

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

**...SERVE ONE
ANOTHER
WITH
WHATEVER
GIFT EACH OF
YOU HAS
RECEIVED.**



1 PETER 4:10

11:00 a.m.

Greeter/Usher: Stacey Lienemann
Lector: Jim Miller

January 25, 2026
Ecumenical Sunday

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



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (*Jim*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Choral Song” — Edward Broughton

Call to Worship (*Jim*)

LEADER: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

ALL: **We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

LEADER: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

ALL: **We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**

LEADER: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

ALL: **Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.**

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

Hymn #577 (red)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Opening Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer

Special Music

“A Servant in Your Heavenly House” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Epistle Scripture (*Jim*)

I Peter 4:9-11

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #159 (red, refrain)

“Lift High the Cross”

Gospel Lesson (*Jim*)

Matthew 25:14-30

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ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #159 (red, refrain)

“Lift High the Cross”

Sermon

“Risky Faith”

Holy Worship Moment

The Jar of Many

During this time we invite you to place what item you were given before the service in this jar!
This jar represents us as one! Pray over this item before you place it in the jar and how when things add up
in the jar; it becomes fruitful and how each person has a gift to offer to the body!
We hold this jar up all the way through Lent to remind us
how God calls us into communion with one another and bringing our gifts together!

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Let us pray. Lord God — we give you thanks for all your gifts to us — for daily food, for health, for each breath we take, for freedom to choose, and for the gifts of your Word, your power and your love. Our hearts are truly overwhelmed, O God, when we consider all that you are and how you have entrusted so much to us. May we be worthy of that trust — may we be a people who

are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Help us O God, as followers of Jesus, to multiply all that you have given us, to risk spreading your word and perhaps see it misunderstood, to gamble by loving those whom others think worthy only of hate, to take chances by doing good to those who have not done good to us. Help us be faith filled and to desire to increase your glory and your goodness in this world. Make us ones who share in both word and deed that which you have given to us. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray, O God, for the church here today — that it may encourage all its members to discover, develop, and use all their gifts, those of nature and those of grace. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are poor in body or in spirit . . . for those who are oppressed and heavy laden . . . For those who are sick or in despair. . . . Minister O God by your Spirit, and by us, to all those for whom we have prayed and help us walk faithfully in the path of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

Offering & Offertory Prayer

“Jesus Is Calling” — 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 Prayer and Lord’s Prayer #895 (red)

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O God, it is your nature. You give us yourself. In freedom we have received your Spirit. Help us to freely give it away, then receive it back. We want to say with the servant, “You have me two talents. I have made two more!” Let us take part in your Spirit, and to share in your eternal joy. 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 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.**

Closing Hymn #433 (red)

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: The blessing of our God, Creator, Christ and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

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

PASTOR: Go now, and serve God and all 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 quietly leave as you wish.)

Postlude

“Song for a New Day” — David Paxton

THE ALDERSGATE MISSION:

To transform lives and prepare disciples through the compassionate love of God.

Announcements

Today, January 25

Ecumenical 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

Tuesday, January 27

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers Education Group “Scams and Exploitations” with the Lincoln Police — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 28

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, January 29

- 12:30 p.m. Worship — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 3:00 p.m. Nebraska Herbal Society — Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 30

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

Saturday, January 31

- 7:00 p.m. St. Olaf Choir — First Plymouth Church, 2000 D St. Offering for Lutheran Family Services

Next Sunday, February 1

- 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

Next Monday, February 2

Groundhog Day

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

Tuesday, February 3

- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation Fresh Expression — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th
- 7:00 p.m. Money Matters Series: A Faithful Approach to Financial Planning “Investing” with John Dannenbring, CFP — Worship Center and online

Wednesday, February 4

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *There Are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak — Room 4

Monday, February 9

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “Pledge Service” with Pat Ruth and “Installation of Officers” — Room 4. Hostess: Colleen Nielsen

Tuesday, February 10

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

Friday, February 13

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

Saturday, February 14 Valentine's Day

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Legislative Briefing Day — Christ U.M. Church, 45th & A Streets. Choose a workshop from each session. Session 1: Immigration, Mental Health or Faith & Community Organizing. Session 2: Sustainability, Faith & Community Organizing or Proposed Legislation and LGBTQ+ Nebraskans. \$20 includes lunch if registered by Saturday, January 31

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Playground* by Richard Powers — Room 4

Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service — Worship Center and online

Thursday, February 19

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Saturday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

Tuesday, February 24

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers Education Group "Palliative Care & Hospice" with HoriSun Hospice — Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, February 26

6:30 p.m. Lenten Study "An Unlikely Lent" by Rachel Billlups — Room 4. Taught by Pastor Matt.

Saturday, February 28

1:28 p.m. Wedding Shower for Matt Borland and Tatiana De Los Santos — Sunshine Room.

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

25	Emily Atkinson	Judy Faubel
26	Tatiana De Los Santos	Roni & William Vlasnik
30	Ada Schafer	

Judy Faubel	Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston
Ruth Maier	Laura Marshall	Lynda Nordyke
Gaylene Nutzman	Loyal Park	Zach Steward
Maggie Struble	Mary Jane Watson	

Jody Anderson, Hayley Jambor's mother who has a brain tumor
 Dick Easley has been having trouble breathing
 Elaine Fetsch, Kitty Anton's sister, recovering from a heart procedure
 Iva Maxey, Reba Wysocki's sister, who is undergoing dialysis treatments
 Diane Mayer, Chuck Schuerman's daughter
 Ava Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece, diagnosed with gastroparesis
 Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece
 Tim Murphy, a veteran with memory issues
 Richard Rockenbach in Las Vegas
 Ross Teske and his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain
 People in Ukraine, Israel, Palestine and Venezuela

