

Aldersgate United Methodist Church



8:30 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
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Greeter/Usher: Colleen & Dave Nielsen

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter/Usher: Stacey Lienemann
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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 *Julie*)

LEADER: Best of all:

ALL: **God is with us.**

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

“Give Me Jesus” — arr. Marianne Kim

“Be Still My Soul” — arr. D. Kartsonakis

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

LEADER: This is the hour to bend our knee before God. This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.

ALL: **We gather before God, who sees all our deeds. We open our hearts to the One who knows all our thoughts.**

LEADER: Fools say in their heart, “There is no God.” We come together proclaiming, “God is with us.”

ALL: **We come to be strengthened in our inner being. We seek to pattern our actions after Christ Jesus.**

LEADER: God’s presence evokes our joyous worship. The Holy Spirit empowers our service.

ALL: **To God be the highest glory in the church. To God be endless adoration in the world.**

LEADER: Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Opening Prayer (8:30 *John*., 11 *Julie*)

LEADER: We are seeking after you, Loving God, for you are our refuge. Your power is at work within and among us, even when we are unaware. We want to respond, not as fools, but a faithful friends of Jesus. We have come to discover the riches we did not know we possessed. We are here to offer our best for the good of all.

ALL: **Use us, we pray, to accomplish in and through this church, far more than we can ask or imagine. All glory be to you, amazing God, in this and every hour, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn #79 (red, vs. 1-4)

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

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

PASTOR: The psalmist asserted that all have gone astray, all are alike perverse; there is no one who does good — no, not one. We eat up people as bread and do not call upon God. Before we dismiss these claims as unwarranted exaggeration, let us examine ourselves before God. (Psalm 14)

ALL: **O God, you know our secret hearts. You are aware of our distortions, our jealousies, our lust. You observe our unfaithfulness, our treachery, our unwarranted fears. We are corrupted by greed, self-indulgence, and desire to be entertained. We do not take responsibility for our misconduct, our abuse of power, our lack of trust in you. We have little sense of vision to see beyond immediate circumstances or to embrace new possibilities. We miss the signs of your grace and resist the empowerment of your Spirit. Mighty God, still the storms within us with your transforming peace and boundless forgiveness, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

PASTOR: All who truly repent can know the love of Christ that surpasses human knowledge. We are rescued, delivered, and restored to fullness of life in God, our Creator. We are being rooted and grounded in life that we, in return, might show love to others. Amen?

ALL: **Amen.**

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

PASTOR: Mindful of our duty as Christians to pray for our brothers and sisters and in the spirit of service to

each other, let us pray for all God's children anywhere.

God our parent, Jesus promised to always be with those who follow him, we pray for those who live alone and those who are lonely.

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

PASTOR: God of justice, Jesus spoke truth to power. We pray for those who suffer for speaking the truth, for your prophets of every generation. We pray for prisoners and for people and organizations that work for the release of those unjustly imprisoned.

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

PASTOR: God of compassion, Jesus spoke out for children. We pray for children everywhere, for those who silently cry out for nurture, for those who live in fear and for those who live in poverty. We pray for the children of this community of faith. May they grow in the security of knowing they are your children and part of the Body of Christ.

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

PASTOR: We pray for this community of faith, for those who hold positions of authority and responsibility. We pray that we might be so held in your love for each one of us that our relationships are free from envy, competitiveness and divisiveness. As the Body of Christ, may we embody your love, truth and grace.

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

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

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

PASTOR: Bring all your children into the spacious place of your love, O God, and hear our prayers that we offer in our love for you and for our brothers and sisters, through Jesus Christ our Lord 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 #129 (red)

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

Word of God Proclaimed (*Joseph*)

(8:30 *John*, 11 *Julie*)

II Samuel 11:1-15

John 6:1-21

Sermon (8:30 *John*)

(11 *Harry*)

“The Great Provider”

“What to Do with 5,000 Hungry People”

Offertory Invitation (*John*)

We have gladly taken more than our share of the world's goods. Let us give in proportion to the blessings we have received. May the church be at the forefront of feeding, healing, caring for and loving God's people. We are the church, the body of Christ, making a difference in the world.

(8:30)

“Interlude V” — Mark Hayes

(11)

“Jesus Loves Me” — arr. D. Wood

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: Generous God, from whom comes every morsel we eat and every gift we are moved to share, test us, challenge us, feed us, that our eyes may be opened to realize the bounty we receive from your hand.

ALL: **May our efforts be multiplied by your grace so there is more than enough for all — more**

comfort in sorrow, more relief from pain, more money to meet our treachery, more sense of presence amid our loneliness, more strength to overcome our weakness, more joy and enthusiasm to erase our apathy. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

Hymns #102 (red)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Commissioning and Blessing (*John*)

PASTOR: Go out to share what you have received. God will multiply the gifts that you give away like the boy in the miracle of feeding the hungry.

ALL: **We will turn away from fear of scarcity. We will celebrate and share our abundance.**

PASTOR: God meets you amid the storms of life, God goes with you through the terrors of the night.

ALL: **We are embraced by God's steadfast love. We will look up and not be afraid.**

PASTOR: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your inner being.

ALL: **To God be glory in the church forever. May Christ be honored in all we say and do.**

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)

“Holy Ground” — Mark Hayes

“We're Marching to Zion” — arr. M. Ham

Announcements

Today, July 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
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group — Sheridan Lutheran Church

Monday, July 29

- 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Living/Worship Planning Team — Room 4

Tuesday, July 30

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 11:30 a.m. Lincoln Caregiver Learning Lunch — 9401 Andermatt Dr.
- 6:00 p.m. Streamlined Board Structure Discernment — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Dance Class — Sunshine Room 7c & d
- 2:00 p.m. Interfaith Power and Light “Why the Farm Bill Matters to You” — Worship Center and online

Thursday, August 1

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

Friday, August 2

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

Next Sunday, August 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* season 3, episode 2 “Two by Two” — Room 4
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Sunshine Room

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *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

Sunday, August 11

U.M. Student Day

- 10:00 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room

Monday, August 12

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith with Char Haggar and Sheila Kellenbarger — Room 4

Thursday, August 15

- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Saturday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

Tuesday, August 20

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters — Room 4

Wednesday, August 21

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Tuesday, August 27

1:30 p.m. Caregiver Education Group “Medical Education and Planning” — Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Room 4

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Sign for Home* by Blair Fell — Room 4

Monday, September 9

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith — Room 4

Friday, September 13 – Saturday, September 14

Great Plains United Women in Faith Annual Meeting — York

Friday, September 13

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Sign for Home* by Blair Fell — Room 4

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

- 27 Jim & Joan Helter
- 28 Lois & Roger Witt Doug & Reba Wysocki (45)
- 30 Jan & Tom Drbal Dori Stubbendeck
- 31 Glenda Dietrich Moore
- 3 Oakley Hustad



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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