

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

**May 12, 2024**  
Mother's Day

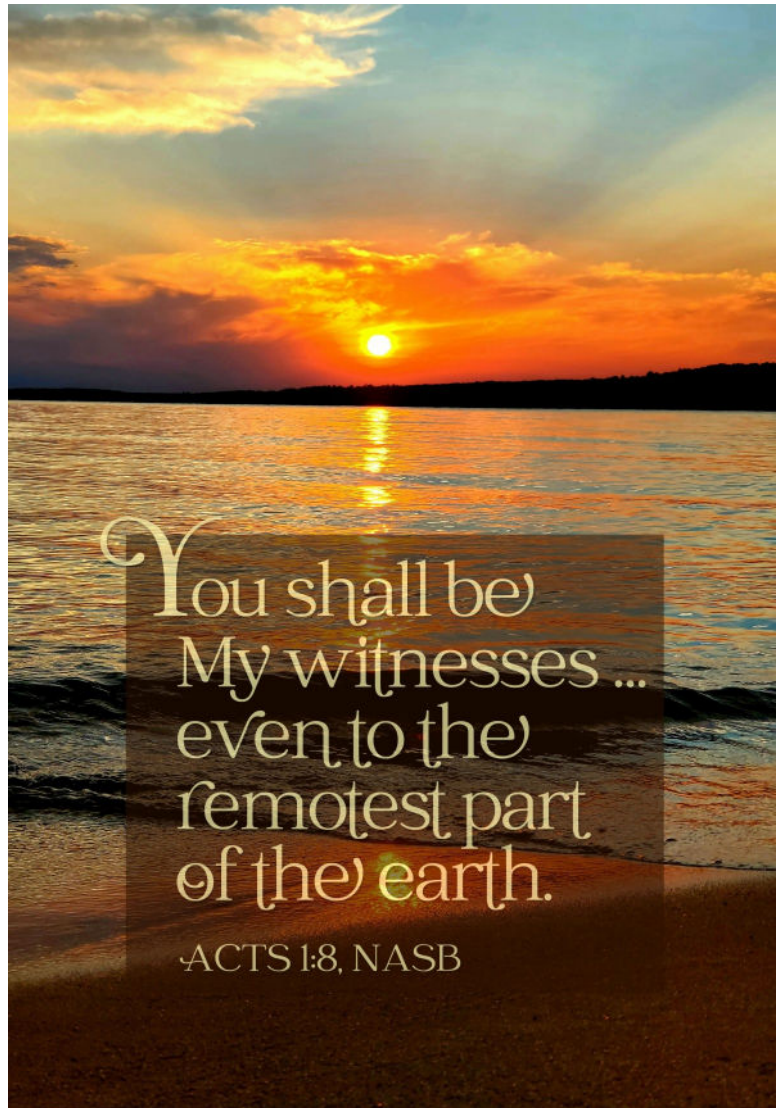
**8:30 a.m.**

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: Harry Kellenbarger

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members  
Pastor: Joseph Rafique  
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith  
Keyboardist : Deanna Steward  
Organist: Mary K. Burns  
Digital Media Specialist: Nancy Taylor  
Administrative Assistant: Stacey Lienemann  
Child Care Attendant: Katie Softley  
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You shall be  
My witnesses ...  
even to the  
remotest part  
of the earth.

·ACTS 1:8, NASB

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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.*



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**Greeting and Announcements** (8:30 *Nelda, 11 Stacey*)

PASTOR: Best of all

ALL: **God is with us.**

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

“Morning Has Broken” — arr. Jim Brickman

“Prayer at Notre Dame” — L. Boellmann

**Call to Worship** (8:30 *Nelda, 11 Suzy*)

LEADER: Christ, as you have lived for others,

ALL: **draw us together as your church to witness that by our living.**

LEADER: Christ, as you have risen from the dead,

ALL: **raise us up to new life in you.**

LEADER: Christ, as you have ascended into glory,

ALL: **send us forth to share your love with others.**

**Opening Prayer** (8:30 *Nelda, 11 Suzy*)

LEADER: Living God, as Christ ascended into heaven, we praise you for the blessing of your eternal presence. When we are only aware of your absence, help us to recognize that you are still among us.

