

Aldersgate United Methodist Church



8:30 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
Song Leaders: Dan & Kara Steward
Videographer: Nancy Taylor
Greeters/Ushers: Larry & Pat Ruth

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter/Usher: Harry Kellenbarger
Lector: Stacey Lienemann

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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June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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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 Stacey*)

PASTOR: This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Music for Centering Prayer (8:30) “Open the Eyes of My Heart/Be Thou My Vision”—arr. Mark Hayes
(11) “I Come with Joy” — arr. G. Bottomley

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

LEADER: Listen, for your name is being called by God.

ALL: **We have come to observe a sabbath time. We have gathered to worship at God’s command.**

LEADER: Listen for the voice you have ignored. Listen for the solemn charge God gives.

ALL: **We are called away from things we have pursued as gods.
Our iniquity separated us from the one true God.**

LEADER: Wonderful are the thoughts and works of God. God’s light is ready to shine in our hearts.

ALL: **Even clay jars can be open to the light. May the power of light cleanse and heal us.**

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

LEADER: Speak to us, O God, for your servants are trying to listen. Amid the noisy claimants for our attention, our ears tingle at the prospect that you have a message for us. Hear we are, gathered that you might search us and know us. We are wonderfully made in your image. Inspire us to live up to that image.

ALL: **Show us how to proclaim Jesus Christ in our daily decisions so we can witness to your love through deeds of kindness and words that empower. In the name of your Word eternal, Jesus the Christ, we ask. Amen.**

Hymn #67 (red) “We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

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

PASTOR: Creator God, we lift before you those places around our world where there are wildfires, famines, deforestation, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, intense heat, and rampant disease. God of creation, bring healing and restoration to your world. May we be faithful in our task to care for our world. Lord in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Compassionate God, we lift before you those who are struggling in our society and our church. We pray for those who do not have enough to eat, those without shelter, and those struggling with an illness or who are facing death. Incarnate God, help us work with you to bring comfort, work for justice, and provide for the needs of those around us. Lord in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Loving God, you have called all those of every color, nation, tribe and race who have committed to following in the way of Christ. We lift before you the churches facing challenges, those distracted from their mission, those facing internal divisions and those struggling to make ends meet. Send upon all communities of faith, including ours, a fresh flame of your Spirit so that we may proclaim your good news, embody your love in the world and be an example of your saving light to all those who wander in the wilderness. Lord in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Please add your personal prayers aloud or in silence. (pause)
Lord in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lord God, your Son, Jesus instructed his followers: “Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.” We have put our need before you in the name of the One who exhibits and enables all this, Jesus the Messiah 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 #451 (red)

“Be Thou My Vision”

Word of God Proclaimed (8:30 *Joseph*, 11 *Stacey*)
(8:30 *John*, 11 *Stacey*)

I Samuel 3:1-10
Mark 2:23–3:6

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

“Here You Go”
“Healing the Man with the Withered Hand”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, 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.”

And so, in remembrance of these 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: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, 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. 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.

ALL: **Amen.**

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

PASTOR: The bread of heaven gives life to the believer. Receive the bread, eat and live.

ALL: **We'll turn to God daily for nourishment and give thanks with grateful hearts.**

PASTOR: The bread of heaven gives life to the church. 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 gives life to the world. Pass on the gift with joy to all near and far.

ALL: **We are thankful to God for the gift of life. With love we will share it with all.**

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 to this table 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 Bread and Cup

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: Thank you, God, for your love expressed in the form of the body and blood of Jesus your Son in which we partook. What shall we give you in return?

ALL: **In answer to your call, Gracious God, we bring ourselves and some of what we have accumulated to praise you and do the work you call us to do. Fulfill your purpose for this church as you enlist our offerings and our lives. In amazement at the work of your hands, we reach out our hands to help others and invite them to join us. In our labors for you, holding Jesus' hand, we will not lose heart. Help us to do your will with Jesus as our model in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn #593 (red)

“Here I Am, Lord”

Commissioning and Blessing (*John*)

PASTOR: Our Sabbath times are for our own growth. They are also for the renewal of our compassion.

ALL: **Our lives are saved to be a benefit to others.**

Our days are enriched when our blessings are shared.

PASTOR: Praise God for creating and caring for us. Give thanks for God's continuing knowledge of us.

ALL: **God speaks encouragement and challenge to us. God honors us with tasks to do.**

PASTOR: Go forth to let your light shine in the gloom. Let the light of Jesus be known through you.

ALL: **We are afflicted but not crushed, perplexed but not despairing. In all times, God is with us. Praise God!**

PASTOR: 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) (11)

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” — arr. Mark Hayes
“Psalm XIX” — B. Marcello

(Parts of today's liturgy has been taken and adapted from *Led by Love* by Lavon Bayler.)

Announcements

Today, June 2

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Sunshine Room
- 2:00 p.m. Connie, Conversation and Coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Gene Petersen Celebration of Life — Worship Center, Sunshine Room

Monday, June 3

- 6:00 p.m. Simplified Board Structure Discernment Team — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 4

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café, 5600 S. 48th St.
- 7:00 p.m. Dance Class — Sunshine Room 7c & d

Wednesday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 6 – Sunday, June 9

- Annual Conference — Kearney, NE

Thursday, June 6

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 7:00 p.m. Learning Key Result Team — Room 4

Friday, June 7

- 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Jarana — First Presbyterian Church, 18th & F. Lincoln-based group brings energetic, danceable music blending South American music styles, Mexican folk music and Latin dance styles. Fun for the entire family with ice cream.

Saturday, June 8

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

Next Sunday, June 9 Women in Mission 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 — Worship Center
- 12:15-2 p.m. Fun, Food, Fishing & Families — Holmes Lake

Next Monday, June 10

- 9:00 a.m. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute “Native Landscape Tour” — Aldersgate Gardens and Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. “Legal Issues as We Age” — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — Room 4

Friday, June 14 **Flag Day**
6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 15
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

Sunday, June 16 **Father's Day**
9:45 a.m. Garden Party Planning — Room 4

Tuesday, June 18 **National Pollinator Week**
7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick — Room 4

Wednesday, June 19 **Juneteenth**
1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, June 20 **First Day of Summer**
2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Sunday, June 23
10:15 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room
3-5 p.m. Garden Party — Aldersgate Gardens

Monday, June 24, Wednesday, June 26, Friday, June 28
6:00 p.m. Meal — Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the Church Office.
Monday — sandwiches, Friday — Vic's pizza
6:30–8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School. SCUBA for kids.
Adult — Worship Center
Monday — Connection Point and Loaves & Fishes
Wednesday — Identity Theft & Credit Fraud
Friday — Estate Planning with the Nebraska U.M. Foundation

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

2 Mindy Lanum
6 Reba Wysocki
8 Crosley Hanley

Dick Easley	Judy Faubel	Dennis Frederick
Shirley Hanley	Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston
Laura Marshall	Lynda Nordyke	Chandra & AJ Pfenning
Zach Steward	Jacob	Roxanne & Richard Swyers
John	Jason Byrd, Angela Huff & Joshua	

Nadyne Bauer has had cataract surgery

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

Ross Teske and his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain

Larry Walsh, Sandy Gores' dad

People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine

