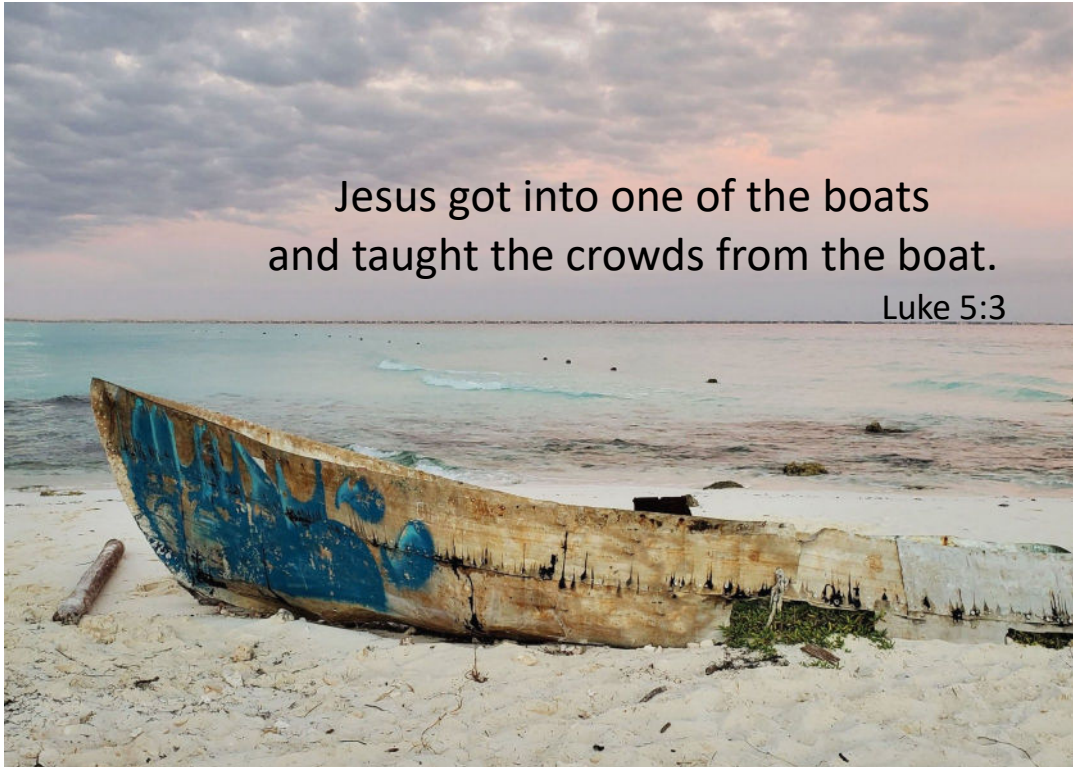


Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



September 28, 2025
Women in Mission Sunday

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Ushers: Gaylene Nutzman
and Phyllis Nelson

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 (*Nelda*)

Presentation of corsage for mission

Music for Centering Prayer

“Higher Ground” — Charles H. Gabriel

Call to Worship (*Char*)

LEADER: Come, beloved community, for Christ welcomes all people.

ALL: **We come to worship the One who gives food to the hungry and clothes to the poor.**

LEADER: God calls us to open our doors and our hearts.

ALL: **We come to embrace neighbors from near and far, strangers and friends alike.**

LEADER: Together we are the Body of Christ, called to serve with love.

ALL: **Together we worship, and together we go to share God’s abundant grace.**

Hymn #2236 (black)

“Gather Us In”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Pat R.*)

ALL: **New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Litany (*Stacey*)

Based on the Purpose of the United Women in Faith

LEADER: We are a community of people —

ALL: **young, middle aged, older; diverse in backgrounds, appearances, and gifts — yet celebrating that diversity.**

LEADER: Our purpose is to know God —

ALL: **to know You — sense Your joy — share Your sorrow — Your dream for a world where justice knows no favorite, where all walk in dignity, sensitive to each other’s need.**

LEADER: Our purpose is to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ —

ALL: **to reach out and know the wholeness made possible for us by Jesus, even as he restored the broken and the bruised.**

LEADER: Our purpose is to develop a creative, supportive fellowship

ALL: **to share the joys; bear the sorrows; bind the wounds of body and of spirit, to become a caring community.**

LEADER: Our purpose is to expand concepts of mission —

ALL: **to confront our preconceived opinions, our prejudices; to extend our areas of concern; to accept responsible action**

LEADER: through participation in the global ministries of the church.

