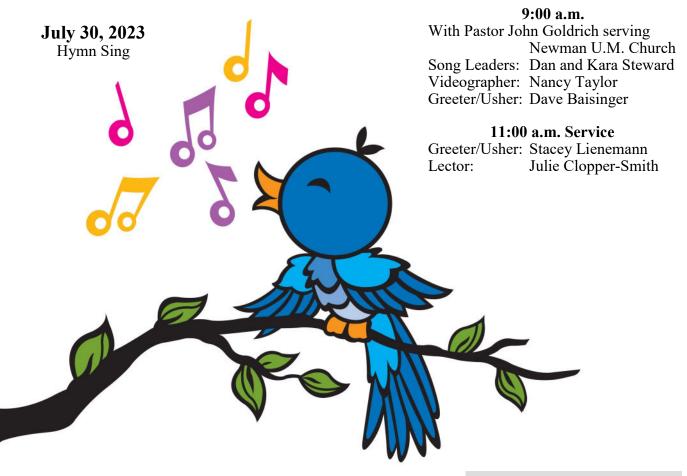
Aldersgate United Methodist Church



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Greeting and Announcements (9 Joseph, 11 Julie)

Music for Centering Prayer #176 (red, twice 9) "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings. Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings. WORDS and MUSIC: Jack Hayford, 1981; arr. Eugene Thomas, 1981 © 1981 Rocksmith Music c/o Trust Music Management #174 (red, twice 9) "His Name Is Wonderful" His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. WORDS and MUSIC: Audrey Mieir, 1959; © 1959, renewed 1987 Manna Music, Inc. "Gather Us In" #2236 (black, 11, vs. 1-2) Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;

call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen; $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$ 1982 CIA Publications, Inc.

Call to Worship (9 *Joseph*, 11 *Julie*)

LEADER: Let us call on our God and give thanks. Let hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

- ALL: Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.
- LEADER: Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence seeking God's strength.
- ALL: Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness and searches our hearts.
- LEADER: Who can separate us from the love of God? Will hardship, distress or peril overcome us?
- ALL: Nothing can separate us from God's love. We can face all things, knowing God's care.

Opening Prayer (9 *Joseph*, 11 *Julie*)

- LEADER: Meet us here; holy God, to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits. Plant your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing, inviting ways for the sake of all your creatures. May we find in these moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss, discouragement and suffering.
- ALL: Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust you and your will for us. We believe that whatever happens, you can bring some good from it. Show us, O God, the good you intend. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

Hymn #2088 (black, 9, twice) "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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#145 (red, 9)

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

- Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 by permission of David Higham Associates, Ltd. MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House #2009 (black, 11) "O God Beyond All Praising" O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. WORDS: Michael Perry; © 1987 Jubilate Hymns, admin. by Hope Publishing Co. MUSIC: Gustav T. Holst #2115 (black, 11, vs. 1-2) "Christ Has Risen" Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died, as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied. Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer; let the world confirm the rumor; Christ is risen, God is here! 2. Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save; Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave. Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room. He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

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MUSIC: William Moore

Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation (John)

- PASTOR: We who profess our faith are challenged to be honest about our doubts. Our pretense of concern for others is tainted by our self-interest. Our great plans are compromised by little deceits. God judges as well as upholds. Surely all of us need to seek forgiveness.
- ALL: Gracious God, we are people of good intentions. We have good intentions to love one another; good intentions to be an authentic community together, to honor our words and promises, and to always honor you. We confess that we have not always lived up to our good intentions. We are broken people and we have broken promises. Holy One, forgive us for the ways in which we have failed one another and the ways in which we have failed you. Amen.
- PASTOR: Hear the good news: God forgives us again and again. We have second chances and third chances and fourth chances . . . To keep trying to get it right and to live up to our good intentions. Even though we sometimes fail God, God never fails us. God always keeps God's promises to be faithful.
- ALL: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #504 (red, 9, vs. 1-3) "The Old Rugged Cross" On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.
2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

#2108 (black, 11)

WORDS and MUSIC: George Bennard, 1913

"O How He Loves You and Me"

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

2.Jesus to Calv'ry did go; his love for sinners to show. What he did there brought hope from despair. O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

WORDS and MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser; © 1975 Word Music, Inc.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer #895 (red, John)

