

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Marilyn Rasmussen, Diana Hammer,
Mike Boudreau, and Jensen Rowse.

Prayer List: Dan Frizane, Joe Hultquist, Marjorie Hultquist,
Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck,
Peggy Rasmussen, & Michelle Erickson.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. Through these gifts and in our lives, help us be the shepherds, healers, and lovers that you are calling us to be. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Forward Through the Ages” UMH#555

Benediction

Hear the cries of those in need! Go into God's world, enabled by Christ to be in ministries of compassion for all God's people. Love this world as God has loved you. Care tenderly always for all of creation. Go and faithfully serve in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

Vision for 2023:

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

United Methodist Church

**340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska**

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

10:00 a.m.

November 26, 2023

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. We are deeply grateful for your financial support of our church and your commitment to our continued ministry in the future. Your financial support has helped us to make a real difference in our lives. If you have not returned your estimate of giving commitment cards yet, I encourage you to return your card.
2. Thank you for the donation of Christmas shoe boxes. We collected 33 boxes. Your participation has been changing a part of the world.
3. We plan Homecoming Sunday with a Christmas program during our worship on December 17. If you and your family are interested in participating in the program, please get in touch with the church office or Pastor Peter. Additionally, we will be offering church membership and baptism on this day. If you or your family wish to receive membership and baptism, please get in touch with Pastor Peter or the church office. Lastly, please mark this exceptional program on your calendar and invite those who haven't come to the Church for a while.
4. The Advent season begins on December 3, and we are excited to invite five families to participate in the tradition of lighting the Advent candles during our worship service. If your family is interested in being a part of this exceptional experience, sharing in the warmth and anticipation of the season, don't hesitate to contact the church office or write your family name on the clip board in the back sheet.
5. Youth Group Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Call to Worship

L: The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.

P: They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.

L: Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us.

P: Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.

L: Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.

P: O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Tender, comforting Shepherd, your steadfast love is present in this place and resides within each of us. But sometimes it is hard, so very hard, to open ourselves to your love. We feel like scattered sheep, frightened and alone. Help us know your loving presence as we live as your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "We Gather Together" UMH#131

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed UMH#882

Scriptures

Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

**Message
"Christ the King"
by
Pastor Peter Choi**

Hymn "Come, Ye Disconsolate" UMH#510