

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Loneta Nolan and Nikki Dornhoff.

Happy Anniversary to Peter & Lena Choi—12 years.

Prayer List: Kent Verbeck, Merlin Beahm and
Marge Madsen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

God of the water that cleans us, the land that feeds us, and the air that allows us to breathe your Spirit in and out of us; you claim us in our baptism, but too few of us even remember our own baptism. As we present our tithes and offering in worship and witness Christ’s baptism once again, may we remember that in that water we were, like Christ, commissioned to go: to teach, preach, heal, and even to take up a cross. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special music by Glen Haselbarth

Closing Hymn “Go, Make of All Disciples” UMH#571

Benediction

Go forth joyfully. God is with you. Bring peace and hope to all you meet. And may God’s eternal love shine through you always. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

Vision for 2023:
“Have Life,
and Have It Abundantly.”



United Methodist Church
Minden, Nebraska
10:00 a.m.
January 8, 2023
Baptism of the Lord

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. Our church leaders for 2023 will be recognized and blessed during the worship on January 15. All church leaders should attend this special worship.
2. The Bible study, *Threading the Bible: New Testament*, will begin at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on January 26, 2023. If you want to take the class, please contact the church office.
3. We are going to start a confirmation class in February 2023. And the class will be for 12 weeks. If your kids are interested in the class, please get in touch with the church office.
4. On January 29, our youth group hosts a lunch to raise money for a mission trip. We invite everyone to this special event.
5. Youth meeting will be at 6:30 pm, January 11 (Wednesday) and Wednesday school will be 3:30 pm, January 11 (Wednesday).
6. January Newsletter is ready to pick up in the back if you want a printed one.
7. There will be a refreshment following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$2,705. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to worship this day!

P: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.

L: They shall be given to you.

P: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.

L: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.

P: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God, move in us today. Help us to be open to your transforming love. Open our hearts to be present in this time of worship, that we may experience you and praise you fully. Help us to let go of fears and judgments and ideas that hold us captive from freely experiencing your love through all of your creation. Transform our hearts through your word to receive and live your love in radical ways. Through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus"

UMH#189

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scriptures

Nadine Fahrlander

Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Why Was Jesus Baptized?" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Spirit of God"

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