

Announcements

7. The Bible study, *Threading the Bible: New Testament*, will begin in January 2023. If you want to take the class, please contact the church office.
8. November Newsletter is in the back if you would like a copy.
9. Join us for refreshments following worship.
10. Last week we received offerings of \$8,922. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: How many times in our lives have we felt lost, alone, abandoned?

P: Yet there is One who will never leave our side. We can depend upon God's loving presence to rescue us and to heal our brokenness.

L: Even though we have been battered and blown by storms and struggles, we still can place our trust in God's abiding presence.

P: It is the grace of God that has brought us through and will continue to be with us all our lives.

L: Our lips shall sing and shout forth our praise of God.

P: Let our hearts and spirits rejoice and continually be praising God for all God's mercies. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

**Opening Songs "Today is the Day" #32
"Fill My Cup, Lord" W&S#3093**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scriptures

Proverbs 6:6-11 (NIV)

Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!
It has no commander,
no overseer or ruler,
yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.
How long will you lie there, you sluggard?
When will you get up from your sleep?
A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest—
and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.

Luke 16:1-13 (NIV)

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

"'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message “Earn All You Can” Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Family and Friends of Leroy Smith,
Marge Madsen, Larry Anderson,
Lori Conyer’s Father, and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Ed Sorensen, Dave Jameson, & Kim Melroy.

Happy Anniversary to Dave & Allyson Jameson—41 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

We give you thanks for every gift we have received, including the gift of faith. Not as we ought, but as we are able, O God, we return. Grant us faith and confidence in large and small things, and open our hearts to what it means to be generous. Amen.

Closing Song “A Mighty Fortress” #31

Benediction

The pathway is open before you this day. It is a path of peace and hope, brought to others by God’s mighty love and wondrous blessings. Go in peace, bringing hope to all that you meet. Go, blessed ones, to serve God all your days. AMEN.

Sending Forth

United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska

10:00 a.m.

October 30, 2022

**21st Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship**



Welcome and Announcements

1. Please continue to pray for our church ministry. And if you want to support us with your gifts, get in touch with us. The volunteer sheets are being passed today. Without your commitment, we cannot sustain and grow the church ministry.
2. Pastor Peter continues to discuss earning, saving, and giving with John Wesley’s Simple Rules. November 13, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday and invite you and your family to join us for a meal and fellowship.
3. All Saint’s Sunday service will be held during worship on November 6. It is a day of remembrance for the lives and work of church saints who have passed away.
4. We have begun collecting items for the Christmas Boxes. If you want to fill a box please get one from the back. November 13 will be our last day to collect items and filled boxes.
5. The Advent Season begins on November 27. For this season, Pastor Peter will have intensive pastoral care. Please get in touch with the pastor if you need the pastor to visit.
6. During worship on December 18, we are going to have a Christmas program. If you and your family are interested in participating in the program, please get in touch with the church office or Pastor Peter.