

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church



## 8:30 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving  
Newman U.M. Church  
Videographer: Nancy Taylor  
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Usher/Greeter: Nelda Boswell

## 11:00 a.m.

Usher/Greeter: Dick Easley  
Lector: Alane Wahlstrom

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members  
Pastor: Joseph Rafique  
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith  
Keyboardist: Deanna Steward  
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**July 14, 2024**

Eighth 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 Alane*)

PASTOR: The best is:

ALL: **God is with us.**

**Music for Centering Prayer** (8:30) “Be Still and Know/Be Still, My Soul” — arr. Mark Hayes  
(11) “Jesus, Name above All Names/O, How I Love Jesus”—arr. M. Hayes

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

LEADER: Blessed be the God, the Father of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank God for every spiritual blessing.

ALL: **May the glory of God be known in this place! May God’s peace dwell in this and every land!**

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill to reach for God? Who shall stand in God’s holy place?

ALL: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, those who are not false or deceitful.**

LEADER: God speaks peace to those who are faithful. Lift up your heads and your hearts to God.

ALL: **We have come to hear the Word of truth. We turn to God, eager to receive salvation.**

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

LEADER: Ruler of all worlds, whose glory surrounds our unseeing eyes, our muffled hearing and our dulled emotions, come to awaken us to the mystery of your will. Speak to us a word of truth that reveals our deceit and leads us away from falsehood. Touch us with healing grace that allows us to admit our woundedness and accept the comfort you offer.

ALL: **Let your Spirit move among us so we may recognize your presence in one another and in our own lives. May our response to you be faithful and our praise genuine. In the name of Jesus, we ask. Amen.**

**Hymn #139** (red)

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

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

PASTOR: God has chosen us to be holy and blameless in love before our Creator. In our hearts, we know we do not measure up to that high calling. We have built many barriers in our lives against true communion with God and honest community with one another. In our prayer of confession, we seek help to remove those barriers.

ALL: **God of all hope and blessing, hear us as we turn to you with all our hearts. We have not been faithful to your word of love. We have hurt others and held grudges. We have been jealous and deceitful and ungrateful. We have turned from your Word and resisted the Holy Spirit. We have wanted our inheritance from you without the responsibilities that go with it. O God, we plead for your forgiveness and healing that we might respond with joy to the spiritual blessings you offer. Amen.**

PASTOR: God’s grace is freely given to us in Jesus Christ, through whom we are redeemed and forgiven. Let us set our hope on Christ, living each day for the praises of God’s glory, always seeking to honor God. Join the dance of gratitude and joy, sharing with others the love God has poured into our lives. Amen?

ALL: **Amen.**

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

PASTOR: God of overwhelming love and grace, in this Ordinary Season we come before you in prayer. We remember how you chose to live among us, declaring that our world was a worthy place for you

and we were the reason for Christ to come. And so, at this time, we pray for our world and all who live in it. May we live in the realization of who and whose we are. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for our international, national and local leaders, for firefighters and law enforcement personnel, that they will turn to you for wisdom when making difficult decisions. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: This day we think and pray for those for whom this is a difficult time. For those who are missing loved ones who have died or are far away. For those who are grieving the loss of a job, the loss of a relationship or the loss of hope. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are unable to be surrounded by family or others. We especially pray for refugees. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We think of and pray for all for whom an emphasis on “stuff” simply underscores not having enough. And we think of how grateful we are that you have sent Jesus into our world and into our lives. So, in thankfulness, we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: What other prayer needs would you like to lift up? (pause) For these and all other prayers in our hearts, we say,

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: How might we reflect his message or thankfulness in our daily living? How might we share with others the true joy that Christ brings into our lives? How can we — like all children — offer you the praise you deserve? Open our hearts, loving God. Stretch our understanding of our world that we might find new ways to journey with others in the days to come. We ask this in the name of Jesus 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 #369** (red, 8:30)

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**Special Music** (11)

“How Great Thou Art” / “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” — *One Shot Choir*

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

Mark 6:14-29  
Ephesians 1:3-14

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

“Election of God”  
“Chosen to Do What?”

