

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

**November 5, 2023**  
All Saints Sunday

**8:30 a.m.**

With Pastor John Goldrich serving  
Newman U.M. Church  
Song Leaders: Dan & Kara Steward  
Videographer: Nancy Taylor  
Greeter/Usher: Dave Baisinger

**11:00 a.m. Service**

Greeter/Usher: Karl Schwabauer  
Lector: Rod Moore

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members  
Pastor: Joseph Rafique  
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith  
Keyboardist : Deanna Steward  
Organist: Jan Malone  
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## THE BEATITUDES

“Rejoice  
and be glad,  
for your reward  
is great in  
heaven.”

Matthew 5:12, ESV

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**Greeting and Announcements** (8:30 *John, 11 Rod*)

**Music for Centering Prayer** (8:30)  
(11)

“In This Very Room” — arr. Mark Hayes  
“Litany for the Feast of All Saints” — F. Schubert

**Call to Worship** (8:30 *John, 11 Rod*)

LEADER: Come, all who hunger and thirst for truth. Come to experience God’s presence.

ALL: **We have been called together as children of God. What we may grow to become is not yet revealed.**

LEADER: Look to God with joy and delight in songs of praise and exaltation.

ALL: **God hears our cries and delivers us from our troubles and fears.**

LEADER: Taste and see God’s goodness. Take refuge in the One who supplies all you need.

ALL: **God is present with us here and everywhere we go. May our worship here inspire continuing praise.**

**Opening Prayer** (8:30 *John, 11 Rod*)

LEADER: God of the prophets and the saints, whose presence comforts and challenges and empowers, bless us here with a thirst for your truth, and openness to your leading and true compassion for all your people.

ALL: **May your Spirit surround us so that our worship may be pleasing in your sight. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to you, O God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn #90** (red)

**“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WORDS: John Athelsan Laurie Riley, 1906  
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

### Prayers for All Saints (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: O God, we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives you look at us and see Jesus' perfect life and death covering ours. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptized.

Dwell with us, O God, in the mystery of your great story. We have loved and we have lost. Mourn with us as we name those in our church family who died this year. *Lona Watson, Rita Schwarz, Russell Huston, Dwight Ganzel, Ruby Minert, Bob Gloe* (Bell rung)

Mourn with us as we name others who have died this year. *Doug Maier* (Bell rung)

Mourn with us, O God, as we name loved ones who have died previously. (Bell rung)

Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones. Give them the hope only your word offers.

Dwell with us, O God, in the mystery of your great story. We have loved and our hearts have grown. Rejoice with us in the wonder of new life. *Parker Lanum, Timothy Liem* (Bell rung)

Stories begin and stories end. The joy of birth mingles with the sadness of death and your story continues to be told. O God, dwell with us in this tender place. Between this land and the next, dance with us through every transition. Amid tears of sadness and pain, hold us in your love and invite us to share in your story. Dwell in the fullness of our lives, O God.

ALL: **Amen.**

### Prayer of Remembrance and the Lord's Prayer #895 (red, *Joseph*)

PASTOR: We pray in remembrance.

ALL: **We pray in hope.**

PASTOR: We remember those who have died; leaders in this congregation, members of our family, cornerstones in this community, practitioners of justice and compassion in this world, the mighty saints of God. We remember others who have died; members of our individual families, people important in our lives, those who encouraged us, those who set examples for us to follow.

ALL: **O God, we remember this love.** (bell rung)

PASTOR: We remember their stories; shared with us at kitchen tables and by firesides, tucked into family Bibles and revealed to us in actions that spoke louder than words, some left only partially told and waiting for us to pass them on.

ALL: **O God, we remember this love.** (bell rung)

PASTOR: We remember too the saints alive: leaders of children and youth, caregivers of vulnerable ones, keepers of peace; tellers of truth, seekers of good, servants out of the limelight; the ones who practice mercy in times and places that try mercy and patience; the ones who love, whether love is richly received or scorned in bitterness or ridicule.

ALL: **O God, we remember this love.** (bell rung)

PASTOR: We remember saints still to come: the ones who will rely on our witness, the ones who our stories will lead, the ones who will receive from our hands and stewardship, for good or ill, this island of life called Earth, and all its web of human relationships.

ALL: **Coming Christ, we pray that our love continues into their story.** (bell rung)

PASTOR: God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them. We look forward to being part of the crowd around your throne in heaven. In the meantime, keep us looking to Jesus and be a clear witness of him, living the holy lives you have called us to live. We ask in Jesus' name 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.**

### Hymns #711 (8:30, red, vs. 1-4)

#### "For All the Saints"

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

WORDS: William W. How, 1864

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

**Special Music (11)**

“Canticle of Heaven” — *Aldersgate Choir*

**God’s Word Proclaimed** (8:30 *John*, 11 *Rod*)  
(8:30 *Joseph*, 11 *Rod*)

Revelation 7:9-17  
Matthew 5:1-12

**Sermon** (*Joseph*)

“Saints and Sinners”

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** (*John*)

PASTOR: The Lord is with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, on us and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation** (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: The bread of heaven transforms a sinner into a saint. Receive the bread, eat and be transformed.

ALL: **We receive this gift knowing that we are only sanctified by God’s grace.**

PASTOR: The bread of heaven changes our church community. Share the bread; share the cup.