ALL: **Help us to see how you still seek to unite us in love and draw us closer to you. Bring strength to the suffering, healing to the ill and hope to the grieving. Empower us to be your witnesses in a world still hostile to hear your name.**

LEADER: Support your witnesses around the globe, those who serve you amid threats of violence, and those who serve you with little pay or recognition. We pray in the name of Jesus, who ascended into heaven and sits at your right hand forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn #312** (red)

**“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”**

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation** (8:30 *Gaylene, 11 Julie*)

LEADER: God of grace, we confess that we have done things we should not have done

ALL: **and we have left undone things we should have done.**

LEADER: Forgive us, we pray.

ALL: **Loving God, we confess that we have not trusted you with our whole hearts,**

LEADER: and we have not always been faithful witnesses.

ALL: **We confess that we are sometimes wrapped up in our individual lives,**

LEADER: with little time for Christian community.

ALL: **Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and strengthen us in your Spirit. Amen.**

JOSEPH: *Hear the words of I John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” My brothers and sisters, forgiveness is yours to receive and to proclaim to all nations. Let us give thanks and do what is required of us as forgiven people of God. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer #895** (red, 8:30 *Kathy, 11 Jan*)

LEADER: Loving and faithful God, we are called to imagine a more loving world; a world where each is treated with mutual respect, where everyone has their daily bread, where people have fair housing, food for daily living and care for health and well-being. We witness the despair and destruction of lives through abuse, abandonment and neglect. We see the lonely, despairing and those who have lost all hope. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for our communities, our schools, our healthcare facilities and all who serve in caring professions and emergency services. We also pray for all mothers, mothers-to-be and people who mother others. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for social workers, teachers, administrators, those who clean and care for our parks and public spaces. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for sanitation workers and transportation drivers, for the people we encounter daily whose lives intersect our own. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for those who serve silently and are not encountered, whose work keeps them from view, people like meat plant workers and grocery stockers. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for the conflicts and concerns of our wider world especially for war-torn places. God in your love.

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for those whose safety is in question especially for our men and women in uniform, law enforcement personnel and fire-fighters. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for those who do not know where or when they will taste their next meal and for the health and safety of the vulnerable of every age and stage of life. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

JOSEPH: *What prayer needs would you like to add? (pause)*  
*God in your love,*

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

JOSEPH: *God, you have called us to not only build a more loving world but to live in love and wait for the fulfillment of all your promises. Help us to witness to the love and hope we experience through Christ 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 #327** (8:30 red, sing vs. 1, 4; read vs. 2-3)  
**Special Music** (11)

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**  
**“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”** — *Aldersgate Choir*

**Word of God Proclaimed** (8:30 *Myrna*, 11 *Sheila*) Acts 1:1-11  
(8:30 *MaryAnne*, 11 *Nosheen*) Luke 24:44-53

**Sermon** (*Joseph*) “Last Words: Before It Is Too Late, Turn Around”

**The Nicene Creed #880** (red *Joseph*)

- ALL: 1. **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
2. **We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**
3. **begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**
4. **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**
5. **On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**
6. **he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

7. **He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**
8. **We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**
9. **We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.**
10. **We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**
11. **We look for the resurrection of the dead,**
12. **and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offertory** (*Joseph*)

(8:30)  
(11)

“In This Moment” — Kevin Boesiger  
“Mother’s Day Bouquet” — R. Wilson

**Doxology** (to the tune of #75, red)

**“Praise God”**

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 Dedication of Gifts and Self** (8:30 *John*, 11 *Pat*) (I give because I have been given.)

LEADER: We praise you, O God, for your witnesses, past, present and future, who have fulfilled their calling, bearing your name and living your hope in a world in need of grace.

ALL: **Send us out to be your witnesses and do not let us shrink from the job. There are too many wounds needing healing, too many hands needing holding, too many injustices needing rectifying for us to stay silent in our words or in our deeds.**

LEADER: You have asked us to be your witnesses, and here we stand bearing our gifts: the gifts of our money, our music, our talents and our lives. Direct all of these gifts, Holy God, into places of deepest need, among people who cry out for justice, for peace, and for hope. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Hymn #308** (red)

**“Thine Be the Glory”**

**Commissioning and Blessing** (*John*)

PASTOR: The risen Jesus is seen by his disciples as he ascends into heaven.  
Christ is seen by persons today in people like us.

