

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

8:30 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
Videographer: Nancy Taylor
Song Leaders: Dan and Kara Steward
Greeter/Usher: Colleen & Dave Nielsen

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter/Usher: Harry & Sheila Kellenbarger
Lector: Alane Wahlstrom

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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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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Greeting and Announcements (8:30 *John, 11 Alane*)

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

LEADER: Jesus' invitation to all is

ALL: **come, follow me!**

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

“Thy Word” — arr. Mark Hayes

“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” — arr. M. Hayes

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

LEADER: Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes. Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

ALL: **Oh, that we knew where to find God! We want to hear and understand God's Word.**

LEADER: The Word of God is living and active. It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

ALL: **We cannot hide from God who knows us. God understands our thoughts and intentions.**

LEADER: Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour. This is the time to embrace new ways.

ALL: **Here we set the patterns for everyday life.**

Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.

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

LEADER: Reigning God, we gather once again as your children knowing and believing this is the time and place of your dominion. We recognize that you, not us, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know.

ALL: **Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways. We approach you with boldness, daring to question and make requests, knowing that your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining, and your guidance is ever available to those who ask. Amen.**

Hymn #61 (red)

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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

PASTOR: All omniscient God, we cannot hide from you but must render an account to you, our Creator. So, we come to confess the sin and doubts that cripple our life.

ALL: **Almighty God, know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. Have mercy on us and help us in our time of need. Amen.**

PASTOR: The Man of Nazareth was tempted as we are tempted. Our confessions, both those spoken and those without voice, are no surprise to Christ who on the cross offered abundant grace and mercy. For God, all things are possible. Rejoice, for we are forgiven!

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

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

PASTOR: We come with boldness before the throne of your grace and mercy, all-knowing God, open our hearts as we have opened our hands. Despite all the things that can get in the way, we know we can trust in you. So, we pray, O God, for the fruit of your living, active word in our lives and in our churches. When we gather together to hear your word, may it prove to be living and active, powerful among us. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**
 PASTOR: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ break down the barriers that divide humanity. Grant that united in your truth and love, the church may witness your name boldly and serve you in one common ministry. Lord, in your mercy,
 ALL: **hear our prayer.**
 PASTOR: Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. Lord, in your mercy,
 ALL: **hear our prayer.**
 PASTOR: Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of the food, medical care and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity. Lord, in your mercy,
 ALL: **hear our prayer.**
 PASTOR: Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravaging its land, air and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name. Lord, in your mercy,
 ALL: **hear our prayer.**
 PASTOR: Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole, especially (names), give hope to the dying, especially (names), comfort those who mourn, especially (names), uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care. Lord, in your mercy,
 ALL: **hear our prayer.**
 PASTOR: O God, in your loving purpose, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus 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 #601 (red, 8:30)

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Special Music (11)

“Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven” — *Aldersgate Choir*

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

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
 Mark 10:17-31

Sermon (*Joseph*)

“Saved by Grace Alone”

Offertory Invitation (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: Jesus said to the young questioner who asked about eternal life: “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” As long as our reliance is on things we have accumulated, our Christian discipleship is threatened. We give out of thanks to God and concern for our neighbors.

(8:30)

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” — arr. Ted Smith

(11)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” — L. Mason

Doxology (to the tune of #75)

“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.

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

PASTOR: Thank you, God, for the wealth of knowledge, time, talent and treasure you have entrusted to me. As I share a portion of that wealth, I pray that it may never become the object of my affection.

ALL: **Keep my focus on people, relationships and lasting values, O God, rather than on the possessions I can accumulate. I dedicate all that I am and have to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom my gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.**

Celebrating Aldersgate

Colleen Nielsen

Hymn #373 (red)

"Nothing Between"

Sending Forth (*John*)

PASTOR: The God whom we have met here is with us every day. Be open to what God would say to you.

ALL: **We seek to follow Jesus and make part of our life his life-giving word.**

PASTOR: The Word of God will guide you in all truth. It will assure you of God's saving grace.

ALL: **With God, all things are possible. From God, we seek to know eternal life here and now.**

PASTOR: Go God's children, blessed by the Triune God to bless all whom you meet. 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)

"God of All Righteousness" — David Paxton
"Grand March from Aida" — G. Verdi

Announcements

Today, October 13

Safe Quarters to Benefit Friendship Home

- 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* season 3, episode 6 “Intensity in Tent City” — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. Middle School/High School Youth Sunday School — Room 1. Taught by Harry Kellenbarger
- 9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School — Room 2. Taught by Char Haggard and Sheila Kellenbarger
- 10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:00 p.m. CROP Walk — Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1200 S. 40th
- 4:13 p.m. Family Ministry Carving Pumpkins, Hay Rack Ride, and Fire Pit — Nielsen, 18900 Pioneers Blvd.

Monday, October 14

Indigenous People’s Day

- 6:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3267768816?pwd=bE91cFhndExNVDkzNkZFUEdnSFFyQT09&omn=86244528883>.



Tuesday, October 15

- Church Office is closed
- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 2:00 p.m. Nominations Committee — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang — Room 4

Wednesday, October 16

- 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women’s Group — Sunshine Room
- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4
- 3:00 p.m. Dementia Support Group — Stauffer’s Café
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, October 17

- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trees, People & Towns — Aldersgate Gardens and Worship Center. Nebr. Statewide Arboretum Curator’s Mtg.
- 12:30 p.m. Worship — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Friday, October 18

National Mammography Day

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

Saturday, October 19

- 8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4
- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Blue River District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting “Connected Women Transform the World” with Rev. Stephanie Ahlschwede — Elmwood U.M. Church. \$15 per person due to Stacey. Offering for Della Lamb in Kansas City.
- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. T.O.P.S. Fall Rally — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, October 20 **Laity Awareness Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. Middle School/High School Youth Sunday School — Room 1. Team taught by Tom Haggard and Harry Kellenbarger
- 9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School — Room 2. Taught by Sheila Kellenbarger
- 10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 3-7 p.m. Heart of the Matter Celebrating Epworth Family Resource’s 135th Birthday — York Senior Center, 725 N. Nebraska Ave.

Next Monday, October 21

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

Tuesday, October 22

- 1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education “Planning for the Journey Ahead” — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Room 4

Sunday, October 27 **Reformation Sunday**

- 12:15 p.m. Potluck — Sunshine Room
- 1:00 p.m. All Church Meeting and Celebration of Aldersgate Gardens as arboretum — Worship Center

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 Cory Huskey 17 Deanna Steward (60) 18 MaryAnne Loos 19 Shirley Hanley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Smith & Julie Clopper-Smith Alex Steward |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nadyne Bauer Dick Easley Shirley Hanley David Huston Robyn Rocklein Roxie & Richard Swyers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arlene Judy Faubel Keller Hustad Laura Marshall Zach Steward John | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dennis Frederick Dallas Huston Lynda Nordyke Jacob Jason Byrd, Angela Huff & Joshua |
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- Skip, Katrena Anton’s friend with colon cancer
- Mary Coffey has fallen and hurt her shoulder. She’s in the hospital in Holdrege.
- Hayley Jambor’s mother who has a brain tumor
- 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 7-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
- David and his family, Joe Gore’s prior co-worker who are experiencing some extremely hard times and need prayers for strength and guidance.
- Larry Walsh, Sandy Gores’ dad
- People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine