

Aldersgate United Methodist Church



August 24, 2025
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Usher: Carol Clymer
Lector: Julie Clopper-Smith

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 (*Julie*)

Music for Centering Prayer

Monet's "Water Lilies" — Catherine Rollin

Call to Worship (*Julie*)

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 #433 (red)

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

Prayer of the Ages

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer

Special Music

"Reverie" — *Shan Shan Deng*

Psalm (*Julie*)

Psalm 71:1-6 (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 (*Julie*)

Luke 10:25-29 (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

"Ditch Your Assumptions"

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.

When people wonder out loud who Jesus is and why he matters, help us to reply in words that will echo the sweetness of your gospel. Help us to magnify your name, O Lord, so that you may be glorified in all the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Be with those who so wish they could find someone to talk to but cannot, those who wait for the phone to ring but it stays silent, those who work so hard on tasks that no one ever mentions or comments on. Be with those who are hungry for a word of gratitude that never comes, those who search crowded rooms for a familiar face but who can never seem to find a friend.

Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Be with our young children who wither under the taunts of other children, who poke fun of their weight or their complexion or their lisp or their off-brand clothing. Life in this world is not always a picnic, dear God. Some days are just plain miserable. The gospel tells us you understand this firsthand through Jesus. Remind us of this compassion and shower us with your love, especially on days when the love of other people seems remote or spotty at best. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Remind us of your abiding love and grace so that we can become beacons of love and grace to co-workers, neighbors, friends, fellow students. Anoint our eyes to see your image residing deep within each person we meet. Anoint our ears to hear the cries of all who surround us, especially the needy. Anoint our hands to do gospel work. Anoint our lips to speak gospel peace so that in all ways, in all times, in all places, we may glorify you. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. And all of God's children said:

ALL: **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Offering

“Just as I Am” — William B. Bradbury

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: **Holy God, we offer ourselves to you this day — our hearts, our souls, our mind, and all our strength. Calm our anxious thoughts and still our frantic pace so that we can love you through our worship and our words. Give us eyes to see the neighbors around us as reflections of your glory. Give us ears to not only hear, but to receive with joy the message that you would have for us today. 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 #568 (red)

“Christ for the World We Sing”

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

“Sonatina in G” — Catherine Rollin

Announcements

Today, August 24

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall

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 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 a.m. Artisans

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

Wednesday, August 27

6:30 p.m. Screen Sanity: Digital Health for All Generations — Virtual Webinar. Register at <https://www.bigmarker.com/start1/screen-sanity-resurrection>

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, August 28

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

Friday, August 29

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

Next Sunday, August 31

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing — Worship Center and online

Next Monday, September 1 Labor Day

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 8

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

1:00 p.m. Friday, September 12 – 12:30 p.m. Saturday, September 13

Great Plains Conference United Women in Faith Annual Fall Meeting — Topeka, First U.M. Church, 600 SW Topeka Blvd.

Sunday, September 14

4:00 p.m. District Superintendent David Livingston Installation

Tuesday, September 16

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

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.

Saturday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

4:30 p.m. Monday, September 22 – 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 24

Small Church Connection "Drawing Nearer to God" — Calvin Crest Conference & Retreat Center, 2870 County Rd. 13, Fremont

Tuesday, September 23

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group "Smarter Sleep Strategies" — Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Taco 'bout Jesus — Super Taco, 5501 Holdrege. Food, fellowship, faith conversations

7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Fellowship Hall

Prayer List

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

24 Kari Beckenhauer

25 Doug Janak (60)

29 Kitty & Tony Anton (55) Jan Drbal

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

