

Aldersgate United Methodist Church



8:30 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
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October 6, 2024
World Communion Sunday

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter/Usher: Dick Easley
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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 *Joseph*, 11 *Stacey*)

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

LEADER: The best is

ALL: **God is with us!**

Music for Centering Prayer

“Think About His Love” — arr. Mark Hayes

Introduction (*Joseph*)

LEADER: Today we are celebrating World Communion Sunday, a day when Christian churches around the world have all agreed to celebrate Communion as a sign of our oneness in Jesus Christ. Not all Christian traditions participate, but many do, and the day is a powerful reminder of our unity in Christ despite the theological, political, linguistic and cultural differences in the church around the world.

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

LECTOR: We gather today from the busyness of life to receive strength.

ALL: **We come as a people of God to excel in your work through breaking the bread and drinking the cup.**

LECTOR: We are a global church with a global task to bring love and joy.

ALL: **Through this sacrament, we receive power to be faithful in love to serve the people of the world.**

Litany for World Communion (The U.M. Church, Dr. Berty Hakeem, First Church, Dixon, IL © 2003)

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

LEADER: We have trusted in you, eternal God, and that trust brings us to this time of worship. In this place, your steadfast love becomes evident again as you speak to us and in response, we sing our songs of thanksgiving and tell of your wondrous deeds.

ALL: **We are grateful for the life and witness of Jesus, and of your faithful servants both living and dead whom you sent among us to encourage us. For the strength you provide in testing times, we give thanks. Help us to be childlike, to receive your blessing, and to welcome your embrace. Take us into your arms. In the name of Jesus, we ask. Amen.**

Hymn #99 (red)

“To God Be the Glory”

Prayers of the People (*John*)

PASTOR: For exploiter and exploited, for persecutor and persecuted, for criminal and victim,

ALL: **God of perfect love, we pray.**

PASTOR: Give us clear eyes to see the world as it is and ourselves and all people as we are; but give us hope to go on believing in what you intend us all to be.

ALL: **God of perfect love, we pray.**

PASTOR: We pray for children growing up with no sense of beauty, no feeling for what is good or bad, no knowledge of you and your love in Christ.

ALL: **God of perfect love, we pray.**

PASTOR: We pray for men and women who have lost faith and given up hope; for governments who crush people’s spirits

and for governments slow to act in the cause of justice, freedom and development.

ALL: **God of perfect love, we pray.**

PASTOR: We pray for the whole church and the world, giving thanks for your goodness, for our love made known in Christ, for your truth confirmed in his death and resurrection for your promises to us and to all people, keeping hope alive.

ALL: **Let us go back to our work and into our relationships stimulated by hope, strengthened by faith, directed by love, to play our part in the salvation of all people, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

“Litany for the World We Live In,” Algoa Regional Council (Eastern Cape, South Africa) of the United Congregational Church in Cry Justice, John de Gruchy (Orbis Books, 1986)

Hymn #368 (red, 8:30)
Special Music (11)

“My Hope Is Built”
“Always Remember” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Word of God Proclaimed Dramatization

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

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

“He Will Not Do It”
“When Trouble Comes!”

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: Remembering our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who also celebrate this feast, we also remember that this is our Lord’s table and all who seek Jesus are welcome.
The Lord be 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: We come as we are to this shared meal.

ALL: **Thank you, God, for bringing us together.**

PASTOR: You are the God who creates from a blank canvas and speaks to us in joy and pain.

ALL: **Thank you, God, for being you.**

PASTOR: You are rich like the soil. You nourish and sustain life. You pack intense energy into a spark.

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

PASTOR: We give thanks for our friend, Jesus. Jesus made everyday meals with his friends special. Jesus invited everyone, especially those others feared or disliked, to be his friend. Jesus called all people to share in his work of justice making and peace building.

ALL: **We give thanks for the life and ministry of Jesus.**

PASTOR: We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

ALL: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

PASTOR: We come to the table seeking comfort and joy! We come to this meal, offering our whole selves. We come to this feast, expecting the hope of resurrection.

ALL: **We thank you God, for the blessings of this meal.**

PASTOR: We give thanks for disciples, teachers, apostles, ministers and saints around the world of yesterday and today. We give thanks for the disciples among us; those living, learning and loving in Jesus’ example: (pause for names) We thank you God, for the gift of discipleship.

On the night before he died, Jesus had a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed and broke it saying: “Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, 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.”

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. This is not my table or your table, this is not the table of Aldersgate or of the United Methodist Church. This is Christ's table. We remember those with whom Jesus would have us share this feast. We celebrate those from around the world with whom we are in communion through this meal. We give thanks to God for making us one with all in and through Jesus, His Son, who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

PASTOR: Now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray that 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.**

Prayer of Confession (*John*)

Sara Hargreaves © Engage Worship

(There will be times of silence for you to listen to God and make your confession.)

