

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

“From now
on you will



be catching
people.”

LUKE 5:10, NRSV

8:30 a.m.

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

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter/Usher: Colleen & Dave Nielsen
Lector: Julie Clopper-Smith

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Joseph Rafique
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith
Keyboardist: Deanna Steward
Organist: Mary K. Burns
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February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.
If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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

Music for Centering Prayer (8:30) “Holy, Holy, Holy” — arr. John Purifoy
(11) “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” — arr. Joyce Grill

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

LEADER: Do not be afraid; from now on
ALL: **you will be catching people.**

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

LEADER: *Holy, holy, holy is Sovereign God; the whole earth is full of God’s glory. (pause)*
PASTOR: Holy, holy, holy is Sovereign God; the whole earth is full of God’s glory. (pause)
ALL: **Holy, holy, holy is Sovereign God; the whole earth is full of God’s glory!**
LEADER: *Come, let us worship the Sovereign One.*

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

LEADER: *O God, when on our own, we searched deep and wide for answers to our questions, for solutions to our problems and for relief from those things that threaten to destroy us, the result of our efforts was fruitless.*
ALL: **Then you came close to us and invited us to go deep, assuring us that in the deep places, we will find new life in abundance. You asked us to trust and to take risks — to cast ourselves fully into the depths of community where we will find our true selves and be empowered to serve. Through Jesus Christ, you filled our nets to bursting and renewed us in your Holy Spirit. Thanks and praise to you, our God. Amen.**

Hymn #2022 (black) **“Great Is the Lord”**

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance (*Joseph*) (based on Isaiah 6 and Luke 5)

PASTOR: The voice of God shakes the deficient foundations on which we have built our lives. We are summoned to account for our faithfulness. Called as disciples and apostles, we have not followed in the footsteps of Jesus or led others to the grace of God. Let us remind ourselves of God’s sovereignty and confess our broken commitments.
ALL: **Awesome God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny your presence and power. O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness. Amen.**
PASTOR: Stand up, people of God. Our Creator reaches out to lift us up and delivers us from the troubles around us and the distress within. God touches our lips to cleanse us, showing us a new way, empowering us for effective service. Rejoice and give God thanks. Amen?
ALL: **Amen.**

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

PASTOR: God of compassion, we bring our prayers to you for all the precious gifts we receive; moments of beauty, love from family and friends, food from the earth, encounters that cultivate hope. Receive our gratitude for all this and more. (silence) We bring our prayers to you for all those we have concern for: lives burdened by loss or heartache, those suffering from injustice, those strugg-

gling with illness or pain, countries devastated by violence or conflict, all those carrying hidden sorrows. In prayer we ask,

ALL: **grant them strength and peace, O Lord.**

PASTOR: We bring our prayers to you for all those whose work is hard, people like fishermen, truck drivers, those who stock shelves and for those who are underpaid. Through your people, may they know that you care. In prayer we ask,

ALL: **fulfill all their needs, O Caring Lord.**

PASTOR: We bring to you all those searching for something; some for new meaning, some for the right path, some for community, some for your presence. Grant a kind and guiding light to them. In prayer, we ask,

ALL: **help them find the truth, O Lord.**

PASTOR: We pray to you for the healing and wholeness of all those who are on our church's prayer list and all those who celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary today or in the week to come. Grant them a happy and peace-filled life. In prayer we ask,

ALL: **Grant them their heart's desire, O Lord.**

PASTOR: What prayer needs would you like to lift up? (pause) We bring these prayers to you, along with all those which remain unspoken, trusting that you have received them all with mercy and grace. We do this as we continue to 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 #467 (8:30 red, vs. 1-2, 4)

"Trust and Obey"

Special Music (11)

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" — *Aldersgate Choir*

God's Word Proclaimed (*Joseph*)

Isaiah 6:1-8

(8:30 *John*, 11 *Julie*)

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon (8:30 *John*)

"Go Catch Some People"

(11 *Joseph*)

"A Hunger for Worship"

Offertory Invitation (*John*)

When we are genuinely thankful for the steadfast love and faithfulness of God, we are eager to share this bounty. When we truly discern the grace of God, we want others to experience it, too. Christ calls us to reach out to our sisters and brothers with the good news of God's care. Our gifts of time, talent and treasure will help many to trust God's word.

