

Offering

Doxology

UMH #95

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as we offer our time, talents, and treasures, we are reminded of Your abundant grace. Bless these offerings, that they may be used to further Your kingdom and to serve those in need. May they reflect our commitment to follow Christ, who gave His all for us. Accept these gifts as a sign of our love and devotion. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Take Time to Be Holy”

UMH#395

Sending Forth

As we go from this place, may we walk the path of Lent with courage and faith. Just as Jesus faced the wilderness with trust in God, may we stand firm in the face of temptation, relying on His Word and His strength. Go in peace, knowing that God goes with you, guiding, strengthening, and renewing you each step of the way. Amen.

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

March 9-15, 2025

Sunday

Monday

8:00am-4:00pm WIC

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:30am United Women in Faith

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



United Methodist Church

**340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska**

**Order of Worship
March 9, 2025
1st Sunday in Lent**

Prelude

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Video

Welcome

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.
4. Last week we received offerings of \$3,395. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us remember the time when Jesus was led into the wilderness.

P: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, faced temptation but chose to trust in God's Word.

L: In the wilderness, He resisted the tempter's offers and remained faithful to God's will.

P: May we, too, find strength in God's Word to face the temptations and challenges in our lives.

L: Let us worship the One who shows us the way, the truth, and the life.

A: We come with open hearts, ready to follow where Christ leads us, trusting in His strength and grace. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, as we begin this season of Lent, we come seeking Your guidance and strength. Just as Jesus faced temptation in the wilderness, help us to remain faithful and trust in Your Word. Renew our spirits, draw us closer to You, and help us to grow in faith during this season of reflection. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

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

Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH#110

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Scriptures **Kent Verbeck**

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV) Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Peter Choi

"Facing Temptation: Walking with Christ in Lent"

Hymn of Response

UMH#130

"God Will Take Care of You"

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Roxanne Sorensen,

Roma Anderson, and Isabelle Martin.

Happy Anniversary to Ed & Roxanne Sorensen—40 years

and Jason & Corey Smidt—21 years.

Prayer List:

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

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

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