

Aldersgate United Methodist Church



**“FOR HE IS NOT
THE GOD OF THE DEAD
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR ALL LIVE TO HIM.”**

LUKE 20:38, NKJV

November 9, 2025
Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday

11:00 a.m.
Greeter/Usher: Harry Kellenbarger
Lector: Jim Miller

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



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Welcome and Announcements (*Jim*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Great Is the Lord” — arr. Jay Rouse

Call to Worship (*Jim*)

Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters

LEADER: Even though we don’t always feel it, God is with us.

ALL: **The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.**

LEADER: Yet God is with us.

ALL: **All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.**

LEADER: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God’s abundant love.

ALL: **Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God’s healing words of hope. Amen.**

LEADER: Let us rise in body or in spirit and sing.

Hymn #702 (red)

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Opening Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer

Special Music

“Alleluia, Praise God!” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Epistle Scripture Lesson (*Jim*)

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (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 (*Jim*)

Luke 20:27-38

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

“What Happens Next?” — *Rev. Dr. Jonathan Redding*

Prayers of the Faithful (*Jim*)

LEADER: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Sovereign God, King of creation, you are the one who has spread out the expanse of the heavens and dug the depths of the lakes and seas. You are the one who has forested the earth and stocked land and sea with swarms of your creatures. You called human beings forward to bear your image, caring for creation, caring for each other, thriving in the light of your love. Let us remember your steadfast love throughout your creation, and how you made us in your image and breathed the breath of life into us. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We bring you thanks for Sabbath rest, for a break from work, for this place and these friends, for your Word that may be opened and preached into our lives, for your name on the lips of people

we respect. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Even on the rainiest Monday mornings of our lives we have reason to thank you, to bless you, and to turn our faces toward the radiance of your love. O God, especially for your grace, for your amazing grace — so old, so new, always reminding us of our dependence on you, always healing with your mercy — for your grace we give you thanks, O God. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

LEADER: As we continue our worship now, fill us with yourself. As we sing, lift us ever higher to yourself. As we give offerings, be with us as we enter the rhythm of generosity and grace. As we turn to Word and sacrament, encounter us with your very self. Be glorified in all we do. We pray it ever and only in Jesus' precious name.

ALL: **Amen.**

Offering (*Jim*)

“Let All Things Now Living” — arr. Michael Larkin

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 and Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

PASTOR: Let us pray together:

ALL: **Lord of mercy, God of the living, grant that we might see beyond the ruins that lie about us; that we might take to heart the lessons of Scripture which testify to your willingness and ability to bring new life to dry bones. Give to those who despair a vision of the resurrection which awaits all those who believe, all those you have chosen. Help them to order their lives by the principles of your everlasting kingdom — that kingdom in which faith, hope and love transfigure all that they touch. 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 #701 (red)

“When We All Get to Heaven”

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

“How Great Is Our God” with “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” — arr. Carol Tornquist

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, November 9 **Organ & Tissue Donor 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 <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, November 10

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “World Thank Offering” — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees — Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3267768816?pwd=bE91cFhndExNVdKzNkZFUEdnSFFyQT09&omn=89235378026>.



Tuesday, November 11 **Veteran's Day**

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans

Wednesday, November 12

- 10:00 a.m. A.R.M.S. (Retired Ministers and Spouses) — Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Women's Connection — Sunshine Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, November 13

- 12:00 p.m. Nebraska Caregiver Coalition — Zoom
- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn

Friday, November 14

- 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4
- 10:00 a.m. Lasting Legacy Team — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 15

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4
- 2:00 p.m. Charge Conference — Christ, U.M. Church, 4530 A St.
- 6-10 p.m. Birthday Party — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, November 16

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday Night Live — Denton U.M. Church, 9335 W. 3rd St., Denton

Next Monday, November 17

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

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

Wednesday, November 19

- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, November 20

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Tuesday, November 25

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group “Planning for the Journey Ahead” — Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday, November 26

6:30 p.m. Pizza & Praise — Worship Center and online. You are invited to a Thanksgiving Eve Service with pizza! Please contact Stacey in the Church Office if you think you’ll come so we have enough for everyone. Free will donation.

Tuesday, December 2

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

Wednesday, December 3

1:30 p.m. Book Club *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng — Room 4. Social Action on the United Women in Faith Reading Program

Monday, December 8

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith Celebrate Christmas — Room 4

Tuesday, December 9

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group Holiday Party

Friday, December 12

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

Tuesday, December 16

6:30 p.m. Taco ‘bout Jesus — Super Taco, 5501 Holdrege

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps — Room 4. Youth book Nurturing for Community

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

- 11** Ileen Smith
- 13** Ryan Schafer (40)
- 14** Nikki Schafer



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

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