

### Offertory Prayer

Risen Lord, You have conquered death and opened the way to new life. In response to Your great love, we bring these gifts—not out of obligation, but out of gratitude and faith. Use them, Lord, to share Your resurrection story with a world still in need of life, healing, and hope. Bless what we give and bless each heart that gives. In Your risen name we pray, Amen.

### Holy Communion

**“How Great Thou Art” UMH#77**

**Closing Song “Thine Be the Glory” UMH#308**

### Sending Forth

Go now with the joy of the empty tomb in your heart. Go with the confidence that Christ is alive—bringing new life, healing, and hope. Even in the places that feel empty, Jesus meets us, walks with us, and fills us with His peace. So go, and live as Easter people—people of resurrection, people of light, people of unshakable hope.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**April 20-26, 2025**

**Easter Sunday**

**Monday**  
7pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**  
3:30-5:00pm  
Wednesday  
School

**Thursday**

**Friday**  
Mobile Food Pantry

**Saturday**



**Easter Blessings**



**United Methodist Church**

*340 N Newell Ave, Minden, Nebraska*

**Order of Worship—April 13, 2025—Easter Sunday**

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**Video “Empty”**

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Songs**

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH#302**

**“Up from the Grave He Arose” UMH#322**

**Call to Worship!**

**L:** Early in the morning, before the sun had fully risen, the women went to the tomb, expecting death.

**P: But they found the stone rolled away, and the tomb was empty.**

**L:** They were afraid, confused—until the angels said, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

**P: Jesus is not here. He is risen!**

**L:** Come, let us worship the risen Lord— with joy, with hope, with hearts full of praise.

**A: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Silent Prayer of Reflection**

## **Prayer of Assurance**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **Children's Sermon**

## **Scriptures**

### **Luke 24:1-12 (NIV) Jesus Has Risen**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## **Message "Empty, Yet Full" Pastor Peter Choi**

## **Announcements**

1. On Sunday, May 11, we will honor our high school graduates during our regular service. Please join us in blessing the achievements and future paths of the graduating students. Six members will graduate this year: Aiden Sinsel, Addison Klabunde, Avery Froid, Kara Suchsland, Jerzee Smidt, and Maliyah Melroy.
2. The mission team will sell Mother's Day roses for \$6 on April 27 and May 4. If you are not available on those days, you may also contact the church office. You can pick up your roses on Mother's Day, May 11.
3. Vacation Bible School this year will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church: May 27–30, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
4. 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.
5. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,995. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## **Joys and Concerns**

Happy Birthday to Jeanette Wilkinson, Joyce Bender, and Riley Ratka.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Offering—Special Music**

**"Amazing Love" sung by Chloe & Josie**

## **Doxology**

**UMH #95**

**"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"**