ALL: **Christ's body and blood:** (arms out to side; then check pulse)
for us they were given. (hands out front palms up, push forward)
This bread and this cup (palm out, slice with other hand; then mime holding a cup)
tell us we're forgiven. (circle fist [facing down] on palm)

PASTOR: Jesus, you died on the cross so that I might be forgiven of everything I do wrong. Sometimes I remember that, but other times I forget, and continue to hurt you with my actions. Please bring to mind any things I need to say sorry for now, in the quiet. (silence)

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PASTOR: Jesus, this communion meal is for all people, because you always welcome everyone. Sometimes I remember that, but other times I forget, and I treat people badly. Please bring to mind any ways I have mistreated other people, so I can say sorry now, in the quiet. (silence)

ALL: **Christ's body and blood:** (arms out to side; then check pulse)
for us they were given. (hands out front palms up, push forward)
This bread and this cup (palm out, slice with other hand; then mime holding a cup)
tell us we're forgiven. (circle fist [facing down] on palm)

PASTOR: Jesus, this communion meal is like a preview of eating with you forever in a world put right. Sometimes I remember that, but other times I forget, and I don't live as if you are coming again. Please bring to mind ways I can live which will bring heaven to earth for the people around me. (silence)

ALL: **Christ's body and blood:** (arms out to side; then check pulse)
for us they were given. (hands out front palms up, push forward)
This bread and this cup (palm out, slice with other hand; then mime holding a cup)
tell us we're forgiven. (circle fist [facing down] on palm)

Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ

(The offering plates are between the front row of chairs.)

Please bring your offering when you come forward to receive Communion.)

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

PASTOR: God eternal, thank you for feeding us with your Word and with the body and blood of your Son. As long ago, you justified your servant Job, speak to us your word of justification now. May through us and through the fruits of our labor which we share, your blessings go out to all.

ALL: **We dedicate to your service all the good things we have received from your hand. May we proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters in this congregation and beyond. May our gifts carry the good news throughout our community, making a difference in the quality of**

life experienced by many, near and far. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Celebrating Aldersgate

Shirley Hanley

Hymn #2226 (black)

"Bind Us Together"

Sending Forth (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: The world belongs to God,

ALL: **the earth and all its people.**

PASTOR: How good and lovely it is

ALL: **to live together in unity.**

PASTOR: Love and justice come together,

ALL: **justice and peace join hands.**

PASTOR: If the Lord's disciples keep silent

ALL: **the very stones themselves would shout aloud that our world belongs to God
and God is building a global hope.**

PASTOR: Open our lips, O God,

ALL: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

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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

"Today We Are Called to Be Disciples" — arr. Jason W. Krug

Announcements

Today, October 6 World Communion Sunday

Estimate of Giving cards due

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/@aldersgateunitedmethodistc8463> or at your convenience at www.aldersgateinc.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 Tom Haggar and Harry Kellenbarger
- 9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School — Room 2. Taught by Char Haggar 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

Monday, October 7

- 6:00 p.m. Kolb Wedding — Worship Center

Tuesday, October 8 National Podiatry Day

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 5:30 p.m. Simplified Board Discernment — Zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3267768816?pwd=bE91cFhndExNVDkzNkZFUEdnSFFyQT09&omn=89052047828>
- 6:30 p.m. Dementia Support Group — The Knolls
- 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee — Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3267768816?pwd=bE91cFhndExNVDkzNkZFUEdnSFFyQT09&omn=84706556465>



Wednesday, October 9

- 10:00 a.m. A.R.M.S. (Retired Ministers and Spouses) — Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Nebraska Caregiver Respite Network Learning Series “EnAble Savings Plans” — Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

- 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4
- 6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

12-5:30 p.m. Friday, October 11 – 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Saturday, October 12

- Care Ministry Seminar — Christ U.M. Church, 4530 A St.

Saturday, October 12

- 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Rock the Block with Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln — McAdams Park, 1039 N. 44th St. Volunteers are needed to assist with minor exterior home repairs, landscaping, painting and more to help restore pride in homeownership.
- 11:00 a.m. Citizen’s Climate Lobby — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, October 13 Safe Quarters to benefit the Friendship Home

- 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
- 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. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 3.

Next Monday, October 14 Indigenous People's Day

- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — Room 4

Tuesday, October 15

- Church Office is closed
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang — Room 4

Wednesday, October 16

- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, October 17

- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trees, People & Towns — Aldersgate Gardens and Worship Center. Nebr. Statewide Arboretum Curator's Mtg.
- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

- 6 Colleen Nielsen
 - 7 Luke Stone
 - 12 Tom Beckenhauer
- Roni Vlasnik (60)



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| Nadyne Bauer | Arlene | Dennis Frederick |
| Dick Easley | Judy Faubel | Dallas Huston |
| Shirley Hanley | Keller Hustad | Lynda Nordyke |
| David Huston | Laura Marshall | Jacob |
| Robyn Rocklein | Zach Steward | Jason Byrd, Angela Huff & Joshua |
| Roxie & Richard Swyers | John | |

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