ALL: **We gather as a family of faith. We share our lives with each other.**

PASTOR: The bread of heaven strengthens us before sending us into the world. Pass on the gift of joy to all near and far.

ALL: **We are thankful to God for the privilege of being chosen and sent. With gratefulness we will serve and witness.**

PASTOR: The bread of heaven is holy and pure. Our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

ALL: **I do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. I am not worthy that you should receive me, but give your word and I shall be healed, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.**

PASTOR: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: **Amen. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

PASTOR: Amen.

**Sharing the Body and Blood of Jesus** (Please bring your offering as you come forward for communion.)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts and Self** (*John*)

PASTOR: Thank you God, maker of all saints, for feeding me with the body and blood of your Son; for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds and encourages me to run with perseverance the race set before me. Help me so that my race may not be futile.

ALL: **Grant that my spirit be strengthened by the love received through those who have passed before me and through this church and through my family and friends. May I use my strength to help those who need me. In the name of Jesus I ask. Amen.**

**Hymns #99** (red)

**“My Tribute”**

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,  
to God be the glory for the things he has done.  
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;  
to God be the glory for the things he has done.

WORDS and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1971; © 1971 Communiqué Music, Inc.

**Commissioning and Blessing** (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: We have been not only called but equipped for sainthood.

ALL: **We are amazed that God chooses us and assures us of the strength we need for our journey.**

PASTOR: See what love God is pouring out on all of us. We are being purified in the image of Christ.

ALL: **We are blessed as saints of God. We are learning daily to claim our identity.**

PASTOR: May God, the maker of all saints, continue to bless us as we leave to tell the world, by word and deed, who we are and whose we are. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

**Postlude** (8:30)  
(11)

“Because He Lives” — arr. Carol Tornquist

“For All the Saints” — arr. T. Cornell

# Announcements

## Today, November 5

### All Saints Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends

8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online

<https://www.youtube.com@aldersgateunitedmethodistc8463> or at your convenience at [www.aldersgatelinc.org](http://www.aldersgatelinc.org). You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

9:45 a.m. Aldersgate Kids Take on Service (A.K.T.S.) -- Room 2. For grades pre-K-12. Psalm 106:1 Be thankful.

9:45 a.m. Psalm Study — Worship Center. Psalm 8

10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up -- Choir Room

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Association — Sunshine Room

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjIyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 243 946

Password: 021075

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjIyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09>

4:00 p.m. Abendmusik Monroe Crossing Bluegrass Band “The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass” — First Plymouth or [abendmusik.org/livestream](http://abendmusik.org/livestream). Freewill offering benefits Clinic with a Heart.



## Tuesday, November 7

### Hug a Bear Day

9:00 a.m. Artisans

11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th. Seniors fellowship over lunch ordered off the menu.

## Wednesday, November 8

### X-ray Day

10:00 a.m. Retired Ministers and Spouses (A.R.M.S.) — Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women’s Connection — Sunshine Room

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

## Thursday, November 9

### World Freedom Day

12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn

## Friday, November 10

### National Vanilla Cupcake Day

8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and enjoy the fellowship of playing cards, usually 10-Point Pitch.

## Saturday, November 11

### Veteran’s Day

11:00 a.m. Citizen’s Climate Lobby — Sunshine Room

## Next Sunday, November 12

### Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online

9:45 a.m. Aldersgate Kids Take on Service (A.K.T.S.) — Room 2. Food Sunday

9:45 a.m. Psalm Study — Worship Center. Facilitated by Pastor Joe.

10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

2:00 p.m. Church Conference — South Gate U.M. Church, 3500 Pioneers

**Next Monday, November 13**      **World Kindness Day**  
 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) “World Thank Offering” — Room 4  
 6:30 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma (Zeta Chapter) — Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Trustees — Room 4

**Wednesday, November 15**      **National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day**  
 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4. Tie quilts for mission.

**Thursday, November 16**      **National Fast Food Day**  
 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom. Share prayer concerns.

**Saturday, November 18**      **National Princess Day**  
 8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4. Catered by Hy-Vee

**Tuesday, November 21**      **Pumpkin Pie Day**  
 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult — Room 4

**Wednesday, November 22**      **Go for a Ride Day**  
 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service — Worship Center and online

## Prayer List

### Birthdays This Week

<b>5</b>	Jan Leeper	Caleb Nielsen
<b>6</b>	Donna Lanum (75)	
<b>7</b>	Marjory Gloe (95)	
<b>8</b>	Dan Ruth	Laird Ruth
<b>10</b>	Corrie Stohlman (45)	



Nadyne Bauer	Dick Easley	Shirley Hanley
Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston	Jacob

Kevin Johnson, Keith’s brother, from San Angelo, TX has bone cancer and is undergoing radiation.  
 Laura Marshall  
 Iva Maxey, Reba Wysocki’s sister, who is undergoing dialysis treatments  
 Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece  
 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 has finally come home from the hospital  
 Sandy Quathammer who is in the memory unit of Pemberly Place  
 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                                      John  
 Corrie Stohlman who’s chemo for Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma is no longer helping as much so they are increasing treatments  
 Roxanne & Richard Swyers  
 “May the Lord go before Ross Teske and prepare the way for his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain.”  
 Larry Ruth’s niece, Kate and her triplets have been born without serious complications  
 People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine