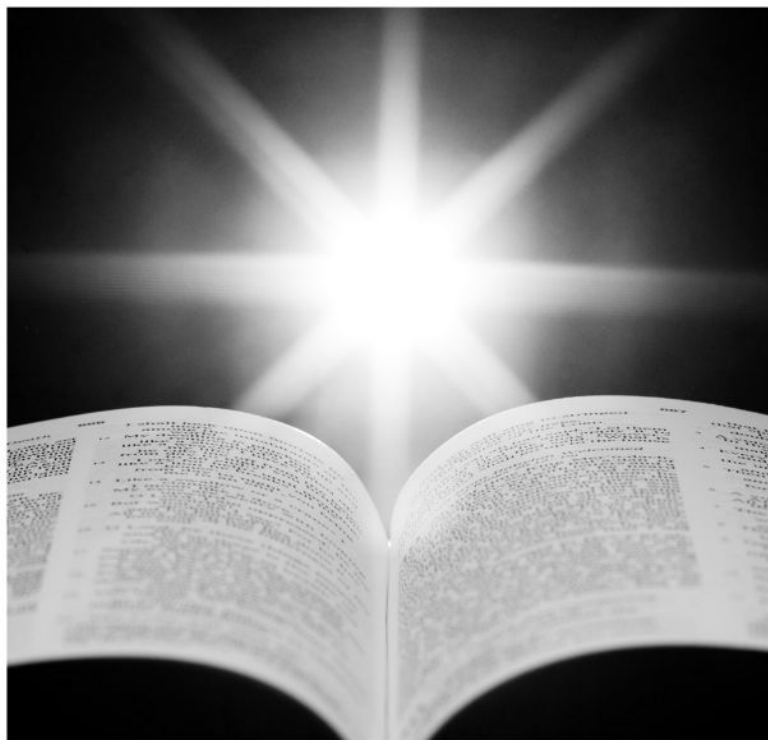


Aldersgate United Methodist Church



January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m.
With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
Song Leaders: Dan & Kara Steward
Videographer: Nancy Taylor
Greeter/Usher: Nelda Boswell

11:00 a.m. Service
Greeter/Usher: Sheila Kellenbarger
Lector: Harry Kellenbarger

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Joseph Rafique
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith
Keyboardist : Deanna Steward
Organist: Jan Malone
Digital Media Specialist: Nancy Taylor
Administrative Assistant: Stacey Lienemann
Child Care Attendant: Katie Softley
Custodian: Scott Hoyt

... I will put my words in the
MOUTH OF THE **PROPHET,**
who shall speak to them
everything that I command.

Deuteronomy 18:18, NRSV

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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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

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

“Be Thou My Vision” — arr. Marianne Kim
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” — K. Thomerson

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

LEADER: We gather to worship God and to hear what he has to say.

ALL: **Open our hearts that you may transform our lives with your healing touch. O God.**

LEADER: We gather to worship God who alone speaks the word that calls forth life.

ALL: **Open our minds, O God, that you may transform us with your authoritative Word.**

LEADER: We gather to worship God in spirit and truth.

ALL: **Open our spirits that you may transform us by your powerful spirit, O God.**

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

LEADER: God of Abram, Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets, through them but most especially through Jesus the Christ your will and purpose for our lives was made known. We praise you for being with us as your divine plan unfolds in each life and in the church. We experience your presence in both ordinary moments of work and worship in which your Spirit sustains and guides us, and in the extraordinary moments in which surprising acts reveal your will and intention for your people today as they did through Jesus long ago.

ALL: **We are often amazed and even humbled, by Christ’s faithful love and awesome deeds. And we ask, “What do you want with us Jesus of Nazareth?” May we hear and heed your response. Amen.**

Hymn #127 (red)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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

PASTOR: Let us come together before God, confessing our sin and seeking God’s grace in amending our lives.

