

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

**November 3, 2024**  
All Saints Sunday

AND HE WHO WAS SEATED  
ON THE THRONE SAID,

*"Behold, I am making  
all things new."*

*Revelation 21:5, ESV*



**8:30 a.m.**

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Lector: Bill Nelson

**11:00 a.m. Service**

Greeter/Usher: Dan Smith  
Lector: Stacey Lienemann

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**Greeting and Announcements** (8:30 *Bill, 11 Stacey*)

Remember the saints in your life and be thankful for them.

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

LEADER: Let us shine with the light of Jesus

ALL: **and become like saints.**

**Music for Centering Prayer** (8:30) “Alleluia” / “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”—arr. Mark Hayes  
(11) “Litany for the Feast of All Saints Day” — F. Schubert

**Litany for All Saints Day** (*Joseph*)

On All Saints Day we honor the saints who have gone before us and reflect on our own call to sainthood. We light a candle for those from our church family who finished their course in faith. As their names are read, a bell will be rung for each one.

*Dave Baisinger, Connie Kier, Frankey Ostlund, Gordon Ostlund, Sandy Quathamer*

Stories begin and stories end. The joy of birth mingles with the sadness of death, and God’s story continues to be told. With the lighting of the second candle we will name the new babies born into our church family, ringing a bell for each one.

*Timothy Liem, Parker Lanum*

A third candle is lit for other family and friends we each wish to remember today. After a period of silence, during which each of us may name names in our heart, a bell will be rung.

**Call to Worship** (8:30 *Bill, 11 Stacey*) based on Psalm 24

LEADER: We come this day to worship you, O God.

ALL: **This is God’s world for which we give thanks and praise!**

LEADER: Make our hands clean so that we can stand in this holy place.

ALL: **We lift up our souls to receive your truth.**

LEADER: May we receive God’s blessings this day and always.

ALL: **May God be our one and true salvation.**

LEADER: We come into God’s presence, with the company of saints.

ALL: **We remember those who have gone before us to God’s realm.**

LEADER: Lift up your heads!

ALL: **We seek the face of God.**

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

LEADER: God of eternity, we give thanks for all your faithful people who have lived in your truth. For apostles and saints of every age who have borne witness to you,

ALL: **we give thanks.**

LEADER: For all who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith,

ALL: **we give thanks.**

LEADER: For those who are still remembered for their faithful and dedicated witness to you,

ALL: **we give thanks.**

LEADER: For those who are no longer remembered, but who earnestly sought you in their time and who held their faith through trial and temptation,

ALL: **we give thanks.**

LEADER: For those who have been dear to us and who by their lives of faith and hope have borne witness to the same spirit that was in Christ Jesus,

ALL: **we give thanks. May we, like them, be eager to follow in the way of Christ. Bring us at last to share with all your faithful people in the joys that are eternal; through Jesus Christ the pioneer of our faith, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn #88 (red)

“Maker, in Whom We Live”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer #895 (red, *Joseph*) © Sara Hargreaves/engageworship.org

PASTOR: John writes in Revelation 21:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is now among the people. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the old order of things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also, he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.'

We pray for those who are lonely. We hope in the promise that the home of God will be among people: that God will dwell with us, that we will be his people and that God himself will be with us. We mention in our hearts those we know who are lonely or isolated. (pause)

Lord you said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’

ALL: **Amen, make all things new!**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are crying; the sad, the depressed and the anxious. We hope in the promise that God will wipe every tear from our eyes. We mention in our hearts those we know who are sad and who know tears. (pause)

Lord you said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’

ALL: **Amen, make all things new!**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are experiencing the consequences of death, the bereaved and those who are mourning. We hope in the promise that death and mourning will be no more. We mention in our hearts those we know who are affected by death and mourning. (pause)

Lord you said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’

ALL: **Amen, make all things new!**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are in pain, suffering from illness either physical or mental. We hope in the promise that crying and pain will be no more. We mention in our hearts those we know who are ill or in pain. (pause)

