

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

November 24, 2024
Reign of Christ Sunday

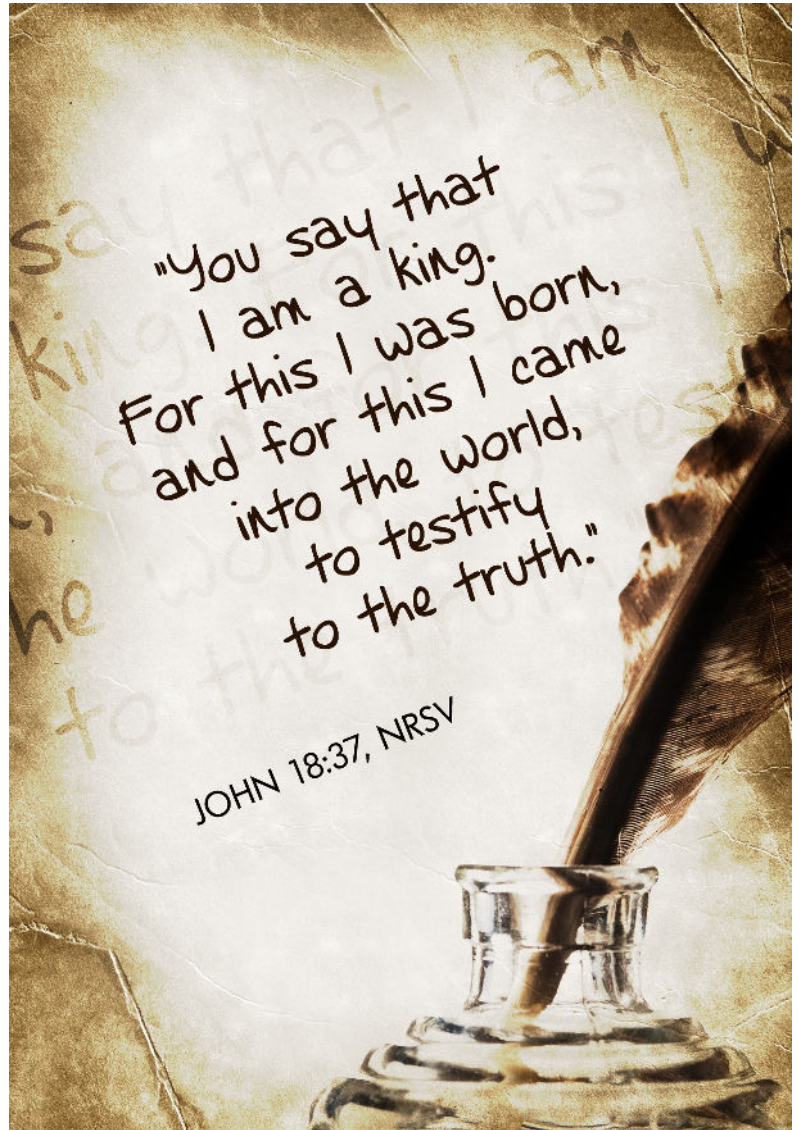
8:30 a.m.

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

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter/Usher: Stacey Lienemann
Lector: Jim Miller

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November 24, 2024

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

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

LEADER: *Whosoever will reign with Christ in heaven,*

ALL: **must have Christ reigning in him/her on earth.**

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

“Count Your Blessings” — arr. Faye Lopez

“He Is Exalted” — arr. M. Hayes

Call to Worship (8:30 *John*, 11 *Jim*) based on “New King” by Sam Hargreaves

We’ve heard that a new King is coming, announce it with fanfares and tweets.

Tell every nation with anticipation to stay on the edge of their seats.

We’ve heard that a new King is coming, more famous than William and Charles.

His power is greater than Megan on Insta, his might more than Swedish King Carl’s.

But this King is not found in a palace, this King is not found on our thrones,
our King can be found in an animal stall, in the everyday mess of our homes.

The prophets announced his arrival, predicting a new boss in town,

this guy’s got more flair than Fred Astaire, more pull than Beyoncé’s next gown.

The angels declared that he’s landing, and turning the world upside down,

the poor and the lonely are his Kingdom homies, while mighty ones sulk, grump and frown.

‘Cos this King is not found in a palace, this King is not found on TV,

our King can be found with the weak and the small, and washing feet, down on his knees.

Our King, he was born a minority, a refugee, paying the cost.