ALL: **Not “over there” alone, but the neighbor in our midst; not “immediate aid” alone, but willingness to help change systems; not “for” but “with,” yet acknowledging the uniqueness of every child of God.**

Nelroy Wilson

Special Music

“Bring Them In” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Scripture Lesson (*Suzy*)

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #601 (red, refrain only)

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Gospel Scripture (*Colleen*)

Luke 5:1-7

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #601 (red, refrain only)

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Response Prayer (*Colleen*)

Sam Hargreaves © Engage Worship

LEADER: Jesus, we hear your challenge to Peter:

ALL: **“Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”**

LEADER: The challenges around us can feel like deep waters, stormy seas which cause us fear and despair. We hear Peter’s response of faith to Jesus:

ALL: **“because you say so, I will let down the nets.”**

LEADER: Help us to respond to you with that obedience, in our uncertainty give us the strength to trust you. When Peter sees the huge catch, he has a revelation:

ALL: **“Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”**

LEADER: Remind us of our own weakness and failures, give us humility and awe in the face of your glory. Help us hear Jesus’ encouragement to Peter:

ALL: **“Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”**

LEADER: May our repentance turn to joy and our fear to trust, send us out in your power to live and work for you.

Sermon

Pastor Katherine Ebling-Frazier

Prayers of the Faithful and the Lord’s Prayer # 895 (red, *Jeanette*)

LEADER: Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation. . . . Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Let us pray for those who suffer and those in trouble. . . . Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for the concerns of this local community. . . . Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for the world, its people, and its leaders. . . . Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for the church universal — its leaders, its members, and its mission. . . . Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for the communion of saints. . . . Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: 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.**

Offertory Prayer (*Sheila*)

LEADER: Generous God, You have given us more than we could ever earn or deserve. As we bring these gifts of money, time and talents, we ask that you bless them to clothe the weary, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and share Your good news with all. Make us joyful givers and faithful servants, so that through us Your love may be known. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Offering

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” — John Zundel

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

Hymn #2175 (black)

“Together We Serve”

Blessing and Sending Forth (*Sheila*)

LEADER: Follow the call, answer the invitation, live the adventure — taking the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit with you every step of the way. Amen.

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

LEADER: 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

“Old Time Religion” — Eric Thomas

THE ALDERSGATE MISSION:

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, 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
- 10:00 a.m. United Women in Faith Women in Mission Sunday Participants — Worship Center
- 11:00 a.m. Women in Mission Sunday — 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
- 1-4 p.m. Nebraskans for Peace 55th Anniversary Celebration — Antelope Park, S. 27th St.

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 5:30 p.m. Burgers & Bible — Denton Daily Double, 7230 Lancaster Ave.
- 7:00 p.m. Earth Stewardship Ministry — Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 1

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *Dust Child* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai — Room 4. 2025 One Book / One Lincoln winner. Discussion led by Jennifer the librarian.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, October 2

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 2-4 p.m. Dementia Puzzle: Putting the Pieces together — Aging Partners, 600 S. 70th. 4 p.m. Julie Masters "The Importance of Caregiver Connections." 4:30 p.m. "Nebraska Caregiver Tax Credit"

Friday, October 3

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

Next Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

- 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

Tuesday, October 7

- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café, 5600 S. 48th
- 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.brtaapp.com/KidsMinGenerationAlpha2025>

Wednesday, October 8

- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Project Connect — Pinnacle Bank Arena

Friday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 12

- 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 **Indigenous Peoples Day**
1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “Ruth” with Suzy Campbell — Room 4

Wednesday, October 15
1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, October 16
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, October 18
9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4
9 a.m.-1 p.m. District United Women in Faith Fall Meeting — St. Mark’s, 8550 Pioneers Blvd.

Sunday, October 19 **Laity Sunday**
12:15 p.m. Fall Finance Celebration Potluck — Sunshine Room followed by Pre-Church Conference Congregational meeting in the Worship Center.

Tuesday, October 21
7:00 p.m. Book Club *Lady Tan’s Circle of Women* by Lisa See — Room 4. A One Book/One Lincoln top 10. Discussion led by a librarian.

Tuesday, October 28
1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group “Planning for the Journey Ahead” — Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Taco ‘bout Jesus — Super Taco, 5501 Holdrege
7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Fellowship Hall

Prayer List

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

28 Roxie Swyers
1 Julie Pearson
4 Amanda Vlasnik Timothy Liem

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
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

