

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



September 21, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.
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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 (*Stacey*)

Hands and Hearts at Aldersgate

Music for Centering Prayer

“Holy, Holy, Holy” — John B. Dykes

Call to Worship (*Stacey*)

LEADER: You take us seriously, Lord.

ALL: **You listen to our questions.**

PASTOR: You walk alongside us.

ALL: **You share our journeys.**

PASTOR: You surprise us and bless us.

ALL: **You fill us with wonder.**

PASTOR: At your table you call us together.

ALL: **You call us to life.**

PASTOR: Open our eyes to see you amongst us.

ALL: **Burn in our hearts and fill us with joy.**

Hymn #454 (red)

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Opening Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O Risen Christ, on the road to Emmaus you were the disciples’ companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith. On life’s pathways and in every encounter, stir up compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of understanding scripture and open our eyes to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that others may know you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.**

Special Music

“At the Table of the Lord” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Scripture Lesson (*Stacey*)

Isaiah 53:1-12 (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 (*Stacey*)

Luke 24:28-35

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

“Revelation at the Table”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: God of Abram and Nicodemus, God of all of us who think we are too old or too poor or too small or too weak or too busy, God of all of us daunted by the sheer wonder of the plan you lay out before us: we come to you now, aware of all you have done for us, and yet still struggling with our doubts. Birth us all anew, O God; hear us and help us on our journey. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray that there will be no more gloom for those who are in anguish. We pray that you lift away people's burdens. We pray you remove the things that oppress from people's lives. We pray you give courage to those who fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of love, give us a deep love for you, so that we can see the world as you see it, feel the compassion you feel, and be a people whose lives mediate your love to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: O Christ, as we enjoy your company, we remember that there are many people who are alone or rejected. We think of those whose ageing, illness or family circumstances mean that they feel as though no one is truly with them. May we see more clearly where they are, O Christ, and be loyal friends to them in your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell, stories of bread broken and shared, feeding a multitude, stories of being gathered together, enemy and friend, around tables, stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred. They say that it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal that he took the bread leftover on the table, blessed it and broke it; reminding them that is in the breaking that we become whole, in losing our lives that we find them, in serving that we are served. As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf, when we eat this bread, we become one with one another. They say that he took the cup also leftover on the table, poured out and sharing, remembering with them, the life-giving breath even now pounding a rhythm through our veins, the breath of life from whence we come the breath that precedes and follows all that we can see. As the grapes find life in the vine, when we drink this cup, we become at one with the source of life itself.

ALL: **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Offering

"I Know Whom I Have Believed" — James McGranahan

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

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Risen Christ, walk with us this day, be our companion and guide, be our teacher and friend, be our host and servant bringing your gifts of faith, peace and hope and deep joy as always. 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 #700 (red)

"Abide with Me"

Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: May God, who comes to us in the things of this world, bless your eyes and be in your seeing.
May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love, bless your eyes and widen your gaze. May
the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be, bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.
May the Sacred Three bless your eyes and cause you to see.

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

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" — William Moore

Announcements

Today, September 21

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School with Harry Kellenbarger — Room 1
- 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
- 2:30 p.m. Open House "Solar Panels, Geothermal Heating and Energy Efficiency Results" — Unitarian Church, 6300 A St.
- 3:30 p.m. "Here Comes the Sun" interview of Bill McKibben by Chris Hayes on renewal energy and transformative potential of a zero-emission future — Unitarian Church, 6300 A St.
- 4-7 p.m. Worship & Hog Roast — Zion Lutheran Church, 2244 NW 126th, Lincoln. Free will donation. Please bring your lawn chairs.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 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

Wednesday, September 24

- 6:30 p.m. *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton — Denton U.M. Church, 9335 W. 3rd St. Six week video study exploring the Apostles' Creed led by Pastor Matt.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, September 25

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nebraska Retired Teachers — Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 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.
- 7:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee — Room 1

Friday, September 26

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

Saturday, September 27

- 10:00 a.m. Nebraska Herbal Society — Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, September 28

Pledge cards due

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School with Harry Kellenbarger — Room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Women in Mission Sunday with Katherine Ebling-Frazier from ConnectionPoint. Please bring toilet paper donations.
- 1-4 p.m. Nebraskans for Peace 55th Anniversary Celebration — Antelope Park, S. 27th St.

Next Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

5:30 p.m. Burgers & Bible — Denton Daily Double, 7230 Lancaster Ave., Denton

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

Wednesday, October 1

1:30 p.m. Book Club *Dust Child* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai — Room 4. A One Book/One Lincoln winner. Discussion led by a librarian.

Tuesday, October 7

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

6-7:30 p.m. Generation Alpha — light meal then program in Worship Center and online. This is recommended for church leadership working with children and youth or parents and grandparents.

Please register at: <https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/KidsMinGenerationAlpha2025>

Friday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 12

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

4:12 p.m. Fall Family Ministry — Nielsen Farm, 18900 Pioneers Blvd, Walton. Pumpkin carving (bring your own pumpkin and carving tools, if you have them), hayrack ride, campfire meal, s'mores, and singing. Please RSVP to Colleen at 402-525-0303 or c66nielsen@gmail.com

Monday, October 13

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith "Ruth" with Suzy Campbell — Room 4

Wednesday, October 15

1:30 a.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

21 Dan & Deanna Steward

22 Pat Carlson

26 Jill Collicott

Pat Marshall

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

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