Bullied and beaten, he started his Kingdom by dying a King on a cross.

But broadcast it: this King is living! Yes, he came and he’s coming again.

Tell all of creation, with great expectation he’ll make it all right in the end.

‘Cos our King is not found in a palace, he’s not even confined to our church.

Our King knows no limits, he’s free by the Spirit, and coming to make new his earth.

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

LEADER: *Holy God, what a wonder that there is no beginning or end with you. It is beyond our capability to understand how, but in our finiteness we acknowledge that you are at the beginning and end of all things. It is you who will see over the ending of this earth and the beginning of the new. What you require of us is worship, adoration, and living our lives in a way that gives you glory.*

ALL: **Our rulers are not kings, but we understand the honor due royalty and we give you all the glory and honor due to you, our Alpha and Omega, the one who is and was and is coming. Amen.**

Hymn #154 (red)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Baptism (11 *Joseph*)

Philip Witthoff

PASTOR: Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price.

Please present the young man who is to be baptized.

PARENTS: We present Philip for baptism.

PASTOR: On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

CANDIDATE, PARENTS, SPONSORS: **I do**

PASTOR: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever form they present themselves?

CANDIDATE, PARENTS, SPONSORS: **I do**

PASTOR: Do you confess Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

CANDIDATE, PARENTS, SPONSORS: **I do**

PASTOR: Will you nurture this young man in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly and to lead a Christian life?

CONGREGATION: **We will.**

PASTOR: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

CONGREGATION: **We do.**

PASTOR: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Philip, now before you, in your care?

CONGREGATION: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Philip with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

PASTOR: Let us join in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

PASTOR: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

ALL: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

PASTOR: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

PASTOR: Let us pray. Eternal Father: when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the day of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood, you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

ALL: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

PASTOR: He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

ALL: **Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

PASTOR: Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

ALL: **All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

PASTOR: Philip, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Parents and congregants are invited to place or extend their hands as the pastor prays.)

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, the King of kings. Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome Philip our new brother in Christ.

ALL: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.**

PASTOR: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer #895 (red, *Joseph*, 8:30 *John*, 11 *Jim*)

PASTOR: Into this circle of your covenant and hope, we offer our prayers for ourselves and for others.

LEADER: *We lift our voices to you, O God,*

ALL: **who was, who is, and who is to come.**

PASTOR: We pray for people who have made new beginnings this year and this day especially Philip. For those undertaking new ministries, beginning new relationships. May God support them with His wisdom, patience, joy and capacity to love. We give all our beginnings to God.

LEADER: *We lift our voices to you, O God,*

ALL: **who was, who is, and who is to come.**

PASTOR: We pray for people who have experienced times that felt like endings this year. For those who completed training and education programs, for those who grieve the death of loved ones, for those who struggle with the ending of a job. May God support them with blessing, comfort and assurance of life forever in God's reign.

LEADER: *We lift our voices to you, O God,*

ALL: **who was, who is, and who is to come.**

PASTOR: We pray for people with ongoing needs. For those who wrestle with difficult problems, and for those who care for them, support them with your discernment. For those who provide public service to our community, support them with your protection and guidance. For those who govern, support them with your direction and wisdom. We give all our times to you.

LEADER: *We lift our voices to you, O God,*

ALL: **who was, who is and who is to come.**

PASTOR: Let us live with joy for what is yet to be, with thanks for what has been, and with trust for the blessings and trials of the day.

LEADER: *We lift our voices to you, O God,*

ALL: **who was, who is and who is to come.**

PASTOR: What prayer needs would you like to lift up? (pause)

LEADER: *We lift our voices to you, O God,*

ALL: **who was, who is and who is to come.**

PASTOR: Loving God, we long to know your joy and peace in this world and look forward to see them more fully in the world to come. And until then, we will continue to pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, 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 #2070 (8:30, black)

"He Is Exalted"

Special Music (11)

"Ride On, King Jesus" — *Aldersgate Choir*

Word of God Proclaimed (*Joseph*)

Revelation 1:4-8

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ALL: **Grace and peace to you:**

PASTOR: from God who was, and is, and is to come.

ALL: **Grace and peace to you:**

PASTOR: from the Holy Spirit, who is before God's throne and at work in his church.

ALL: **Grace and peace to you:**

PASTOR: from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

ALL: **To him who loves us,**

PASTOR: and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God

and Father,
ALL: **to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**
Look!

PASTOR: He comes with the clouds of heaven, and every eye will see him — even those who pierced him.

ALL: **And all the nations of the world will lament before him.**
Lord our God,

PASTOR: you are the Alpha and the Omega, who was, and is, and is to come,

ALL: **the Almighty one. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson (8:30 *John*, 11 *Jim*)

John 18:33-37

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

“Jesus Is Coming in Glory”

“Life Changing Questions”

Offertory Invitation (*John*)

We decry the godlessness of our day. We mourn the loss of values that our faith has taught. Together as a church, we can address the world with good news that uplifts lives from self-serving, self-destructive ways. Our offerings are one way we make our witness.

(8:30)

“Thanks for the Blessings You Give” — John Turner

(11)

“Come, Thou Almighty King” — F. deGiardini

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 thank you, O God, for all that you have given us through your unlimited generosity. Your blessings are not just spiritual, they are material and sometimes that amazes us. We know Jesus taught that we should not worry about our material needs, that you will provide for them as they arise, but we are still amazed that all of creation is at your fingertips and that you care for us as a loving parent cares for a child. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.

ALL: **Now, O God, we place our whole selves at your disposal. Use us, we pray, as you see best. And may the name of Jesus, our king eternal, be praised forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrating Aldersgate

Bill Nelson

Hymn #327 (red)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Commissioning and Blessing (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: Go God’s beloved, knowing that the source and the ending of all that is and yet will be, loves you;

ALL: **may God help us to love others**

PASTOR: Through the Lamb that was slain, you are blessed;

ALL: **may God help us to bless others.**

PASTOR: Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and who is to come.

ALL: **Amen. And also to you.**

PASTOR: 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)

“For the Fruit of All Creation” — arr. Zach Unke

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” — arr. T. Cornell

Announcements

Today, November 24

Reign of Christ Sunday

- 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 4, episode 2, part 2 “Confession” — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School -- Room 2
- 9:45 a.m. Middle School/High School Youth Sunday School — Room 1
- 10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up -- Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 2:00 p.m. Parkinson’s Support Group -- Sheridan Lutheran
- 5-10 p.m. Birthday Party -- Sunshine Room

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 1:30 p.m. Caregiver Education Group “Planning for the Journey Ahead” — Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Room 4

Wednesday, November 27

- 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Interactive Service for all ages — Worship Center

Saturday, November 30, Sunday, December 1, Monday, December 23 & Tuesday, December 24

- 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Living Nativity Drive-thru — 3B Homestead, 7603 298th St., Murdock

Next Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

- 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. Children’s Sunday School -- Room 2
- 9:45 a.m. Middle School/High School Youth Sunday School — Room 1
- 10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up -- Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 12:15 p.m. Hanging of the Greens — Sunshine Room. Family event with soup and sandwiches.
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *The House Is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland — Room 4

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21; Sundays, December 8, 15, 22

- 2-5 p.m. Living Nativity Walk thru the Barn — 3B Homestead, 7603 298th St. Murdock

Sunday, December 8

- 2-4 p.m. Women’s Christmas Happy Hour — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 10

- 1:30 p.m. Caregiver Education Group Holiday Celebration — Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 13

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

Sunday, December 15

8:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols — Worship Center and online

11:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols with the Aldersgate Choir — Worship Center

12:15 p.m. Ham Potluck — Sunshine Room

Tuesday, December 17

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The House Is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland — Room 4

Wednesday, December 18

Charles Wesley's Birthday

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, December 19

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Saturday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

Sunday, December 22

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship including the one act play "Would You Believe a Stable?" — Worship Center and online

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service — Worship Center and online

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

24 Dick Easley Julie Willnerd

25 Ivan Liem

27 Kari & Tom Beckenhauer Jared Nielsen

28 Stephanie Remmenga

Charles Willnerd (75)

Dick Easley

Shirley Hanley

David Huston

Robyn Rocklein

Roxie & Richard Swyers

Judy Faubel

Keller Hustad

Laura Marshall

Zach Steward

John

Dennis Frederick

Dallas Huston

Lynda Nordyke

Jacob

Arlene

Nadyne Bauer is rehabbing at Tabitha

Skip, Katrena Anton's friend with colon cancer

Hayley Jambor's mother who is undergoing chemo for 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

Tim Murphy, a veteran with memory issues

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

People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine

