:00pm
Wednesday School
6:30pm Youth Group

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Message

“The Afterlife”

Pastor Peter Choi

Announcements

1. February sermon series "A Journey through Faith and Life." The final week is February 23: "The Role of Women in the Church". This will be a meaningful time for you to connect, reflect, and think about your own questions.
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. Please let me know if you are interested in this program.
3. Presentation of the Bible Service will be celebrated during the worship on March 2. This tradition honors third graders and older by presenting them with their own Bible. Let's all take part and make this a meaningful time so that our children can grow through the Bible.
4. Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins. It's a time to remember Jesus' sacrifice, reflect on our own weaknesses, and take a moment to repent. During the service, we receive ashes on our foreheads as a symbol of humility and a chance to draw closer to God. Our Ash Wednesday service will be on March 5th at 7:00 PM. We invite you to join us as we start our Lenten journey together, reflect on our faith, and deepen our relationship with God.
5. We will also begin the Lent Season by reading the devotions daily from the Upper Room. We are looking for 40 people to read 40 the devotions. Choose a devotion to read, record it and send it to Pastor or Pastor Peter can help you record it. A sign-up sheet is available at the Church.
6. We still need scripture readers, greeters, communion servers, and refreshment hosts. If you're feeling called to help out with our church and ministry, just sign-up on the sheet on the back table.
7. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$1,935.

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

Offering

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, thank You for the gift of life and the hope found in Christ's death and resurrection. Through His sacrifice, we are offered eternal life, and for that, we are forever grateful. We ask that You use these offerings to further Your kingdom and share the good news of the resurrection with the world. Just as Jesus gave His life for us, may we offer our lives, resources, and talents in Your service. Use these gifts to spread the message of new life in Christ, and may they reflect our commitment to serve You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song “Hope of the Nations” #13

Sending Forth

Go now, filled with the hope of Christ's resurrection. As you leave this place, may your hearts be filled with His peace, and may you be a light to the world, sharing the love and grace you've received. Live in the assurance of new life through Christ, and may you walk boldly in his calling, spreading his message of hope and salvation wherever you go. Go in peace, and may God's blessings be with you always. Amen.

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