**Apostles’ Creed #882** (red, *Joseph*)

PASTOR: Let us recite the Apostles’ Creed which is contained in the scriptures and tradition.

**Offertory** (*Joseph*)

The earth belongs to God and all that is in it. The world is God’s creation and so are we. All that we have is from the gifts of God, meant as a blessing for all to share. In these moments, we recognize our responsibility to manage these resources for the redemption of all God’s people. Let us give with care and compassion.

(8:30)  
(11)

“The Lone, Wild Bird” — arr. Anthony Giamanco  
“Blessed Assurance” — Crosby/Knapp

**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** (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: With joyous praise and dancing spirits, we dedicate ourselves and all that we have to God acknowledging our covenant responsibility to share your word and love with all your people. In gratitude for the gospel of salvation, we pledge our first loyalty and highest faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ.

ALL: **Thank you, Lord God, for the wisdom and insight we have received. Help us now to live according to the best we know, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Hymn #373** (red)

**“Nothing Between”**

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

PASTOR: Remember each day that you are chosen by God. Sometimes what you do in honor of God will be despised by others.

ALL: **Great is our God and greatly to be praised. We will seek being honored by God rather than the world.**

PASTOR: Dwell in the mystery of God’s will for you. Dare to reach out in love to all children of God.

ALL: **We will seek God’s counsel daily. We will open our hearts to others’ pain.**

PASTOR: The Holy Spirit goes with you to empower you. The love of Christ sustains you in all circumstances.

ALL: **We have been blessed and fed in this place. We will share with others the joy we have known.**

PASTOR: Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

(You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or leave as you wish.  
Thank you to those who have participated in tonight’s worship.)

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

“In Christ There Is No East or West” — arr. Mark Hayes

“Sing unto the Lord/I Will Sing of the Mercies” — arr. M. Hayes



### **Today, July 14**

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion
- 1:00 p.m. Saltdogs Faith & Family Day — Haymarket Park, 625 Stadium Dr.

### **Tuesday, July 16**

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *The White Lady* by Jacqueline Winspear — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Dance Class — Sunshine Room 7c & d

### **Wednesday, July 17**

- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4. Tie quilts for missions.
- 3:00 p.m. Dementia Support Group — Stauffer's Café, 5600 S. 48th St.

### **Thursday, July 18**

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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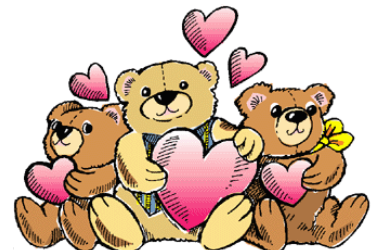
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### **Friday, July 19**

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

### **Next Sunday, July 21**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

### **Tuesday, July 23**

- 1:30 p.m. Caregiver Education Group “Dementia Behaviors” — Fellowship Hall

**Friday , July 26 – Saturday, July 27**

United Women in Faith Mission u — Trinity U.M. Church, Grand Island

**Sunday, August 4**

9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4

**Tuesday, August 6**

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

**Wednesday, August 7**

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters — Room 4

**Friday, August 9**

Committee budgets due to the Finance Committee

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and enjoy playing 10 Point Pitch.

**Aldersgate Financial Status Quarterly Report**

For the first six months of the year, total operating expenditures exceeded revenues by \$11,615. The general operating fund is now in the red, although the checking account is still healthy because of the many other funds that share that account. For anyone wanting more details, here is a link to a financial snapshot: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17LI3Le3Ly2zUwR8-wD3Bi6AuSYpkQjGv/view?usp=sharing>.

Thank you for your pledges and donations in 2024. Please contact me ([stevenlschafer@gmail.com](mailto:stevenlschafer@gmail.com)) if you have any questions about the church’s finances.

Steven Schafer  
Chair, Finance Committee

**Prayer List**

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

- 14 Anne Merchant
- 17 John & Rita Mulcahy

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

- Skip, Katrena Anton’s friend with colon cancer
- Nadyne Bauer is rehabbing at Tabitha
- 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.
- Ross Teske and his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain
- Larry Walsh, Sandy Gores’ dad
- People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine

