

United Methodist Church—340 N Newell Ave—Minden, Nebraska
2nd Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m.—March 16, 2025

Welcome

Call to worship!

L: Jesus longed to gather His people, but they rejected His love.

P: Yet, His love remains unending, always reaching out to us.

L: In this season of Lent, we reflect on God's mercy and grace, even when we turn away, His hope never fails.

P: We come with open hearts, embracing His call and unending hope.

L: Let us worship the God who loves us with a love that never ends.

P: Praise be to God, whose love gathers us all! Amen.

Opening Songs **"Shout to the Lord" #63**
 "Now That You're Near" #25

Silent Prayer of Reflection

Prayer of Assurance

Gracious God, we are so grateful this morning because you are always with us. In moments of doubt and fear, you are our comfort and strength. Even when we fall short, your grace covers us, and your love never fails. We are assured that no matter what we face, you are by our side, guiding and supporting us. Thank you for your unfailing mercy and for the assurance that we are never alone. May we always trust in your presence and your promises. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Scriptures

Kent Verbeck

Luke 13:31-35 (NIV) Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.



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Message “Rejected Love, Unending Hope” Pastor Peter Choi

Announcements

1. Please watch devotional videos on Facebook and YouTube during Lent. The video will be posted at 7:00 am daily.
2. We'd really appreciate your help! If you're interested in volunteering as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.
3. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
5. Last week we received offerings of \$2,165.

Joys & Concerns—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 many blessings You have poured into our lives. As we offer our gifts today, we give not just from our possessions, but from our hearts. May these offerings be used to further Your kingdom and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song “Everlasting God” #9

Sending Forth

As we go from this place, may we carry the love and grace of God with us into the world. Let us remember that even in moments of rejection, God's love is unending, and His hope is always with us. Go forth in peace, sharing His love with all you meet, and may the joy and hope of Christ fill your hearts and lives. Amen.

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



Happy Birthday to

Leanna Warner
Ginger Frizane
Sandy Johnson
Russ Olsen
Amy Kring
Laci Loseke

Happy Anniversary to

Russ & Carolyn
Olsen—11years

Prayer List

March 16-22, 2025

Sunday

Monday

Happy St. Patrick's Day
7:00pm Girl Scouts
7:15pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

7:00pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

