#### **Joys and Concerns**

<u>Happy Birthday</u> to Makenna Dornhoff & Ian Sinsel. <u>Prayer List:</u> Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and Marge Madsen.

## Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

**Offertory Music** 

#### "Doxology "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

## **Offertory Prayer**

O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. Amen.

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Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH#593
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## Benediction

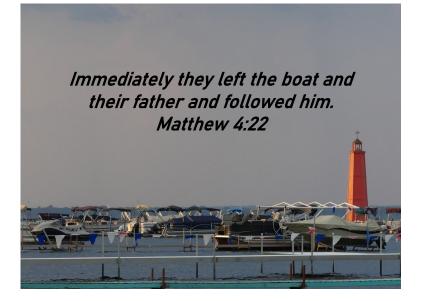
Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God's love. Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God's light to all you meet!

## Sending Forth

## Postlude

**Glen Haselbarth** 

Vision for 2023: "Have Life, and Have It Abundantly." John 10:10 (NRSV)



# United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska 10:00 a.m. January 22, 2023 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Prelude

**Glen Haselbarth** 

#### Welcome and Announcements

1. Please, each committee plan to have a meeting. Each committee needs a meeting at least two times a year.

A Hospitality Meeting will be this Friday at 10:00 am. The team will be brainstorming and planning for this year.

2. The Bible study, *Threading the Bible: New Testament*, will begin at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on this Wednesday, 2023. If you want to take the class, please come to the library at either time.

3. On January 29, our youth group hosts a lunch to raise funds for a mission trip. We invite everyone to this special event.

4. The youth group meeting will be at 6:30 pm on January 25. Wednesday School will be 3:40 pm on Wednesday.

5. We are going to start a 12 week confirmation class in February 2023. If your kids are interested in the class, please get in touch with the church office.

6. Contribution Statements for 2022 are in the back.

7. Your financial commitment is vital in the church ministry. The offering plate is in the back of the church. If you want to give offerings online please use the link on Facebook or YouTube.8. There will be refreshments following worship.

9. Last week we received offerings of \$2,702. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

P: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.

L: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

P: We will follow, unafraid,

where God and Jesus lead us.

L: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

P: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

#### **Opening Prayer**

God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace, and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Opening Hymn UMH#57** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Time** 

## Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven. is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body. and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Scriptures Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV) **Jesus Begins to Preach**

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali-to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentilesthe people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

#### **Jesus Calls His First Disciples**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

## Jesus Heals the Sick

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

## P: Thanks be to God.

Message	"We are Called to Fish"	Pastor Peter Choi
Hymn	"O Jesus, I Have Promised	" UMH#396

#### Marah Dornhoff