Lord you said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’

ALL: **Amen, make all things new!**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are thirsty for truth, love and grace; those who seek God and his life with earnest hearts. We hope in the promise that God will give water to the thirsty without cost from the spring of the water of life. We mention in our hearts those we know who hunger and thirst for God. (pause)

Lord you said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’

ALL: **Amen, make all things new!**

PASTOR: Lord, your words are trustworthy and true. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. We pray all this in the powerful and hopeful name 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 #711** (8:30, red, vs. 1-4)  
**Special Music** (11)

**“For All the Saints”**  
“When the Saints Go Marchin’ In” — *Aldersgate Choir*

**Word of God Proclaimed** (8:30 *Bill*, 11 *Stacey*) John 11:32-44

**Sermon** (*Jeff Mildren*)

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: 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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PASTOR: Holy are you, God, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, 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.”

ALL: **And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

PASTOR: 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. Renew our communion with all your saints looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: **Amen.**

**Prepare for Communion with Confession and Words of Affirmation** (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: The bread of heaven transforms a sinner into a saint. Receive the bread, eat and be transformed.

ALL: **We receive this gift knowing that we are only sanctified by God’s grace.**

PASTOR: The bread of heaven is holy and pure. Our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

ALL: **I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. I am not worthy that you should receive me, but give your word and I shall be healed, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.**

PASTOR: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: **Amen. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

PASTOR: Amen.

### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

(If you have an offering to make, you may put it in the plates net to the front row of chairs as you come for Communion.)

### **Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self** (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: Thank you, God, maker of all saints, for feeding me with the body and blood of your Son; for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds and encourages me to run with perseverance the race set before me. Help me so that my race may not be futile..

ALL: **Grant that my spirit be strengthened by the love received through those who have passed before me and through this church and through my family and friends. May I use my strength to help those who need me. In the name of Jesus, I ask. Amen.**

### **Celebrating Aldersgate**

*Larry Ruth*

### **Hymn #723 (red)**

**“Shall We Gather at the River”**

### **Commissioning and Blessing** (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: We have been not only called but equipped for sainthood.

ALL: **We are amazed that God chooses us and assures us of the strength we need for our journey.**

PASTOR: God’s promises are not empty rhetoric; God is a constant presence and faithful support.

ALL: **God sustains us when times are most difficult and renews us through our faith community.**

PASTOR: Saints of God, grace to us and peace from God, our Mother and Father, and from the Sovereign Jesus Christ. 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)

“For All the Saints” — arr. Mark Hayes

“For All the Saints” — arr. T. Cornell

# Announcements

## Today, November 3

### All Saints Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com@aldersgateunitedmethodistc8463> or at your convenience at [www.aldersgatelinc.org](http://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* — 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
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Sunshine Room
- 3:00 p.m. Wellington Greens Townhomes Annual Meeting — Worship Center

## Tuesday, November 5

### Election Day

- Church Office is closed
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. General Election — Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

## Thursday, November 7

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

## Friday, November 8

- 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4
- 4:00 p.m. District Clergy Event — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Friday Fling

## Saturday, November 9

- 11:00 a.m. Citizen's Climate Lobby — Sunshine Room

## Next Sunday, November 10

### Organ & Tissue Donor 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. 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. Lincoln Subdistrict Church Conference — St. Paul

## Next Monday, November 11

### Veteran's Day

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith "World Thank Offering" — Room 4
- 6:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Chapter — Sunshine Room
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — 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.

## 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

## Thursday, November 21

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

## Tuesday, November 26

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 Service — Worship Center and online

## Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1

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

## Prayer List

### Birthdays This Week

3	Bill Dombrowski	Mindee Dorske (45)
4	Jake Wyant	
5	Jan Leeper	Caleb Nielsen
6	Donna Lanum	
7	Marjory Gloe	
8	Dan Ruth	Laird Ruth

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