- PASTOR: God, the Bible tells us that your Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. We pray for the needs of those whose labors go unrewarded: by layoffs, loss of benefits, the devaluing of their worth through the loss of vocation.
- ALL: Hear our prayers and sighs for love that can work good from ill. (sigh)
- PASTOR: God, your Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. We pray for the needs of those who grieve: the loss of a loved one, for friend, the loss of hope, the loss of justice.
- ALL: Hear our prayers and sighs for love that can work good from ill. (sigh)
- PASTOR: God, your Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. We pray for the needs of those who experience estrangement: within family, among colleagues, within and from this community.
- ALL: Hear our prayers and sighs for love that can work good from ill. (sigh)
- PASTOR: God, your Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. We pray for the need of peace where there is war; for justice where there is inequity; for understanding where there is ignorance and bigotry; for the healing of creation from the ravages of pollution and abuse.
- ALL: Hear our prayers and sighs for such love that can work good from ill. (sigh)
- PASTOR: What prayer needs would you like to lift up? (pause) God, intercede by your Spirit for us; intercede by your Spirit through us; intercede with love for us and through us that transforms life for your good. We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught his disciples to pray saying:
- ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn #600 (red, 9)	"Wonderful Words of Life"
	Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
	let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
	words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.
	Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
	Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
	2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
	sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
	all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.
	Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
	Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
	3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
	offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
	Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.
	Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
	Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
	WORDS and MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874
Special Music (11)	"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" — Judy Anderson
God's Word Proclain	ned (9 Joseph, 11 Julie) Romans 8:26-39
Hymn #373 (red, 9, vs.	1-2) "Nothing Between"
Nothing between my soul and the Savior, Naught of this world's delusive dream;	
I have renounced all sinful pleasure; Jesus is mine, there's nothing between.	
Nothing between my soul and the Savior, So that His blessed face may be seen;	
Nothing p	preventing the least of His favor; Keep the way clear! Let nothing between.
2. Nothing	g between, like worldly pleasure; Habits of life, though harmless they seem,
Must n	ot my heart from Him ever sever; He is my all, there's nothing between.
Nothin	g between my soul and the Savior, So that His blessed face may be seen;
Nothing	preventing the least of His favor; Keep the way clear! Let nothing between.
#2129 (black, 11)	WORDS and MUSIC: Charles Albert Tindley, 1906; arr. by F.A. Clark
	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
	I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.
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2. The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me,	
The w	orld behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow, Though none go with me, still I will follow,	
Though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back.	
	WORDS and MUSIC: Anon.; arr. by Eugene Thomas, © 1986 Word Music

Gospel Lesson (9 John, 11 Julie)

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Hymn #2218 (black, vs. 1-2 then refrain)

"You Are Mine"

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

WORDS and MUSIC: David Haas; © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

Affirmation of Faith (John)

- PASTOR: Let us affirm our faith together.
- All: We believe in God of the covenant, whose faithful promises are fulfilled over generations. We believe that God imagines possibilities beyond our lifetimes, even when we worry about what will happen tomorrow. We believe that the Spirit imagines that which is unseen, even when we focus only on what we can see in our minds and our hearts. We believe that Jesus the Christ is the great reconciler, even when we continue to break promises and community. We believe that we are Christ's partners in ministry, and God's vision is bigger than our most expansive thoughts. God's ministry occurs over many generations. In Christ, we can take a long-term view.

Offertory (*John*)

- PASTOR: We gather an offering to follow our passion to share the good news of the realm of God with one another and with many who have never heard it. Let us give generously.
- (9) "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" — arr. Terry Osman "We Are Called" WORDS and MUSIC by David Haas
- (11)

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (John)

- PASTOR: We dedicate ourselves again to love you, O God, above all and to the service of our brothers and sisters. Bless each one of us, we pray, with the yeast to make spirits rise. Transform every gift and every skill of ours into the bread of life for the hungry of this world.
- We give thanks that you have entrusted to us all that we are privileged to share. Make us All: shine like the jewels of glory discovered by those who need your strength the most. In the name of Jesus we ask. Amen.

"He Touched Me" Hymn #367 (red, 9) Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame, then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same. He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole. 2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole, I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls. He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole. WORDS, MUSIC and ©: William J. Gaither, 1963 #2031 (black, 11, twice) "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving; and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving; and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

WORDS and MUSIC: Kirk Dearman; © 1984 John T. Benson Publishing Co. (a div. of Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)

Commissioning and Blessing (Joseph)

- PASTOR: God remembers the covenant made with humanity. May we remember our part of that covenant. ALL: We will praise our God in all circumstance wherever we will go.
- PASTOR: We believe nothing can separate us from God's love.
- ALL: God's realm is our first priority. We treasure it in our midst.
- PASTOR: Go into the world and invite all to the kingdom of God.
- ALL: We go together with thankful hearts into the world transformed by the love of the Lord.
- PASTOR: In the name of our Triune God: the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer. Amen.
- ALL: Amen. Amen.

Hymn #2022 (black, 9, vs. 2-3)

"Great Is the Lord"

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

3. Great are you, Lord and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord and worthy of praise. Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

WORDS and MUSIC: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith © 1982 Meadowgreen Music Co.