ALL: **Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you that we have often bowed to every authority but your own. We have listened to the voices that call us to worship idols of money, power, prestige, revenge and hate. We have tried to be our own authority and have failed to seek guidance from you, the source of our being. Forgive us. Turn us from false authorities, which often promise easy answers. Turn us toward you, the one who offers us the truth in love. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

PASTOR: Sisters and brothers, because of Jesus’ life among us, his death on the cross and his resurrection, we have been forgiven and called to be a new creation in his name. Rejoice! Lift up your hearts! You belong to Christ forever. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People based on Psalm 23 and the Lord’s Prayer #895 (red, *Joseph*)

PASTOR: Believing “the Lord is our shepherd: we shall not want,” we pray for those who feel overwhelmed; for those alone in the darkness of depression, illness, loss or anxiety.

ALL: **Lord, make them lie down in green pastures.**

PASTOR: We pray for refugees who are without a country; for survivors of natural disasters who are left with no possessions to call their own; for people who are trapped in all forms of bondage and slavery; for everyone who is without a home.

ALL: **Lord, lead them beside still waters and restore their soul.**

PASTOR: We pray for people who have only dirty water to drink; for those for whom hunger is not a choice; for those for whom medical care is not an option.

ALL: **Lord, lead them in right paths for your name's sake.**

PASTOR: We pray for individuals whose faith is new or fragile; for those burdened by doubts or questions.

ALL: **Lord, even though they walk through the darkest valley, may they fear no evil, for you are with them; your rod and your staff, may they comfort them.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who struggle with temptation or addiction; for those who feel invisible or voiceless; for those who walk near or in death's shadow.

ALL: **Lord, prepare a table before them in the presence of their enemies.**

PASTOR: We pray for Christians who face persecution, imprisonment and even death as a direct consequence of their faith.

ALL: **Lord, anoint their head with oil; make their cup overflow.**

PASTOR: With thankful hearts for God's blessings, we pray for people who have hurt us; for people we find it hard to forgive; for people we find it difficult to love.

ALL: **Lord, surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life and by forgiving them may we dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.**

PASTOR: What would you like to lift up in prayer? (pause)
We pray for those who have yet to acknowledge your faithful mercy in their lives. May your presence be felt, may your care be known, may your truth be received. May they all come to dwell in your house of unending love, both now and in the future that is to come. We ask in the name of Jesus our good Shepherd 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 #108 (red, 8:30)
Special Music (11)

“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”
“O, That I Had a Thousand Voices” — *Aldersgate Choir,*
with Barb Nielsen Schmidt, trumpet

Word of God Proclaimed (8:30 *John, 11 Harry*) Deuteronomy 18:15-20
(8:30 *Joseph, 11 Harry*) Mark 1:21-28

Sermon (*Joseph*) “A Prophet, But More than a Prophet”

Offertory (*Joseph*) (When God gives you more than you need, ask yourself: Why?)
An important way to give thanks to God is through sharing the bounty we have been honored to receive. We can never do enough to earn God's generous blessings. We can only express our gratitude by passing on our gifts. It is a privilege to be able to give.
(8:30) “Reflection” — Mark Hayes
(11) “God Hath Spoken by the Prophets” — T.J. Williams

Doxology (to the tune of #95 red) **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

MUSIC: attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*John*)

PASTOR: Dear Lord, from your generous hands, we receive all that we need, and more than we dare to ask. In gratitude, we return to you a mere token of your gifts to us.

ALL: **Grant that these gifts and we ourselves, may be used in service toward all whom you love, that your graciousness may be known by all. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn #2172 (black)

“We Are Called”

Commissioning and Blessing (*John*)

PASTOR: Go out to witness to the good news you have heard. God is even now raising up prophets among us.

ALL: **We thank God for this time of being together. We are grateful for freedom to worship and grow.**

PASTOR: God is establishing truth among us, inviting us to learn. Dare to question and explore, as disciples of Jesus.

