

**Message**  
**“A Shepherd to Lead Us”**  
by Pastor Peter Choi

**Joys and Concerns**

Happy Birthday to Delaine Maxon, Tony Ratka,  
Gracie Fries, Jaime Sinsel and Scott Maxon.

Prayer List: Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson,  
Fred Will, Merlin Beahm and Kent Verbeck  
and Ken Frizane.

**Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer**

**Offertory Music**

**“Doxology      “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

**Offertory Prayer**

Generous, life-giving God, you sent Jesus that we might have life and have it abundantly. In response to this great gift, we now offer ourselves and our resources. May these gifts help us as a church to be your voice, calling all people to abundant life and to their true identities as your beloved. Amen.

**Closing Song      “Sing to the King” #18**

**Benediction**

We have been refreshed and restored. We have been called and guided. Let us go forth knowing who our true shepherd is, following his path, secure in the knowledge that goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life. Amen.

**Sending Forth**

**Postlude**

**Lena Choi**

**United Methodist Church**  
**Minden, Nebraska**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**April 30, 2023**

**Prelude**

**Lena Choi**

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Following worship, the youth group is hosting a lunch in the fellowship hall to raise funds for a mission trip. Everyone is invited.
2. National Day of Prayer will be this Thursday, May 4 from 11 am to 7 pm at Minden Exchange Bank Community Room.
3. On Sunday, May 7, we will honor our high school graduates during the worship—Ian Sinsel, Levi Loseke, and Tyler Nolan. Come and celebrate their graduations.
4. The mission team is selling Mother's Day Roses. If you would like to purchase roses, please see the committee in the back.
5. Mother's Day is May 14. All ladies are invited to this exceptional worship service. A special gift is given to all ladies.
6. The last day of Wednesday school will be May 10, as the school starts summer break on May 17.
7. Youth Group gathering Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 pm.
8. Confirmation Class Wednesday, May 3, at 5:30 pm.
9. Bible Study, Threading the Bible, will be at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Thursday.
10. The clip boards are in the back if you want to volunteer for scripture reader, usher and greeter, or refreshment Host.
11. Last week we received offerings of \$2,921. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

## Call to Worship

L: Can you hear the voice of God?

**P: We hear God calling us by name.**

L: Are you troubled or distressed?

**P: We come here to find a place to rest for a while.**

L: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

**P: We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

## Opening Prayer

God of all the sheep, those who remain close to you and those who stray, those who are always faithful, and those who are lost: be with us today! Help us take a look at our lives and our relationship to you. Bring us close, draw us in, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

**Opening Song "Here I am to Worship" #22  
"Jesus, Your Name"**

## Passing the Peace of Christ

## Children's Time

**Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)**

**UMH#882**

**Scriptures**

**Jessie Tunnell**

### **Psalm 23 (NIV)**

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

## **John 10:1-10 (NIV)**

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**