



**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
17th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
September 15, 2024**



Prelude

Lena Choi

Welcome and Announcements

1. There will be no Wednesday class this week due to the Parent-Teacher Conference.
2. We are looking for teachers to join our team in serving the youth and guiding them in faith alongside the pastor. If you're interested, please get in touch with the church office or the pastor.
3. The Annual Charge Conference will be on November 17. Many documents are due October 1. Please submit all documents by October 17.
4. SPRC meeting following worship next Sunday, September 22.
5. Please volunteer to be a scripture reader, usher and/or greeter, or refreshment host. If you want to serve our church and ministry, please write your name on the sheet in the back.
6. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$3,236.

Call to worship!

L: Come, gather around the table of worship, where hearts are nourished, and spirits are fed.

P: We come seeking connection, grace, and the presence of God in our lives.

L: Just as we gather around the dining table to share food and stories, we gather here to share in God's love and truth.

P: May we be filled with the spiritual nourishment of the Holy Spirit and the grace of Jesus Christ.

L: Come, let us worship God, who provides, sustains, and connects us through His endless love.

P: We come with open hearts, ready to receive and share in His goodness.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you are the One who provides us for our every need, who invites us to the table of grace where all are welcome. Help us to open our hearts to the nourishment You offer so that we may be filled with Your Spirit and strengthened for the days ahead. Bless this time of worship, Lord, and make it a time of true communion with You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

Happy Birthday to

Elaine Curren
Deb Smidt
Fred Will
Rod Duffey
Marlys Farm

Prayer List:

Lee Mills
Joe Hultquist
Larry Anderson
Peggy Rasmussen

September 8-14, 2024

Sunday

Monday

WIC

7pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

**Vision for 2024:
All things work
together for good.
(Romans 8:28)**

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Opening Songs

**“With All My Heart”
“Arise”**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

Kent Verbeck

Luke 22:14-20 (NIV)

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV) The Fellowship of the Believers

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Dining Table”

Pastor Peter Choi

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer—The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#95

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as we bring our gifts and offerings today, we are reminded of the abundance of Your love and grace. Bless these offerings and use them for Your purposes.

May they be a reflection of our gratitude and a tool for Your work in the world. Help us to give generously and joyfully, knowing that what we give is an extension of the many blessings

You have given us. Guide us to use these resources wisely to further Your Kingdom and to serve those in need. Amen.

Closing Song

“Savior of the World”

Sending Forth

As we leave this place today, let us carry the spirit of fellowship and grace we’ve shared here into our daily lives. Just as the dining table is a place of nourishment and connection, may we be instruments of God’s love and peace wherever we go. Go forth and share the blessings you have received, and let your actions reflect the love of Christ to everyone you encounter.

Amen.

Postlude

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