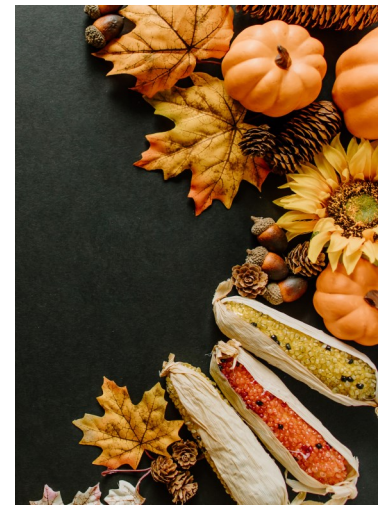




**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
18th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
September 22, 2024**



Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. The AD Council will meet Wednesday, September 25, at 5:30 pm.
2. The Youth Group will have the first meeting this Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 pm. Larry and Nancy, along with Pastor Peter, will continue to serve our Youth Group for this school year.
3. There will be an SPRC meeting at 7:30 pm Wednesday, September 25, in the library of the church.
4. The Annual Charge Conference will be on November 17. Many documents are due October 1. Please submit all documents by October 17.
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 \$1,938.

Call to worship!

L: Welcome to worship. Today, we reflect on how God writes His message in our lives, much like a pen writes on paper.

P: Let us open our hearts to God's Word.

L: Let us come together, ready to praise and worship God.

P: May our expressions reflect God's love and grace.

L: Let us lift our voices in worship.

P: Together, we celebrate God's message in our lives.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, just as a pen captures thoughts and ideas, we ask You to write Your message upon our hearts. Help us to open ourselves to Your guidance and truth. Teach us to be faithful messengers of Your grace, using the gifts and opportunities You provide to share Your story with those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Happy Birthday to
Avery Froid

Prayer List:

Lee Mills
Joe Hultquist
Larry Anderson
Peggy Rasmussen

September 22-28, 2024

Sunday

Monday

7pm Girl Scouts
7pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

Wednesday

3:30pm Wednesday
School

5:30pm Ad Council
6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm SPRC Meeting

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

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

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH#139

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

Sophie Graham

2 Corinthians 3:1-6 (NIV)

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

**Message
“The Pen”
Pastor Peter Choi**



Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

UMH#133

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

Offering

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

Offertory Prayer

You are generous and full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts so that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.

Closing Song

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

UMH#672

Sending Forth

As we go forth from this place, may you carry the love and truth of God into every corner of your life, sharing God’s story through your words and actions. Go with confidence, knowing that you are a cherished messenger of His grace, and may His Spirit be with you today and always. Amen.

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth