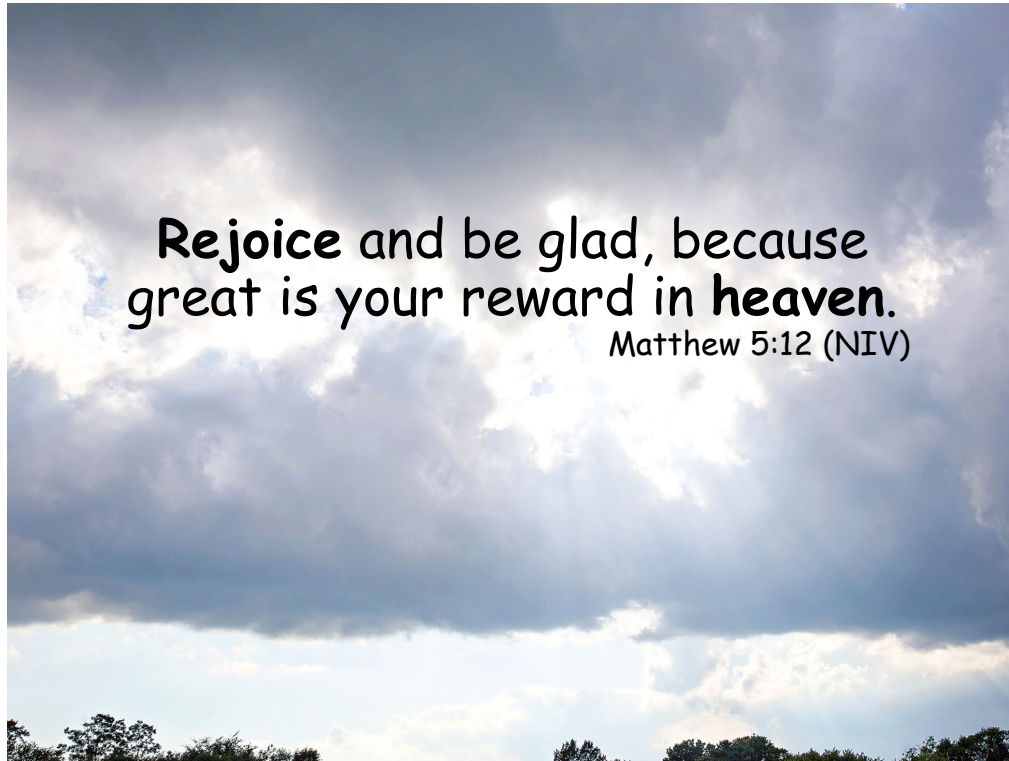


Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



August 31, 2025
Hymn Sing

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Ushers: Colleen & Dave Nielsen
Lector: Jim Miller

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



August 31, 2025

Welcome and Announcements (*Jim*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Steady Rain” — *Ella Dibbern*

Call to Worship (*Jim*)

LEADER: Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

ALL: **let mutual love continue.**

LEADER: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

ALL: **let mutual love continue.**

LEADER: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

ALL: **let mutual love continue.**

LEADER: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surround us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

ALL: **We choose to cooperate with God’s love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.**

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

Hymn #384 (red)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Opening Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Hymn #519 (red)

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Scripture Lesson (*Jim*)

Exodus 3:11-14 (NIV)

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“Everything” — *Ella Dibbern*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

PASTOR: Present God, we confess that we have made our callings into puzzles we must solve in order for our lives to have meaning. We have reduced vocation to labor and forgotten what it means to be called to virtue, and even love.

ALL: **We have falsely made our dignity dependent on our work and fallen prey to the lie that to hear you is to be near to you. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we might be liberated into our path in its own time. Amen.**

PASTOR: Let your soul receive this rest: the divine presence remains near as you locate the path that feels right to you. Receive forgiveness and be guided into your deepest longings and beliefs as you decide how to spend your days. When self-distrust begins to eclipse your callings, let God steady you toward what is good and true and beautiful, now and forever.

ALL: **Amen.**

Hymn #400 (red)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Scripture Lesson (*Jim*)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV)

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #467 (red)

“Trust and Obey”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God’s loving care. We join our hearts and voices to offer our prayers to God.

God of Jesus Christ, give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened. Help us to know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of your power at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Almighty God, you have spoken to us through your Son. Let your written Word now be spoken and heard by each of us. Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand, that we may not refuse your calling or ignore your voice. May we all be taught by you through your powerful Word. Bring our every thought captive to obeying Christ, Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: For our families, our households, and our communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which builds us up and strengthens us in grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We also ask you to bless each of us. You are the great shepherd who loves us. Help us to know you will always give us everything we need, and help us to be happy with what we have. Continue to watch over us, and teach us to live for you all of the time. In Jesus’ name we pray.

ALL: **Amen.**

Epistle Reading (*Matt*)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (NIV)

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #77 (red)

“How Great Thou Art”

Offertory Prayer

Offering

“Be Thou My Vision” — *Ella Dibbern*

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

Gospel Scripture (*Matt*)

Matthw 5:1-12 (NIV)

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #526 (red)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **May you go out into this bewildering world warmed by the fire of possibility. May you come to see walking shoes, soup spoons, minivans, and wrinkled hands as worthy tools for connection. May your heart stay tender, your hands stay open, and your door stay easy on its hinges. May you find comfort in the moon, art in the clouds, and goodness in the faces around you. May you gather, listen, and hope relentlessly. And may you never give up on the living light of belonging, right where you are. Grace and peace and gumption be with you. Amen.**

A Neighbor’s Blessing, Shannan Martin

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 #593 (red)

“Here I Am, Lord”

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

“Come Alive” — *Ella Dibbern*

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To transform lives and prepare disciples through the compassionate love of God.

THE ALDERSGATE VISION:

To welcome everyone to a faith journey in a vibrant world.

Announcements

Today, August 31

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

11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing — 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, September 1

Labor Day

Office is closed.

Tuesday, September 2

9:00 a.m. Artisans

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. One Book/One Lincoln finalist. Discussion led by a librarian.

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

Thursday, September 4

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

Friday, September 5

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

Next Sunday, September 7

Grandparents Day

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

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

Next Monday, September 8

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

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — 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

Office is closed.

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

9:30 a.m. *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton — Room 4. Six week video study exploring the Apostles' Creed led by Keith Johnson and Jim Miller

4:00 p.m. District Superintendent David Livingston Installation — Horizons Community U.M. Church, 3200 Grainger Parkway

6:30 p.m. One-Board Overview & Training — St. Mark's U.M. Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd.

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

9:30 a.m. United Women in Faith Meet & Greet — South Gate U.M. Church, 3500 Pioneers Blvd.

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

Prayer List

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

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| 31 | Alane Wahlstrom | |
| 1 | Emily Janak | Dan Steward |
| 2 | Tom Drbal | |
| 3 | Don Stone | |
| 5 | Lola Jambor | |
| 6 | Aaron & Lynda Nordyke | |

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

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

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

The family and friends of Rob Frickel, Ken & Kendra Hartwig's son-in-law who died suddenly August 23.

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