ALL: **God promises to empower our witness.**

PASTOR: Our worship sends us out to work and witness.  
We scatter to continue our worship through service.

ALL: **God sends us out and we commit ourselves to care for all God’s children.**

PASTOR: Go in the name of the Triune God: the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer. Amen.

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)

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder” — arr. Marianne Kim  
“Ave Maria” — Bach/Gounod

(Today’s liturgy has been taken and adapted from *Led by Love* by Lavon Bayler.)

# Announcements

## Today, May 12

### Mother's Day

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Aldersgate Kids Take on Service Year End Celebration — Room 2
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

## Monday, May 13

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “Mother Pursue-mentality” — Fireside Room, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 6:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma (Zeta chapter) — Sunshine Room
- 6:00 p.m. Simplified Board Structure Discernment Team — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees — Room 4

## Tuesday, May 14

- 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Primary Election — Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 12-1 p.m. Mosaic Partners in Possibilities — Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 E. O St. Discover how you can help Mosaic further its mission of relentlessly pursuing opportunities that empower people. Free. RSVP to Malindi Gabelhouse at 402-429-0088 or [malindi.gabelhouse@mosaicinfo.org](mailto:malindi.gabelhouse@mosaicinfo.org)
- 2:30 p.m. Marketing Team — Room 4
- 3:00 p.m. Voices from the Field “Mental Health” — zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation — Church Office
- 6:30 p.m. Dementia Support Group — The Knolls
- 7:00 p.m. Finance — Room 4

## Wednesday, May 15

### International Day of Families

- 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women's Connection — Sunshine Room
- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4. Tie quilts for mission.
- 3:00 p.m. Dementia Support Group — Stauffer's Café
- 4-6:30 p.m. Piano Recital — Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. Ride of Silence — Jane Snyder Trails Center, 21st & Q Streets, Lincoln

## Thursday, May 16

- 12:00 p.m. Nebraska Caregiver Coalition “Building Community and Relationships within Caregiver Social Isolation and Loneliness” with Sarah Rasby — zoom
- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom. Share prayer concerns.
- 7:00 p.m. Lasting Legacy Team — Room 4

## Friday, May 17

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

## Saturday, May 18

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast “Growing Up as Christians in a Muslim Country” with Joseph and Nosheen Rafique — Room 4

**Next Sunday, May 19****Pentecost****Confirmation and New Member Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service — Worship Center and online
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Choir Finale) — Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Family Picnic — Smith, 336 S. 89th St.

**Next Monday, May 20**

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

**Tuesday, May 21**

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Signal Fires* by Dani Shapiro — Room 4

**Saturday, May 25**

- 3-6 p.m. Char & Tom Haggar 50th Anniversary Open House — Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 28**

- 1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group “Planning Ahead Financially and Legally” — Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, June 4**

- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th St.

**Wednesday, June 5**

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick — Room 4

**Prayer List****Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week**

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| <b>15</b> | Nora Furr     |                      |                 |
| <b>16</b> | Nadyne Bauer  | Norma Cummings       | Kaeshawn Hanley |
| <b>17</b> | Cheri Hobson  |                      |                 |
| <b>18</b> | Nelda Boswell | Dan Ruth & Sara Barr |                 |



Nadyne Bauer has had cataract surgery  
 Jason Byrd, Angela Huff & Joshua Jeff Buethe  
 Dick Easley Judy Faubel Dennis Frederick  
 Shirley Hanley Keller Hustad Dallas Huston  
 Connie Kier Laura Marshall Lynda Nordyke  
 Chandra & AJ Pfenning Zach Steward Roxanne & Richard Swyers  
 Larry Walsh, Sandy Gores’ dad Jacob 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  
 Ava Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece, was diagnosed with gastroparesis.  
 Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece  
 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.  
 Corrie Stohlman with Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma is receiving a stem cell transplant 5/9/24 at the Buffett Cancer Center in Omaha  
 “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