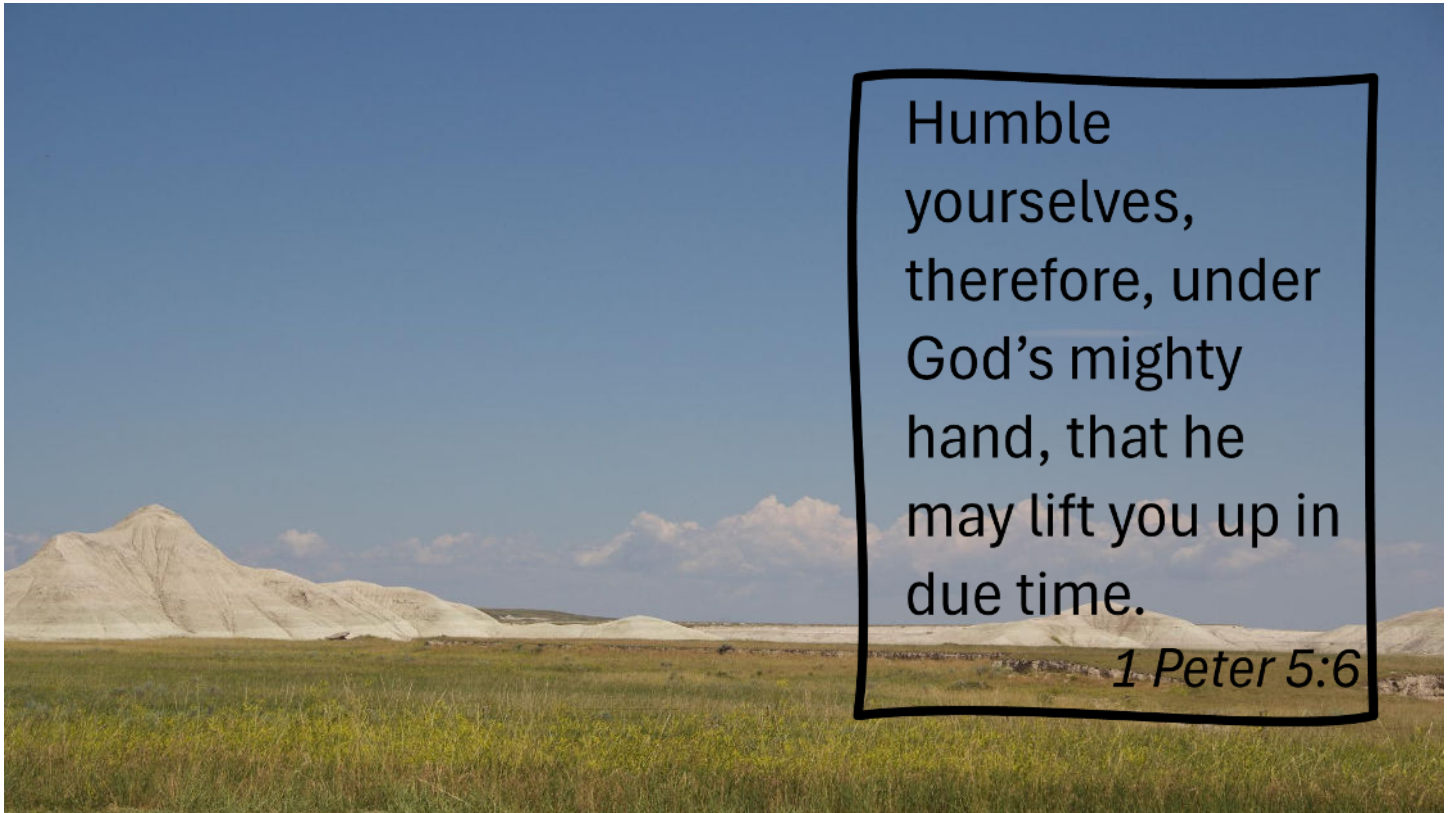


Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



Humble
yourselves,
therefore, under
God's mighty
hand, that he
may lift you up in
due time.

