

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



September 7, 2025
Grandparents Day

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Ushers: Doug & Reba Wysocki
Lector: Rod Moore

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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (*Rod*)

Hands and Hearts at Aldersgate

Music for Centering Prayer

“At the Cross” — Ralph E. Hudson

Call to Worship (*Rod*)

LEADER: In Jesus Christ, the God of heaven made his home on earth,

ALL: **becoming our neighbor, living next door, living with us.**

LEADER: So come now, you who are far from home and long to draw close to God,
you who are weary and long to be cared for.

ALL: **Our God is with us. Our God draws near, now and always.**

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

Hymn #374 (red)

“Standing on the Promises”

Opening Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Loving God, you return to us again and again offering the help we need, not the help we think we need. Meet us here again. Help us to release our grip on things out of our control. Help us to lay down our need for security. Help us to rest — in these moments this morning — in your presence, your mercy, your grace, and your love. Amen.**

Special Music

“Congregation, Lift Your Praise” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Scripture Lesson (*Rod*)

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (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 (*Rod*)

Luke 10:30-37a

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 Cape”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Lord, help us to wait on You — to put our trust in You. As You have been faithful in the past, we trust Your faithfulness this day. In the midst of our celebrations and challenges, in the midst of our hopes and fears, help us to heed Your call to love God and love our neighbors, to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and welcome the strangers. In the midst of uncertain and challenging times, we place our lives, our neighbors, our world into Your sure and certain hands.

Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: O Holy God of Hope, who reminds us in scripture that You are the God of ALL HOPE — help us to trust in You with all that we are experiencing now. To trust in You to such an extent that our fears are solidly relieved and we can turn our hearts to You and be at peace and full of hope. Help us to so experience Your presence in the Holy Spirit, that we are renewed in love for you, for others, for ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Almighty all powerful and omnipotent God, we praise Your name for who You are. Your grace is sufficient to carry us through the challenges of life. You are our shepherd; we follow Your voice for guidance. You are our refuge; we seek strength and help in trouble. You are our God, help us to be still to trust in You and know that You are in control. Merciful Lord, continue to have mercy on us, Your creation and come to rescue us, heal us, deliver us and restore us to the joy of new life. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Creator God, you form us on the wheel of life as a potter molds the clay. Shape us into holy vessels, bearing the mark of Your wise crafting, that we may remain strong and useful through years of faithful and obedient service in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Now may you dig through the ashes of life and emerge with something beautiful. May you become love and possess the courage to receive it. May you hold and be held, allowing the vulnerable places in you to find company for the journey.

ALL: **Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

PASTOR: This is Christ's table, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion! Most people receive a piece of bread and dip it lightly in the chalice — which is an ancient way of receiving Communion! The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give our thanks to God.

ALL: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: It is right, good and a joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks and praise to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: when we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PASTOR: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

ALL: **"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

PASTOR: Likewise, when the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

ALL: **“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

PASTOR: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

PASTOR: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

ALL: **Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. 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.**

Receiving Holy Communion

Covenant Prayer

PASTOR: Let us join our lives in the Wesley Covenant Prayer together.

ALL: **I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Hymn #368 (red)

“My Hope Is Built”

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

“Let All Things Now Living” — Trad. Welsh Melody, arr. Victor Labenske

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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, September 7 **Grandparents Day**

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Association — Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 8

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith with Jeanette Fagerberg — Room 4
- 6:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — Room 4

Tuesday, September 9

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 5:30 p.m. Burgers & Bible — Denton Daily Double, 7230 Lancaster Ave., Denton

Wednesday, September 10

- 10:00 a.m. Lasting Legacy Team — Room 4
- 10:00 a.m. A.R.M.S. (Retired Ministers & Spouses) — Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women's Connection — Sunshine Room
- 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 11 **Patriot Day**

- 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.

Friday, September 12

- Office is closed.
- 8:30a.m.-2:30p.m. "Put Your House in Order!" — Horizons Community Church, 3200 Grainger Parkway
- 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4
- 4:00 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee (S.P.R.C.) — Room 4
- 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.

Saturday, September 13

- 11:00 a.m. Citizen's Climate Lobby — Sunshine Room

Next 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
- 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
- 4:00 p.m. District Superintendent David Livingston Installation — Horizons Community U.M. Church, 3200 Grainger Parkway
- 5:00 p.m. Women & Children Cultural Celebration — Sunshine Room
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday Night Live — Denton U.M. Church, 9335 W. 3rd St. Contemporary Service followed by a meal.
- 6:30 p.m. One-Board Overview & Training — St. Mark's U.M. Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd.

Next Monday, September 15

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

Tuesday, September 16

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

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

8	Bob Boyce (85)	Stephanie Liem	Loyal Park
9	Suzy Campbell		
10	Justin Lanum		
11	Char Haggar		

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 Jessie Menck, Ken Hartwig's niece who died suddenly August 30.

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

