

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday

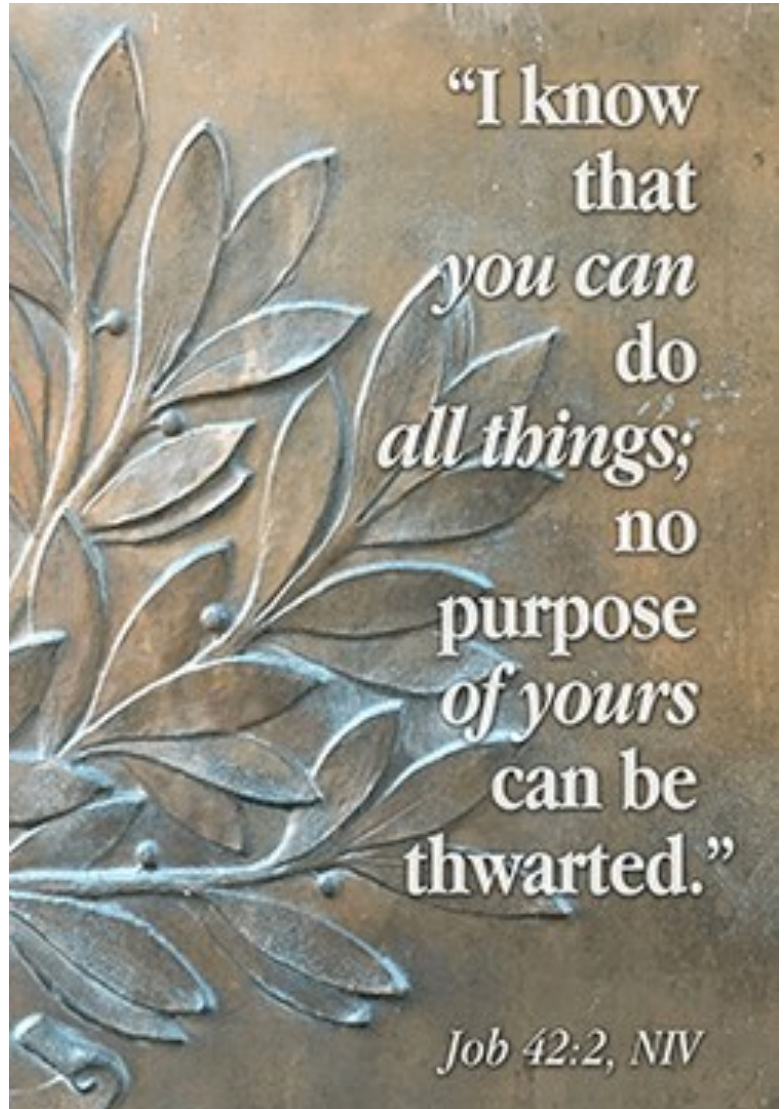
8:30 a.m.

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

11:00 a.m. Service

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

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

LEADER: The Mighty One has done great things for me;

ALL: **holy is His name.**

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

“Open Our Eyes” with “Be Thou My Vision — arr. Mark Hayes
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” — Luther/arr. Keveren

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

LEADER: God, when we suffer, you comfort us.

ALL: **The Lord has done great things for us.**

LEADER: God, when we despair, you give us hope.

ALL: **The Lord has done great things for us.**

LEADER: God, when we cannot see you in the world, you open our eyes.

ALL: **The Lord has done great things for us.**

LEADER: You turn our doubting to faith, our tears to joy.

ALL: **The Lord has done great things for us and we have rejoiced.**

LEADER: Know that in this place God will hear the cries of every voice and every heart.

ALL: **We come to proclaim together the goodness of our God.**

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

LEADER: Holy God, we praise you for your eternal, undying love for us. You have done great things for us, blessed us beyond measure, and for that we give you thanks and praise.

ALL: **Once again, we come to this place, O God, seeking healing, seeking new life and seeking wholeness. Help us to throw off the cloaks of our limited imaginations, that we might find comfort, peace and mercy. Your ways are often shrouded in mystery, difficult for us to understand. In these times, may we remember your promises to love and protect us as we relax into the mystery of your majesty. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn #57 (red, vs. 1-5, 7)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

PASTOR: Merciful God, we confess to you that our own blind eyes and deaf ears of faith have failed to see and hear the cries of those around us who long for mercy.

ALL: **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

PASTOR: Our own blindness has prevented us from seeing your presence in our neighbors’ needs. Our own inability to hear their cries has stopped us from hearing you.

ALL: **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

PASTOR: We cry for healing. We want to see that your graceful and merciful presence among us may be made known through us to others. Forgive us. Heal us. And send us back out.

ALL: **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

PASTOR: Take heart! God calls us to see ourselves and others with new eyes. Throw off brokenness and rise to life make new. Throw off regret and rise to freedom. Throw off oppression and rise to action. Throw off your blinders and see again for you have been forgiven to live a new life in Jesus. Amen.