1 Peter 5:6

August 10, 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Usher: Stacey Lienemann
Lector: Harry Kellenbarger

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Matt Borland
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith
Organist: Lynette Boyce
Keyboardist : Deanna Steward
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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.*



August 17, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements *(Harry)*

Music for Centering Prayer

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” — Charles C. Converse

Call to Worship *(Harry)*

LEADER: There are times in our lives when following Christ seems almost too difficult.

ALL: **Yet he has promised to be with us, guiding and supporting us.**

LEADER: Our fears and doubts crowd out his call.

ALL: **Lord, come to us and lead us, for we are weak and fearful.**

LEADER: Lord, take our hands and walk with us.

ALL: **Bring the brightness of your love to us.**

LEADER: Help us see your face, O Lord.

ALL: **For we are ready to receive your healing love.**

Hymn #377 (red)

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Prayer of the Ages

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer

Special Music

“He Touched Me” — *Keith Johnson*

Epistle *(Harry)*

I Peter 5:5-7 (NIV)

Gospel Response #159 (red, refrain only)

“Lift High the Cross”

Gospel Scripture *(Harry)*

Luke 10:38-42 (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”

Sermon

“Exalted by God”

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.

Gracious God, you have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ. Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together and proclaiming the good news to the world, that they may believe you are love, turn to your ways, and live in the light of your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Merciful God, you bear the pain of the world. Look with compassion on those who are sick; cheer them by your Word and bring healing as a sign of your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We hear the Spirit's call to love one another, opposing discrimination of race or sex, inviting us to accept one another, and to share at every level in work and play, in church and state, in marriage and family, and so to fulfill the love of Christ. Enable us to accept that call and be agents of renewal of our work. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: O creator and mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. O creator and mighty God, help us to continue in your promise. And all of God's children said:

ALL: **Amen.**

Offering

"Jesus, I Come" — George C. Stebbins

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

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

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. 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 by 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn #571 (red)

"Go, Make of All Disciples"

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

"March Overture" from Suite in C — Catherine Rollin

Announcements

Today, August 17

- 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

Monday, August 18

- 6:00 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee — Room 1
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

Tuesday, August 19

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton — Room 4. One of the One Book/One Lincoln finalists. The discussion will be led by someone from the library.

Wednesday, August 20

- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, August 21

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
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- 6:00 p.m. Kiwanis — Worship Center



Friday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 23

- 10:00 a.m. Nebraska Herbal Society — Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” watch party — Walt Library, 6701 S. 14th

Next Sunday, August 24

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online

Next Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

- 1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group “Helping Find the Right Accommodation for Your Loved One” — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Earth Stewardship Ministry — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 2

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

7:00 p.m. Sierra Club Legislative Update — Worship Center and online

Wednesday, September 3

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton — Room 4

Monday, September 9

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith with Jeanette Fagerberg — Room 4

Thursday, September 11 **Patriot Day**

6:30 p.m. *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton — Room 4. Six week video study exploring the Apostles' Creed led by Pastor Matt.

Friday, September 12

8:30a.m.-2:30p.m. "Put Your House in Order!" — Horizons Community Church, 3200 Grainger Parkway

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

Tuesday, September 16

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Dust Child* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai — Room 4. A One Book/One Lincoln finalist.

Wednesday, September 17

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, September 18

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

6:30 p.m. *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton — Room 4. Six week video study exploring the Apostles' Creed led by Pastor Matt.

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

18 Carolyn Eschliman

21 Jackson Dorske

Dick Easley

Keller Hustad

Laura Marshall

Zach Steward

Judy Faubel

Dallas Huston

Lynda Nordyke

Maggie Struble

Merrilee Faubel

Ruth Maier

Loyal Park

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

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

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

Rita Mulcahy in Holmes Lake Care Center

Tim Murphy, a veteran with memory issues

Richard Rockenbach in Las Vegas with 2 cerebral hematomas is slowly showing improvement

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

