

Message “Victory Over Doubt” Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn of Response **UMH#351**
“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Joys and Concerns

Happy Anniversary to Keller & Erin Koch—1 year
and Doug & Shirley Fellers—25 years.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Doxology **UMH #95**
“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, we remember the peace and grace You extend to us, even in our doubts and fears. We offer these gifts, not out of obligation, but as a response to Your love and the abundant blessings You pour into our lives. Use these offerings to spread Your peace and share the good news of Christ’s resurrection with the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song “Hymn of Promise” UMH#707

Sending Forth

Go now, in the peace of the risen Christ. May His victory over death fill your hearts with hope, and may His presence transform your doubts into faith. As you go from this place, remember that you are sent to share the peace, the love, and the resurrection power of Jesus with the world. Go in the joy and strength of the Lord. Amen.

April 27-May 3, 2025

Monday	7pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday	3:30-5:00pm Wednesday School 6:30pm Youth Group

United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave, Minden, Nebraska

Order of Worship

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

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Video “Victory Is In Jesus”

Words of Welcome

Announcements

1. On Sunday, May 11, we will honor our high school graduates during regular worship service. Please join us in blessing the achievements and future paths of the graduating students. Six students will graduate this year: Aiden Sinsel, Addison Klabunde, Avery Froid, Kara Suchsland, Jerzee Smidt, and Maliyah Melroy.
2. The mission team is selling Mother’s Day roses for \$6, today 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. This year for Vacation Bible School we are encouraging our kids to attend at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is scheduled for May 27–30, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you are interested please contact our church office.
4. Please volunteer as a communion steward or server, scripture reader, greeter, or refreshment host.
5. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$4,999. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.



Call to Worship!

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

L: We come this morning still carrying questions, still holding wonder in our hearts.

P: Just like the disciples, we long to see and believe.

L: Jesus meets us where we are—with peace, not judgment.

P: He breathes new life into us and invites us to trust.

L: Come, let us worship the risen Lord,

P: And celebrate the victory we have in Jesus!

Opening Prayer

Risen Lord, we come to You today with joy and gratitude, still celebrating the good news of Easter. Like the disciples, we sometimes struggle with doubt and fear. But You meet us with peace, not judgment. Breathe Your Spirit into us. Help us to trust You more and to see the victory we have in You. Be present in our worship and renew our hearts today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

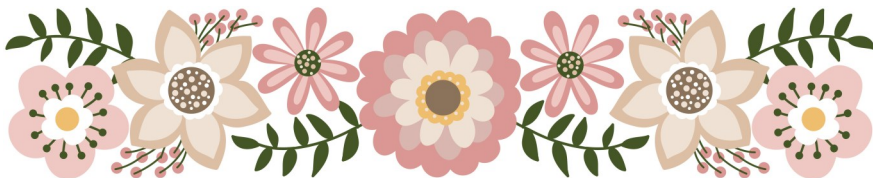
Silent Prayer of Confession

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version) UMH#882

Opening Hymn UMH#505
“When Our Confidence Is Shaken”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon



Scripture read by Marilyn Rasmussen

John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Jesus Appears to Thomas

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus)], one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

The Purpose of John's Gospel

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.