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**United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave  
Minden, Nebraska  
24th Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday  
10:00 a.m., November 3, 2024**

**Prelude**

Lena Choi

**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Today, we gather to remember and honor all the saints, both known and unknown, who have passed away and now reside in the presence of God in heaven.
2. On November 17, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday in the final week of our four-week steward program. We invite everyone to this sacred time and encourage you and your family to stay for a meal and fellowship.
3. We are continuing to collect donations for Christmas Shoeboxes. Please feel free to pick up as many empty shoeboxes as you need from the back of the sanctuary. All filled boxes need to be returned by November 17.
4. The education meeting will be this Wednesday, November 6, at 5:00 pm. We will discuss our Christmas program on December 15.
5. The November Newsletter is in the back. Feel free to pick up a copy.
6. Please volunteer to be a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host. If you want to serve our church and ministry, write your name on the sheet in the back.
7. We have refreshments in room 300 following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$1,240.

**Call to worship!**

L: Today is a new day with new opportunities

**P: Every day and opportunity is a gift given by God!**

L: Let us embrace what we have been given and not let it go to waste.

**P: May our trust in God give us the courage to be bold!**

L: God, join us here today.

**P: Cast away our fears so we can begin a new week, ready to work for your glory!**

**Opening Prayer**

Lord, sometimes we are weighed down with fears and worries that stifle our potential. Help us this day to trust you more and to find freedom from our fears, so that we can take the next step in faith. Teach us how to grow and multiply what you've entrusted to us so that we might spread your goodness far and wide. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)**

UMH#882

**Opening Songs**     "Revelation Song"  
                              "How Can I Keep From Singing"

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message**

**Happy Birthday to**

Kim Melroy  
Michala Olsen  
Fran Lange  
Jason Sinsel  
Kelli Suchsland  
Linda Duffey  
Lonnie Granger  
Stacy Sinsel  
Todd Suchsland

**Prayer List:**

Lee Mills  
Joe Hultquist  
Larry Anderson

**Nov. 3-9, 2024**  
**Sunday**

**Monday**

Girl Scouts 7pm  
Boy Scouts 7pm

**Tuesday**

Election Day-Go Vote!

**Wednesday**

3:30pm Wednesday  
School

5:00pm Education Mtg

**Thursday**

9:30am Prayer Time

**Friday**

**Saturday**

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

## Scripture Reading

Kent Verbeck

### Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV) The Parable of the Bags of Gold

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**“God Trusted Me with It!”**

**Pastor Peter Choi**

**Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, we bring these gifts to you with grateful hearts, recognizing that all we have is a blessing from your hand. Transform our offerings into vessels of hope so that they may reach those in need, share your love, and advance your work in the world. As we give, remind us to trust in your abundance, freeing us from fear and opening our hearts to give joyfully and boldly. May our lives and our gifts honor you and reflect your light. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**All Saints Service** (see insert)

**Holy Communion**

Special Music “I Will Rise”

**Closing Song “Glory to God Forever”**

**Sending Forth**

As we prepare to leave this place, let us carry the light of Christ into the world. May we go forth with hearts filled with love, courage, and trust in God’s abundance. Let us embrace our gifts and use them to serve others, sharing hope and kindness wherever we go. Remember that God’s grace goes with you, guiding your steps. Go in peace, reflecting the love of Christ in all that you do. Amen.

**Postlude**

**Lena Choi**