ALL: **We praise God for insight and guidance we have received. We delight in ways we are able to help others.**

PASTOR: God will supply us with words for our witness. We will be led to offer others appropriate help.

ALL: **All honor and majesty and glory be to God who spoke his word to us! May we never stop listening to God and praising God with our lives.**

PASTOR: Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

(Thank you to those who have participated in today's worship. You are invited to stay and listen or leave as you wish.)

Postlude (8:30)
(11)

“Bind Us Together” — arr. Mark Hayes

“Majesty” — J.W. Hayford

(Today's liturgy has been taken and adapted from *Led by Love* by Lavon Bayler
and from *The Minister's Annual Manual* by Logos Production, Inc..)

Announcements

Today, January 28

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — 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
- 9:45 a.m. Aldersgate Kids Take on Service “Loaves & Fishes” Service Sunday — Room 2
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Worship Center
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjlyZHk0aTZvQzFMOT09>
Meeting ID: 812 243 946
Password: 021075
One tap mobile +12532158782,,812243946#,,1#,021075# US (Tacoma)
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjlyZHk0aTZvQzFMOT09>
- 2:00 p.m. Parkinson’s Support Group — Sheridan Lutheran Church



Monday, January 29

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith Executive meeting — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Learning Key Result Team — Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83574849025?pwd=aFBIREEzTG1jS1RqNzhFL0xFNDDkQT09>
meeting ID: 835 7484 9025
password: 832006



Tuesday, January 30

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 3:00 p.m. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) “My Backyard” with Kim Morrow “What Climate Change Means for Gardening” — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation — South Gate, 3500 Pioneers Blvd.

Wednesday, January 31

- 10:00 a.m. Marketing Team — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

Groundhog Day

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

Saturday, February 3

- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Groundhog Lunch — Unadilla U.M. Church, 472 F St. Serving: Sausage Gravy on Biscuits, BBQ Sandwiches and Ham Salad, Chicken Noodle Soup and Chili, Hot Dogs, Pie, Cake, and Bars, Drinks. Free Will Offering, Take out Available

Next Sunday, February 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Worship Center and online
- 9:45 a.m. Aldersgate Kids Take on Service “Good Samaritan” Story Sunday — Room 2
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Worship Center
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Worship Center
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Sunshine Room
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Tackling Climate Change in Lincoln with Kim Morrow (Public Feedback) — Worship Center

Tuesday, February 6

11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café, 5600 S. 48th. Fellowship with Seniors.

Wednesday, February 7

12:00 p.m. Nebraska Caregiver Coalition "Grief and the Ripple Effect" — webinar

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Seed Keeper: A Novel* by Diane Wilson — Room 4

Friday, February 9

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 10

8:00 a.m. Nebraska Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day — Christ U.M. Church, 4530 A St.

Choose 2 topics: Economics of Exclusion, Mental Health, Education, Environment, School Safety, Housing. Cost: \$20 includes lunch. Please register at www.nelegisbrief.org by Saturday, February 3

Monday, February 12

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith "Installation of Officers, Pledge Service" — Room 4

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 p.m. Confirmation — Church Office

Wednesday, February 14 **Valentine's Day**

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service — Worship Center

Thursday, February 15

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

30 Rita Mulcahy

3 Gypsy Anton

Ada Schafer

Carol Clymer

Beth Siebe

Nadyne Bauer has had cataract surgery

Jeff Buethe

Shirley Hanley

Laura Marshall

Roxanne & Richard Swyers

Dick Easley

Keller Hustad

Lynda Nordyke

Jacob

Judy Faubel

Dallas Huston

Zach Steward

John

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

Isaiah Pierce, Karen Pierce's grandson who was born 12/13/22 with heart issues has finally come home from the hospital

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 in Somalia.

Corrie Stohlman who's chemo for Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma is no longer helping as much so they are increasing treatments

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

People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine

