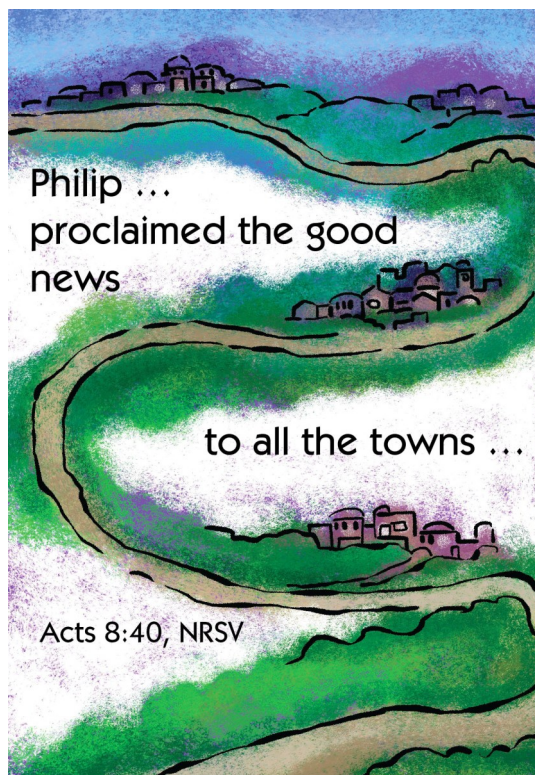


Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



October 26, 2025
Reformation Sunday

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Ushers: Bill & Phyllis Nelson
Lector: Harry Kellenbarger

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.*



October 26, 2025

Welcome and Announcements (*Harry*)

Hearts and Hands at Aldersgate

Music for Centering Prayer

“There is a Balm in Gilead” —Mark Hayes

Call to Worship (*Harry*)

Pastor: Lord God, you made me and know me.

All: Convince me, O God—

Matt: that the contradictions in me are the beauty in you.

All: Convince me, O God—

Matt: to love all parts of me as you do.

**All: Convince me, O God, that each and every attribute of mine, is by your grace.
That even as my mind runs one way and my heart another,
both are integral of who I am. And who I am is loved by you.**

Matt: Let us rise in body or in spirit and sing:

Hymn #154 (red)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Prayer of the Ages

Pastor: Let us pray with one heart.

**All: Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain what you promise,
make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

—*Book of Common Prayer*

Special Music

“Evidence of Grace” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Epistle Scripture (*Harry*)

Acts 8:26-40 (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 (*Harry*)

Mark 12:28-34

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

“Hart and Head”

Response to the Word #882 (red)

Ecumenical Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Almighty and tender Lord Jesus Christ, just as I have asked you to love my friends, so I ask the Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and all your children and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will. Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For strong hearts and minds, for opportunities that encourage us to grow and become more the servants of thanksgiving you call us to be. Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: When you formed humanity, you breathed your spirit into us. You walked in the garden. You wanted fellowship with us. Our sin separated us from you, so we live in a world of pain and hurt. Some are hungry. Some are lonely. Some are empty. Almighty God, giver of strength, feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, support the orphans, uplift the depressed, and free the downtrodden. Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, make our hearts places of peace and our minds harbors of tranquility. Sow in our souls true love for you and for one another, and root deeply within us friendship and unity and concord with reverence. So may we give peace to each other sincerely and receive it beautifully. Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Offering

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” —George C. Stebbins

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 and Lord’s Prayer #895 (red)

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: God of our whole selves,
today we ask you to stir our hearts and meet our minds.
We offer ourselves fully so that your grace
might wash over all of who we are—leaving no part behind.
Form us into thoughtful and compassionate disciples so that our
very lives tell the story of your love to the world. Amen.**

Pastor: Now join us in the way that Jesus taught us to pray together by saying:
Lords Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 #571 (red)

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: Bless us in your divine grace, bless us in your love, and bless the bread on the tables, the hands of those who work, the dreams of those who resist, who still sing and hope. Bless us as we walk in your ways, give us your strength and vision, may your peace bring an end to death, to hate, and to all injustice; bless us as we seek an abundant life. Bless us. 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

“A Mighty Fortress is our God” — Martin Luther

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.

World Thank Offering

Are you looking for a way to say thank you to God? The United Women in Faith have an opportunity for you. They have 90 projects in the United States plus projects in 39 other countries. All of the missions of the UWFaith benefit women, children and youth. Two of those projects are located in Nebraska. Epworth Family Resources in York provides Foster Care, Day Care, and In Home Family Services. The Big Garden in Omaha has a Community Gardening Project and a Nature Camp.

In the Narthex is a display of collection bottles and an October/November calendar. We are focusing this year to Thank God each and every day. As you write what you thank God for, drop a coin or two into the bottle. All of those thanks will go toward supporting the missions of the UWFaith.

Announcements

Today, October 26

Reformation Sunday

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/@aldersgateunitedmethodist8463> or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org. You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 1-3 p.m. Betty McBride 95th Birthday Party — Iron Horse Saloon, Legacy Terrace, 5700 Fremont St. Please no gifts.
- 1-6 p.m. Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch — Camp Fontanelle, 9677 County Rd. 3, Fontanelle.

Sunday, October 26 – Monday, October 27

Church Office is closed.

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 10:00 a.m. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute “My Backyard” — Fellowship Hall
- 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. Food, fellowship, faith conversations
- 7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 29

- 6:30 p.m. *Creed* Study — Denton U.M. Church, 9335 W. 3rd St.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, October 30

- 9:30 a.m. St. Joe’s School Evacuation practice
- 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, October 31

Halloween

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

Next Sunday, November 2 **All Saints Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School with Harry Kellenbarger — Room 1
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online

Tuesday, November 4

- 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Election Day — Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café, 5600 S. 48th St.

Wednesday, November 5

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See — Room 4. One Book/One Lincoln top 10. Discussion led by a librarian.

Monday, November 10

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith "World Thank Offering" — Room 4

Friday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 15

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 2:00 p.m. Charge Conference — Christ, U.M. Church, 4530 A St.

Tuesday, November 18

- 6:30 p.m. Taco 'bout Jesus — Super Taco, 5501 Holdrege, suite D
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng — Room 4. Social Action on the United Women in Faith Reading Program

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

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| 28 | Betty McBride (95) | Bill Nelson (80) |
| 29 | Sandy Lightle | |
| 30 | Dusty Huston | Alyssa Keslar |
| 31 | Kaiser Huskey | |



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| 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
Ava Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece, was diagnosed with gastroparesis.
Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece
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