

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

**April 7, 2024**  
Holy Humor Sunday

**8:30 a.m.**

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

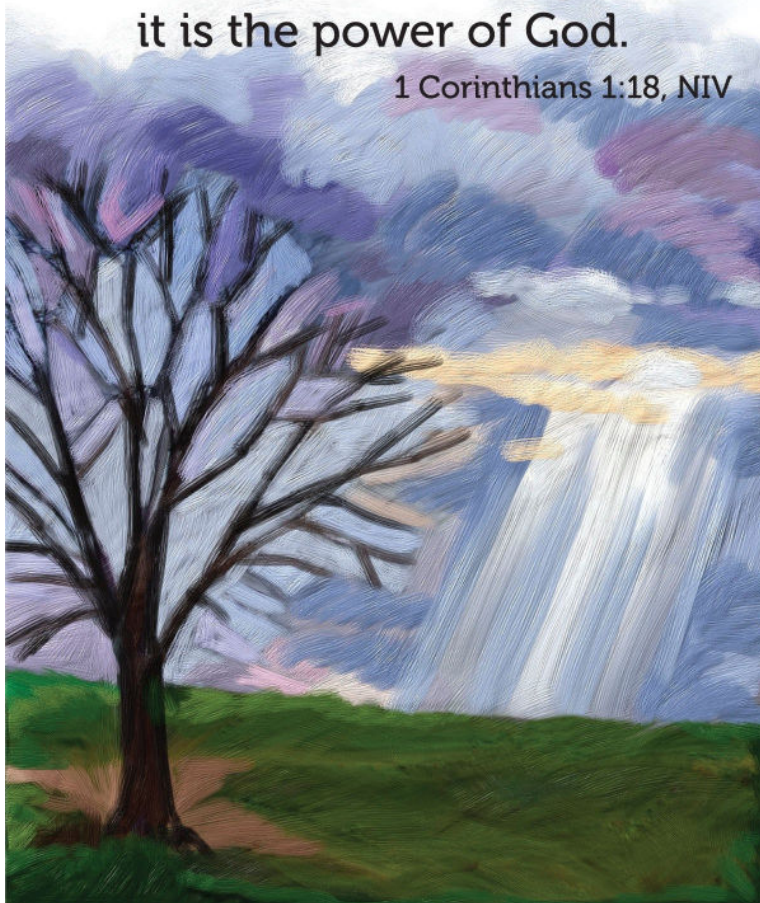
**11:00 a.m. Service**

Greeter/Usher: Karl Schwabauer  
Lector: Jim Miller

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

For the message of the cross  
is foolishness to those  
who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved  
it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV



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*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.  
If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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

PASTOR: Resurrection God, full of peace, we pray for those for whom life seems like a locked room. We think of those who feel afraid and unable to move; (silence)

ALL: **do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who suffer distress through injury or illness, unable to be free of pain or physical restrictions; (silence)

ALL: **do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are troubled in mind, hemmed in by worries or a lack of confidence; (silence)

ALL: **do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.**

PASTOR: We pray for the people and places with no political or religious freedom. We remember those bound by tyranny or dictatorships; (silence)

ALL: **do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.**

PASTOR: We pray for those in power: local, national and international leaders. Instead of misusing their power, may they learn to be servant leaders; (silence)

ALL: **do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.**

PASTOR: We pray, too, for ourselves, when we are unable to see beyond the boundaries of our narrow world, or lack the will to work for the good of others; (silence)

ALL: **do not abandon us but show the path that leads to life.**

PASTOR: What other prayer needs would you like to lift up? (pause)

ALL: **do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.**

PASTOR: Be with us all, Lord, in all our daily struggles as we seek to follow you. Be with us all, Lord, in our periods of doubt and despair, and in our times of happiness, health and loving. Be with us all, Lord, until that time when in your Kingdom of Love our joy will know no end. And until then, we will continue to pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, 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 (to the tune of #240 red, 8:30)

Special Music (11)

**"Hark the Herald Angels Said"**

*Lia Havlena and Julie Clopper-Smith*

God's Word Proclaimed (8:30 *Joseph*, 11 *Jim*)  
(8:30 *John*, 11 *Jim*)

I Corinthians 1:18-31

John 20:19-31

Sermon (8:30 *John*)  
(11 *Joseph*)

"Jesus Came"

"Victorious but Not Unscarred"

## Time for Calisthenics

### Sacrament of Holy Communion (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: The Lord be 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: Giving thanks to God is a good and a joyful task, to be done with smiles on our faces and laughter in our hearts; for it is God who created us creatures of mirth and of joy. It was you, O God who created us in your image and filled us with your very own breath. But we turned our backs to you, and we didn't love you back. When that happened, you didn't brush us off, but loved us

even so or even more. You helped us overcome the gloominess of our own lives and promised us that you would forever be our God.

