

MINNEHAHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

SERVING WITH LOVE

Sermon Today:
"The Day of Reckoning"
Mike Kennedy

1 Samuel 4



LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 2026

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Date: September 13, 2026

9:30 BIBLE STUDY TEAM



Next Week:
2 Cor. 5-6
Mark Williams



TODAY:
2 Cor. 3-4
Dave Kubow

10:45 MAIN ASSEMBLY SINGING LEADERS



Jimmy Kennedy



Lauren Priest



Stephanie Kennedy



Ken Smithline

Lord's Supper Time – Each week we prioritize the Lord's Supper.



Today – Mike Kennedy
"The Day of Reckoning" – 1 Samuel 4

Next Week: Mike Kennedy
"Confronting an Evil World" – 1 Samuel 5

The mission of the Minnehaha Church of Christ is to worship God, equipping every member to serve and build up one another and to lead people into a saving and enriching relationship with Jesus Christ.

PRAYER LIST ITEMS:

-- **Ken Bowcutt** – Please keep Ken in your prayers.

-- **Gary & Carolyn Strong, Joyce Ryan, Marlo Chapman** – Please be in prayer for these fellow saints and their various struggles.

-- **Matt Shively** – Please keep Matt in your prayers as he deals with the passing of Cynthia. Please Note *The Memorial Service for Cynthia, is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 26 at 3pm here at MCC.*

-- **Stormie Priest** – Be in prayer for our dear sister as she struggles with cancer issues.

-- **Carl Fich** – Be in prayer for our brother as he deals with cancer throughout his body.

-- **People in Nepal** – *Be in prayer for many in Nepal devastated and suffering from the glacial collapse and flooding recently. To help, donate to IDES - <https://www.ides.org/donation-portal>*

BIRTHDAYS

FRIDAY – RAIDEN EHLE

Useful Numbers

(Data as of: 9/10/26 7:29 PM)

Facebook Viewers	Class	25
	Sermon	45
YouTube Viewers	Hispanic	87
	Class	18
	Sermon	30
Rumble Viewers	Hispanic	41
	Class	32
	Sermon	42
	Hispanic	49

Weekly also on our own app.

Last Sunday Attendance:	
English	31
Hispanic	7

2026 Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,843
Last week	\$ 2,725
13-week average:	\$ 1,590
26-week average:	\$1,560

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Word of God, speak! – Do not go back to evil.

"⁹ Do you really think you can steal, murder, commit adultery, lie, and burn incense to Baal and all those other new gods of yours, ¹⁰ and then come here and stand before me in my Temple and chant, "We are safe!"— only to go right back to all those evils again?" – Jeremiah 7:9-10 [NLT]

THIS MONTH AND LATER

Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm - Evening Prayer Meeting

September 19, Sat. 7:30 am – Iron Man, Men's Breakfast

September 19, Sat. 9:30 am – Elders' Meeting

September 26, Sat. 3:00 pm – **Cynthia Shively Memorial Service**

God is Not a Good Luck Charm

(A good lesson based on 1 Samuel chapter 4)

We serve a living God, not a cosmic insurance policy. It's easy to treat the Creator like a good luck charm—something kept in the closet and dusted off only during a sudden crisis.

In **1 Samuel 4:3**, Israel faced defeat. Instead of repenting, they said, *"Let's bring the Ark of the Covenant... If we carry it into battle... it will save us."* They treated a holy object like a magical talisman, wanting power without lordship.

This extended to Israel's leadership. Eli's sons blasphemed God and *"were scoundrels who had no respect for the Lord"* (**1 Samuel 2:12**). Yet, in trouble, they carried the Ark into battle, expecting God to bail them out.

The modern equivalent is ignoring God's commands daily, then expecting His protection when times get hard, only to return to disobedience later. God warns in **Jeremiah 7:9-10**: *"Do you really think you can steal, murder... and then come... stand before me... and chant, 'We are safe!'—only to go right back to all those evils again?"*

Psalm 46:1 promises God is *"...our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble."* He wants to be our protector, but He won't be disrespected by those who only want Him in a sticky situation. Seek a daily, obedient relationship, not a cosmic quick fix.

Questions to ponder:

1. Do we approach God in true repentance or as a quick fix?
2. How can we ensure we respect God's commands daily, not just in a crisis?