

Philippians 2:4, NRSV

Aldersgate United Methodist Church



July 27, 2025
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Usher: Karl Schwabauer
Lector: Kari Beckenhauer

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Matt Borland
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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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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music for Centering Prayer

“Grace Greater than Our Sin” — Daniel B. Towner

Call to Worship (*Kari*)

LEADER: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us rise in body or in spirit and sing:

Hymn #581 (red)

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Prayer of the Ages

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Special Music

“In Christ Alone” — *Kara Steward*

Epistle (*Kari*)

Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

LEADER: The word of God for the people of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #159 (red, refrain only)

“Lift High the Cross”

Gospel Scripture (*Kari*)

Matthew 20:25-28 (CEB)

LEADER: The word of God for the people of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #159 (red, refrain only)

“Lift High the Cross”

Sermon

“The Heart of Humility”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God’s loving care. Please respond to the words, “Lord, in your mercy,” by saying “hear our prayer.”

We join our hearts and voices to offer our prayers to God.

O Lord of providence holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We bring you thanks for Sabbath rest, for a break from work and busyness, for this place and these friends, for your Word that may be opened and preached into our lives, for your name on the lips of people we love and respect. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lord Almighty, the household of faith, we thank you for the gift of faith worked within us by your Holy Spirit. We thank you for having called us to yourself, for consecrating us to your service, for having set us apart to the sacred ministry of prayer. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Almighty God, gracious one, in the presence of your bounty keep us humble, in the presence of all people's needs make us compassionate and caring. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Humble God, rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Break down the devil's work; break down every force that revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Almighty God in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven. And God's children said:

ALL: **Amen.**

Offering

"Children of the Heavenly Father" — arr. Robert Lau

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

Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Merciful God, give us the same attitude as Jesus, who emptied himself and was obedient to you all the way to his death on the cross. Make us eager to put others before ourselves, and their needs before our own. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PASTOR: Now join us in the way that Jesus taught us to pray together by 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 #664 (red)

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: The blessing of our God,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

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

PASTOR: Go now, and serve God and all of God's children in all that you do.

ALL: **Alleluia! Alleluia! 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

"In Christ Alone" — Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

Announcements

Today, July 27

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School “Start with Hello: And Other Simple Ways to Live as Neighbors” with Sheila Kellenbarger and Jim Miller — Room 4
- 11:00 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
- 2:00 p.m. Lincoln Parkinson’s Support Group “Neuropsychology: More than Memory” — Sheridan Lutheran Church, 6955 Old Cheney, Door 4, Great Room

Monday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 29

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 1:00 p.m. “Geriatrics and Aging: What to Know with Dr. Spivey & the Alzheimer’s Association” — webinar. Register at <http://bit.ly/4lx5laa>

Wednesday, July 30

- 6:00 p.m. Legacy Awareness Lunch — Sunshine Room

Thursday, July 31

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

Friday, August 1

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

Saturday, August 2

- 12:00 p.m. Thank You Lunch — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, August 3

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School “Start with Hello: And Other Simple Ways to Live as Neighbors” with Sheila Kellenbarger and Jim Miller — Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Fellowship Hall

Next Monday, August 4

- 12:00 p.m. Nebraska Caregiver Coalition “Trauma Informed Care” — webinar. Register at www.go.unl.edu/caregivers
- 4:00 p.m. Staff / Parish Relations Committee — Room 4

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *James* by Percival Everett — Room 4

Friday, August 8

- Committee Budgets due to the Financial Management Team
- 6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 10 U.M. Student Day

10:00 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “Pattern for Living” — Fellowship Hall. All Aldersgate, Legacy Estates, Denton & Pleasant Dale women are invited.

Saturday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ministry in Motion — St. Mark’s, 8550 Pioneers. \$15/person, register by 8/12 at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/ministry-in-motion>. Sign up for 2 workshops. Morning workshops: Strategic planning for the rest of us, Social media as an outreach tool
Evangelism for the 21st Century, Livestreaming on a local church budget
Afternoon workshops: Marketing for the local church, Elevating your church hospitality
UMC 101, Discipleship basics

5:30 p.m. Lakeside Worship Service — Conestoga Lake, 9799 W. Pioneers, Denton

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton — Room 4

Wednesday, August 20

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, August 21

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

27	David Willnerd	
28	Lois & Roger Witt	Doug & Reba Wysocki
30	Jan & Tom Drbal	Dori Stubbendeck
31	Glenda Dietrich Moore	
1	Ken & Kendra Hartwig	
2	Keith & Melinda Johnson	

Dick Easley	Judy Faubel	Merrilee Faubel
Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston	Laura Marshall
Lynda Nordyke	Loyal Park	Zach Steward
Maggie Struble	Arlene	

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

Elaine Fetsch, Kitty Anton’s sister who started chemo on 5/12/25

Ruth Maier with a recent dementia diagnosis

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

Richard Rockenbach in Las Vegas with 2 cerebral hematomas

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, Iran and Palestine

