

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Nadine Fahrlander, Marion Johnson,
Lee Mills, and Larry Anderson
Happy Birthday to John Mullin, Kara Suchsland,
Lee Ann Lux, and Nicholas Pearson.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH #95

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for the abundant blessings You have poured into our lives. Use these offerings for the work of Your kingdom, that Your love may be known to all people. As we give, we remember the great gift of Jesus, who gave his life for us. May our generosity reflect his love and grace in the world. Bless these gifts, and bless each one of us, that we may serve You with joy and faithfulness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" UMH#545

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

United Methodist Church

**340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska**

Order of Worship

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome

Announcements

1. The sermon series "A Journey through Faith and Life."
Here's what's coming up next:

Feb 16: The Afterlife

Feb 23: The Role of Women in the Church

2. Valentine's Day is coming up on February 14! This year, why not make it more meaningful by **expressing your heart through a handwritten note**? Is there someone you've been meaning to thank? A friend you haven't spoken to in a while? A fellow church member who could use some encouragement? Now is the perfect time to reach out with kindness! Cards and envelopes are available in the church lobby for you. Let's make this Valentine's Day about more than just chocolates and flowers—let's fill it with love, gratitude, and the joy of sharing God's love with one another!

3. 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.

4. 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.

February 9-15, 2025

Sunday

Monday

WIC

7:15pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:30am United Women in Faith

6:00pm Finance Meeting

Thursday

Friday

Happy Valentine's Day

Saturday

5. Lent Season Begins on March 5! To mark this season, we are looking for 40 people to read 40 devotions from *The Upper Room* over 40 days. If you choose to read a devotion, Pastor Peter will record it, or you can send him a video file. A sign-up sheet is in the back.

6. Last week we received offerings of \$4,351. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord,

P: With open hearts and eager spirits, we come to worship.

L: Let us lift our voices in praise, for God is good,

P: His love endures forever, and His faithfulness knows no end.

L: As we come together, may we be filled with His peace,

P: And may His Word guide us in all we do.

A: Let us worship the Lord with joy and thanksgiving!

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for the gift of this new day and for the opportunity to gather in Your presence. We ask that You speak to us through Your Word and fill us with Your Spirit. Help us to set aside the distractions of the world, focusing on Your love and truth. May this time of worship draw us closer to You and strengthen our bonds with one another. We offer this time to You, O Lord, and pray that it brings You glory. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version **UMH#882**

Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" **UMH#61**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Vision statement for 2025: ***"A Life Centered on Worship"***
inspired by **Romans 12:1**

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Scriptures

KayLyn McBride

Matthew 16:13-17 (NIV)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NIV)

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law?

Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "How Unbelievers View Jesus" **Pastor Peter Choi**

Hymn of Response "I Know Whom I Have Believed" **UMH#714**