(8:30)

"Jesus, I Am Resting" — arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

Doxology (to the tune of #75, red)

"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 (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: God who calls, we give you thanks for the courage of prophets of the past and present, who champion your desire for justice and peace, and who speak truth to the rich and powerful, even in the face of danger. For all those who follow,

ALL: **we give you thanks, O God.**

PASTOR: We give you thanks for the courage of people in our local community, whose selfless acts of love continue to inspire our hearts. We give thanks for the unknown and unnamed people who, with disregard for recognition, have acted selflessly in the interest of others. For all those who follow,

ALL: **we give you thanks, O God.**

PASTOR: Your voice, O God, we have heard. Your presence has moved us to respond. Send us where you

want us to go. Use our resources to empower others to witness your love and care.

ALL: **Fill our lives with thanksgiving. Fill our days with purpose. We rededicate ourselves to work and worship that express our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities. In the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn #354 (red)

“I Surrender All”

Commissioning and Blessing (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: God provides abundantly. We have felt a healing, restoring presence.

ALL: **God is leading us through troubled times. We will live without fear.**

PASTOR: God has filled our nets to bursting. God has touched us amid our pain and fears.

ALL: **We have been comforted and blessed. We will live in joyful gratitude.**

PASTOR: God has cleansed us from the sins that destroy us. Now, God has a great purpose for us all.

ALL: **We give thanks and sing praises to God. Freed, we will follow God’s lead.**

PASTOR: Let us trust God, who has been ever steadfast.

ALL: **We will be bold and answer God’s call.**

PASTOR: Go as blessed people, my brothers and sisters, to bring God’s blessings to all you meet. Amen.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. 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)

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” with **“Be Thou My Vision”** — arr. Mark Hayes
“Amazing Grace” — arr. C.E. Walz

Announcements

Today, February 9

- 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* — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. Middle School/High School Youth Sunday School — Room 1.
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School — Room 2.
- 10:45 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 5:30 p.m. Super Bowl

Monday, February 10

- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3267768816?pwd=bE91cFhndExNVdkzNkZFUEdnSFFyQT09&omn=86856228835>



Tuesday, February 11

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans

Wednesday, February 12

- 10:00 a.m. Retired Ministers and Spouses (A.R.M.S.) — Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women's Connection — Sunshine Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14 Valentine's Day

- 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4
- 6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall. Beef and noodles by Julie Leach. Please bring a wedding photo if you have one.

Saturday, February 15

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

Next Sunday, February 16

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Usher Training — Worship Center
- 9:45 a.m. Middle School/High School Youth Sunday School — Room 1.
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School — Room 2. Taught by Char Haggar and Sheila Kellenbarger
- 10:45 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

Next Monday, February 17 President's Day

- 7:00 p.m. Church Leadership Council — Room 4

Tuesday, February 18

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Table for Two* by Amor Towles — Room 4

Wednesday, February 19

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, February 20

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Friday, February 21 – Saturday, February 22

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. National Care Ministry Webinar

Sunday, February 23

1:30-5 p.m. Laity Summit Watch Party — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 25

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group “Active Aging, Engaging the Power Within You” by Gayle Resh, Southlake Village Rehab & Care — Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Series “City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan” with Anna Oetting — Worship Center and online

Thursday, February 27 – Saturday, March 1

11 a.m. Thursday – 4:30 p.m. Saturday National Fresh Expressions Gathering — Atlanta, GA and online

Saturday, February 28

8:50 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Legacy Grandparenting Summit — Lincoln Christian School, 5801 S. 84th. Register at legacycoalition.com with \$44.

Tuesday, March 4

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

7:00 p.m. Life and Legacy Planning Series (NUMF) — Worship Center and online.

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

9 Scott Hoyt Roger Witt (85)

10 Mandy Kellenbarger

11 Julie Clopper-Smith Ken Hartwig (80)

14 Jade (Vlasnik) Schuster

15 Richard Swyers

Bailey Huston

Dick Easley

Keller Hustad

Lynda Nordyke

Zach Steward

John

Judy Faubel

Dallas Huston

Loyal Park

Jacob

Dennis Frederick

Laura Marshall

Roxie & Richard Swyers

Arlene



Jody Anderson, Hayley Jambor’s mother who has a brain tumor

Iva Maxey, Reba Wysocki’s sister, who is undergoing dialysis treatments

Jessie Menck, Ken Hartwig’s niece who has bile duct cancer

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