ALL: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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

PASTOR: We come to you with questions, O God. They can be specific; questions that demand answers. And yet often they are rhetorical; questions that we simply want to have heard, wonderings in which we wish you to join us. Why is there pain in our world? Why do some people suffer? When will injustice end? Can climate change be stopped? Is there hope for tomorrow? Through all of this, though, we hear you ask us another question: "What do you want me to do for you?" And we are at times hard-pressed to answer. Most of all, O God, we simply want your presence to be made manifest and to be felt in all the corners of our world. For this we pray,

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

PASTOR: For any who, having lost hope in humans, wait in frantic hope for your help Lord. May there be assurance that you do not pass us by. For this we pray,

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

PASTOR: For any who have needs too great for words, may there be assurance that you hear the sighs that are too deep for words. For this we pray,

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

PASTOR: For any who are struggling with day-to-day health problems, problems in relationships, financial problems. May there be assurance that you are in the struggle to solve their problems. For this we pray,

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

PASTOR: For our brother Mario and his family. May God continue to bless each of them and fulfill the desires of their heart and they in return continue to witness God in word and deed. For this we pray,

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

PASTOR: And through it all, O God, may we follow you, in real and certain hope, that you hold the key to new and everlasting life. With this faith we pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:

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 #454 (red, 8:30)

"Open My Eyes, that I May See"

Special Music (11)

"I Am Alive and I Can See" — *Aldersgate Choir*

Word of God Proclaimed (8:30 *John*, 11 *Jan*)
(dramatized)

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Mark 10:46-52

	8:30	11
Narrator	<i>Gaylene Nutzman</i>	<i>Kendra Hartwig</i>
Bartimaeus	<i>Char Haggar</i>	<i>Larry Ruth</i>
Philip	<i>Tom Haggar</i>	<i>Rod Moore</i>
Jesus	<i>Tom Beckenhauer</i>	<i>Harry Kellenbarger</i>

Sermon (*Joseph*)

"Blind Beggars All"

Offertory Invitation (*Joseph*)

Our offerings are to magnify God's name and to express our deep sense of thanksgiving. They are also an expression of empathy and concern for sisters and brothers who struggle to find life. Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance. Let us give as we are able — with joy!

(8:30)

"Quiet Rest" — arr. John Turner

(11)

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" — Bradbury/arr. Shackley

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.

MUSIC: attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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

PASTOR: We hear the call of Jesus to rise; we hear the call of Jesus to be well. We hear the call of Jesus to follow; we hear the call of Jesus to care.

ALL: **Hear our prayer, O God, for all who may be helped by what we share. We offer more than money, we offer ourselves. Bless what we bring and bless the lives of those who give in your service to the world. Amen.**

Celebrate Aldersgate

Stina Huskey

Hymn #2196 (black)

“We Walk by Faith”

Guided Meditation (*Jim*)

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(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)

“Nearer, Still Nearer” — Lorie Line

Announcements

Today, October 27 Reformation Sunday

- 8:30-1:30 p.m. Good Life Halfsy — Seacrest-Haymarket
- 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 Hagggar and Sheila Kellenbarger
- 10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 12:15 p.m. Roast Turkey Potluck — Sunshine Room
- 1:00 p.m. All Church Meeting and Celebration of Aldersgate Gardens as arboretum — Worship Center
- 2:00 p.m. Parkinson’s Support Group — Sheridan Lutheran

Monday, October 28 – Thursday, October 31

Orders and Fellowship — Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 10:00 a.m. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute “My Backyard” — Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 30

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. United Women in Faith Community Gathering — zoom. <https://uwfaith-org.zoom.us/j/88446140398>

Thursday, October 31 Halloween

- 12:30 p.m. Hymn Sing — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn

Friday, November 1 World Community Day

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

Next Sunday, November 3 All Saints 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 Hagggar and Harry Kellenbarger
- 9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School — Room 2. Taught by Char Hagggar and Sheila Kellenbarger
- 10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Sunshine Room
- 3:00 p.m. Wellington Greens Townhomes Annual Meeting — Worship Center

Tuesday, November 5

- 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Election — Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th St.

Wednesday, November 6

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Maid* by Nita Prose — Room 4

Friday, November 8

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 10 **Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday**

2:00 p.m. Lincoln Subdistrict Church Conference — St. Paul, 1144 ‘M’ St.

Monday, November 11 **Veteran’s Day**

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “World Thank Offering” — Room 4

Saturday, November 16

8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast with Andrew Smith telling his military experience — Room 4

Sunday, November 17

2:00 p.m. Southeast Nebraska District Annual Meeting — Zoom. Clergy and the Lay Member to Annual Conference may vote.

3:30 p.m. Green Teams Gathering — First Plymouth Church

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Maid* by Nita Prose — Room 4

Wednesday, November 20

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

28	Betty McBride	Bill Nelson
29	Sandy Lightle	
30	Dusty Huston	Alyssa Keslar
31	Kaiser Huskey	

Dick Easley	Judy Faubel	Dennis Frederick
Shirley Hanley	Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston
David Huston	Laura Marshall	Lynda Nordyke
Robyn Rocklein	Zach Steward	Jacob
Roxie & Richard Swyers	John	Arlene

Nadyne Bauer is rehabbing at Tabitha
 Skip, Katrena Anton’s friend with colon cancer
 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

