



**United Methodist Church
Minden, Nebraska
10:00 a.m.
February 5, 2023
5th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Welcome and Announcements

1. Committee chairs please plan a meeting. The church would like to see each committee meet at least twice a year.
2. The Bible study, *Threading the Bible: New Testament*, will meet at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm this Thursday. If you want to take the class, please come to the library at either time.
3. We will start a 12 week confirmation class at 5:30 pm on February 15. If your kids are interested in the class, please get in touch with me.
4. The Lenten season begins on February 22. During the Lenten season, we will offer an exceptional opportunity to participate in the ministry of daily devotion. Choose one of the 40 days, you read the scripture and prayer from the Upper Room. Pastor Peter can record the video or you can record yourself and send it to peterchoiminden@gmail.com. Then he will post the video on Facebook and YouTube at 7:00 am daily.
5. Sheets for the volunteers of Scripture Reading, Usher and Greeter, Refreshment, and Daily Devotion are in the back. If you want to serve our church and ministry, please write your name on the sheet in the back.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$724. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

God of all creation, source of every blessing: you have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to you this day. May we be the salt that brings value and flavor into relationships with those around us. May we be the light that helps others find their way to your love and care. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music “Remembrance”

Closing Song “Fill My Cup, Lord” W&S#3093

Benediction

You have called us, O God, to embrace the mission of Jesus as our own. Our sight is not equal to this vision, and our strength is not equal to this task. But you, O Lord, are a merciful God. You give light to those who walk in darkness, and you grant strength to those who carry heavy loads. As we return to the workaday world, let us see your light before us and feel your strength within us.

Sending Forth



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

Call to Worship

L: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

P: We are the salt of the earth.

L: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

P: We are the light of the world.

L: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

P: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

L: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

P: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

A: Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

Opening Prayer

God of mystery and of righteousness, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs “Awakening” #57
“Sing to the King” #18

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

Jodi Boudreau

Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Message “Reflect God’s Love.” Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Dale Space, Mick Jameson, John Mullin, and Kara Suchsland.

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

Pastoral Prayer