And so, with your people all over this earth, and with all the company in heaven, we sing praises to your name, and we join in their never-ending song of praise:

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PASTOR: You are our holy God, and your son, Jesus Christ, is our blessed savior. As Jesus suffered for us and died for us; so on Easter morning, he was raised from the dead for us. And you gave birth to your Church. The sadness of the days before Easter gave way to the joy of a risen savior and the new Spirit that you gave to all your people. By your grace and love, we have been born anew — living now to shout “Hallelujah!!!” and to dance with joy because we know that we will inherit eternity through the acts of Jesus for us; and your great love for us.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took a loaf of bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” After the supper was over, Jesus 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.”

And your church gathered in the name of Jesus, continues to break that bread and share that cup. And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

PASTOR: By your spirit make us one with Jesus, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ does come 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.

ALL: **Amen.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

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

PASTOR: We offer to you our common stewardship, loving God, as we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son. We want to be faithful in meeting one another’s needs and in serving the world in Christ’s name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that you are sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world.

ALL: **Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering. May life, faith and joy be extended to many through us. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

Hymn (to the tune of #251 red)

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

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

ALL: **Lord, grant me a joyful heart and a holy sense of humor. Please give me the gift of faith, to be renewed and shared with others each day. Teach me to live this moment only, looking neither to the past with regret nor to the future with apprehension. Let love be my guide, and my life a prayer.**

PASTOR: Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.

ALL: **Amen.**

(Thank you to those who have participated in today’s worship.

You are invited to stay and listen to the Postlude or leave as you wish.)

**Postlude** (8:30)

(11)

“I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” — arr. Cindy Berry

“All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir” — arr. B. Staines

(Parts of this liturgy have been taken from *The Joyful Noiseletter*)

## Prayer List



### Birthdays This Week

- 7 Dave Nielsen
- 8 Dustin Huston
- 9 Cheri & Dick Hobson  
Dick Hobson
- 11 Silver Anton

Nadyne Bauer has had cataract surgery

Dick Easley

Shirley Hanley

Laura Marshall

Zach Steward

John

Judy Faubel

Keller Hustad

Lynda Nordyke

Roxanne & Richard Swyers

Dennis Frederick

Dallas Huston

Larry, Sandy Gores' dad

Jacob

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

Ava Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece, was diagnosed with gastroparesis. Prayers for healing, that her new medication helps and wisdom for the medical team.

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.

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

## Announcements

### Today, April 7

### Holy Humor Sunday

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. *The Chosen* — Room 4

9:45 a.m. A.K.T.S. (Aldersgate Kids Take on Service) the Story of Noah's Ark with Char & Tom Hagar — Room 2

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

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

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjIyZk0aTzVvQzFMQT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcFkfw3laD>



**Monday, April 8**

- 6:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma (Zeta Chapter) — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees — Room 4

**Tuesday, April 9**

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Dementia Support Group — The Knolls
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee — Room 4

**Wednesday, April 10**

- 10:00 a.m. Marketing Team — Room 2
- 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women's Connection — Sunshine Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

**Thursday, April 11**

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

**Friday, April 12**

- 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 playing 10 Point Pitch.

**Saturday, April 13**

- 10:30 a.m. Style Show and Brunch Buffet — St. Paul U.M. Church, 1144 M St. Fashions by Dillard's, table displays by The Big Garden and Aldersgate, breakfast casseroles, fruit and pastries. \$15 by Monday, April 8.
- 11:00 a.m. Citizen's Climate Lobby — Sunshine Room

**Next Sunday, April 14****Native American Ministries Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. A.K.T.S. (Aldersgate Kids Take on Service) Craft Sunday with Katie Softley — Room 2
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

**Next Monday, April 15**

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council with District Superintendent Nancy Tomlinson — Room 4

**Tuesday, April 16****National Healthcare Decisions Day**

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom — Room 4

**Wednesday, April 17**

- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4. Tie quilts for missions.

**Thursday, April 18**

- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom. Share prayer concerns.

**Saturday, April 20****Faith Climate Action Week**

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4
- 9:00 a.m. Blue River District Spring Retreat — South Gate U.M. Church, 3500 Pioneers

**Sunday, April 21****Festival of God's Creation**

- 12:15 p.m. Potato Bake — Sunshine Room

**Tuesday, April 23**

- 1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group (Resources to Assist Caregivers at Home)—Fellowship Hall