#2146 (black, 11, vs. 1, 3)

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy) I sing because I'm free, (I'm free,)
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy) I sing because I'm free, (I'm free,) for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

WORDS: Civilla Martin MUSIC: Charles G. Gabriel Postlude #143 (red, 9, twice)

"On Eagle's Wings"

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. WORDS and MUSIC: Michael Joncas, 1979; © 1979, 1989 North American Liturgy Resources #2062 (black, 11, vs. 1-2) "Lily of the Valley" I have found a friend in Jesus, he's everything to me, he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul; the Lily of the Valley, in him alone I see all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole. In sorrow he's my comfort, in trouble he's my stay, he tells me every care on him to roll. He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star, he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. 2. He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne;

2. He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne; in temptation he's my strong and mighty tower;
I have all for him forsaken, and all my idols torn from my heart, and now he keeps me by his power.
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempts me sore, through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.
He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star, he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

> WORDS: Charles W. Fry MUSIC: William S. Hays; adapt. by Charles W. Fry

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Today, July 30Paperback Book Day

9:00 a.m. Hymn Sing (musician's choice) — Worship Center and online https://www.youtube.com@aldersgateunitedmethodistc8463 or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org. You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Announcemen

- 11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing (musician's choice) Worship Center
- 12:15 p.m. Potluck Sunshine Room

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUIOZjYrQjIyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09</u> Meeting ID: 812 243 946 Password: 021075 One tap mobile +12532158782,,812243946#,,1#,021075# US (Tacoma) Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcFkfw3laD

Tuesday, August 1Play Ball Day

11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café, 5600 S. 48th St. Seniors fellowship over lunch.

6:00 p.m. Learning Key Result Team — zoom Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149900168?pwd=K1dCTFpJM2JFTXJRNEE4ak53MU0vdz09</u> Meeting ID: 851 4990 0168 Passcode: 832006 One tap mobile +12532050468,,85149900168#,,,,*832006# US Dial by your location • +1 253 205 0468 US Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcgTvkgx0G

Wednesday, August 2 National Coloring Book Day

1:30 p.m. Book Club Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt — zoom

Thursday, August 3National Watermelon Day12:30 p.m. Prayer and Worship Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn

Friday, August 4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4

Next Sunday, August 6 National Fresh Breath Day 9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Association — Sunshine Room 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Friday, August 11Play in the Sand Day6:30 p.m.Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and enjoy the fellowship of playing
cards (10-point Pitch)

Sunday, August 13U.M. Student Day10:15 a.m. One-Shot Choir Practice — Choir Room

Monday, August 14 National Wiffle Ball Day

11:15 a.m. Luncheon and Tour — Aging Partners, 600 S. 70th. Learn about the activities available for people over 60 and see their new facility. Cost for the meal is \$4. Reservations are limited to 20 and need to be submitted by 9 a.m. Thursday, August 10 to Shirley Hanley, 402-464-7304.

Tuesday, August 15National Relaxation Day7:00 p.m.Book Club Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt — Room 4

- Wednesday, August 16 National Bratwurst Day 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4
- Thursday, August 17National Thrift Shop Day2:30 p.m.Care Ministry zoom

Saturday, August 19 National Sandcastle and Sculpture Day 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4. Catered by Hy-Vee

Tuesday, August 22National Eat a Peach Day

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers Education Group — Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

- 30 Jan & Tom Drbal
- Dori Stubbendeck
- 31 Glenda Dietrich Moore
- **3** Oakley Hustad
- 6 Frankey & Gordon Ostlund (75)

Nadyne Bauer Dick Easlev

Bob Gloe

Keller Hustad

Dallas Huston

Kevin Johnson, Keith's brother, from San Angelo, TX has bone cancer and is undergoing radiation.

Iva Maxey, Reba Wysocki's sister, who is undergoing dialysis treatments

Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece

Lynda Nordyke

Allen Ostlund, Frankey & Gordon's son who has metastatic prostate cancer

AJ & Chandra Pfenning, Pat Marshall's granddaughter

Isaiah Pierce, Karen Pierce's grandson who was born 12/13/22 with heart issues

Alex Ronne, Pat Ruth's cousin, a 5-year-old girl living in Colorado diagnosed with MLD, a rare, incurable, genetic disease

Freeman Sandquist and his family as he is deployed to Africa.

Andrew Smith left on his deployment 2/5/23

Zach Steward

Corrie Stohlman taking chemo for Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma

Roxanne & Richard Swyers

"May the Lord go before Ross Teske and prepare the way for his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain."

Jacob

John

People in Ukraine, Turkey and Syria