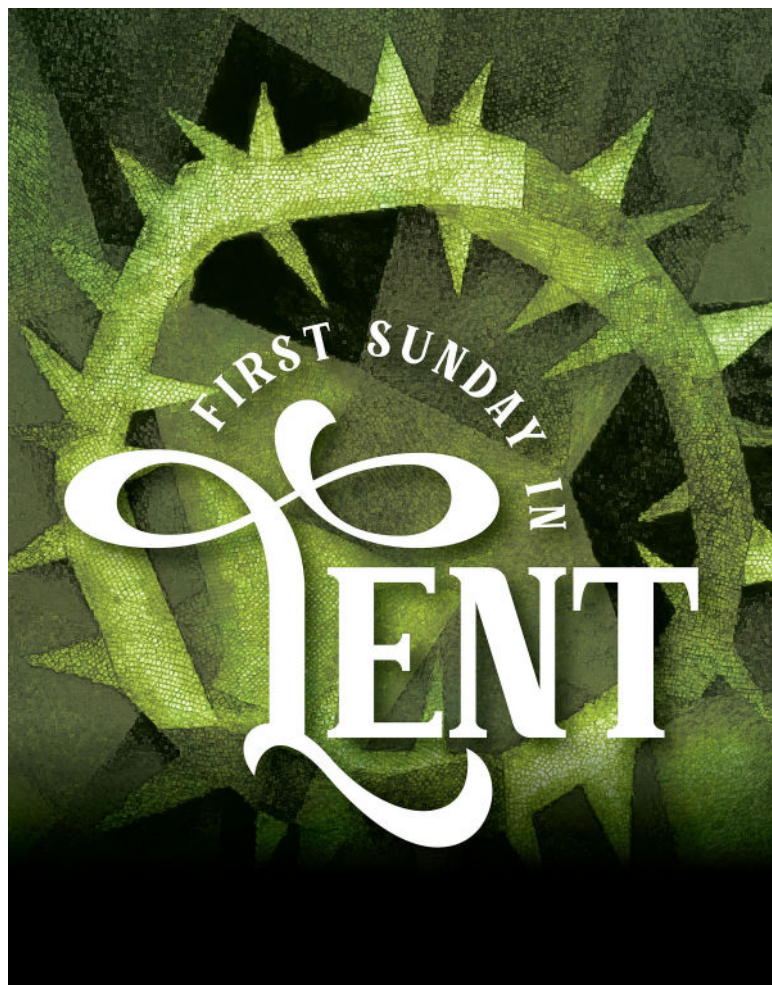


Aldersgate United Methodist Church



11:00 a.m.

Greeter/Ushers: Kari & Tom Beckenhauer
Lector: Julie Clopper-Smith

February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
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February 22, 2026

Prelude**Welcome and Announcements** (*Julie*)**Music for Centering Prayer**“Firm Foundation” — *Mike and Jael Coffey***Call to Worship** (*Julie*)

Isaiah 43:19-21

LEADER: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

ALL: **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

LEADER: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

ALL: **We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

LEADER: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

ALL: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!****Hymn #110** (red)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Opening Prayer

Book of Common Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.****Special Music**“Promises” — *Mike and Jael Coffey***Old Testament Scripture** (*Julie*)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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 (*Julie*)

Luke 4:1-13

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.****Gospel Response #159** (red, refrain)

“Lift High the Cross”

Sermon

“The Call to Service”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Let us live this Lenten season with the cross before us.

ALL: **Show us your cross, Lord Jesus!**

PASTOR: In times of prosperity, when success and comfort would draw us away from the way of the cross,

ALL: **show us your cross, Lord Jesus!**PASTOR: In darker times of trial and worry when we feel alone,
abandoned to wander in the valley of the shadow,ALL: **show us your cross, Lord Jesus!**PASTOR: In the routine of each day, in the work we do, in our lives with family and friends,
in the light of each day, and in the rest of the night,ALL: **show us your cross, Lord Jesus!**PASTOR: Heavenly Father, as a family of believers in this congregation,
we pray that all we do together be governed by your love for us in Christ.

ALL: **Keep his cross before us, so that we are always ready and eager to follow him!**

Offering & Offertory Prayer

“Reckless Love” — *Mike and Jael Coffey*

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: **God of life, sometimes struggles we face make us feel like it’s too late for change — within us, our relationships, or the world. We despair or resign ourselves. We might even join in wrongdoing. But you put a different choice before us in each new moment — a choice for life and love in Jesus. Forgive us for the times we have chosen death and disdain. Forgive us for failing to see our choices clearly. Forgive us for passing up the hope you offer. We are turning around now. Grab hold of our hand and lead us in the way of Jesus. 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 #377 (red)

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism, even when you are led into wild and hard places. With repentance and trust, give yourselves to God, and with fasting and prayer, strengthen yourselves against the ways of the tempter. And may God enfold you in tender and lasting love. May Christ be beside you in times of struggle. And may the Spirit guide you back to the path whenever you stray, that you may keep the covenant.

ALL: **In the name of Christ. 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

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, February 22

- 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

Monday, February 23

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team — Room 4
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Masterworks Festival — Lied Center. Offering for The Bay

Tuesday, February 24

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers Education Group “Palliative Care & Hospice” with HoriSun Hospice — Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 25

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Choir Room

Thursday, February 26

- 12:30 p.m. Worship — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn

Friday, February 27

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

Saturday, February 28

- 10:00 a.m. Nebraska Herbal Society — Fellowship Hall
- 1:28 p.m. Wedding Shower for Matt Borland and Tatiana De Los Santos “They Are Fresh Off the Market” — Sunshine Room.
- 6:00 p.m. Iftar (Breaking the Ramadan Fast) — Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, March 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
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 3

- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation Fresh Expression — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th St.
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Study “An Unlikely Lent” by Rachel Billups — Denton
- 7:00 p.m. Money Matters Series “Retirement Accounts” with John Dannenbring, CFP — Worship Center and online

Wednesday, March 4

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *Playground* by Richard Powers — Room 4. One of the top 10 finalists for the 2025 One Book / One Lincoln. Discussion led by a librarian.

Thursday, March 5

- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Study “An Unlikely Lent” by Rachel Billups — Room 4. Taught by Pastor Matt. To order the books, there is a sign-up sheet on the cookie table in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, March 9

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “Call to Prayer and Self Denial” with Sheila Kellenbarger — Room 4.
Hostess: Nelda Boswell

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 p.m. Lenten Study “An Unlikely Lent” by Rachel Billups — Denton

Thursday, March 12

6:30 p.m. Lenten Study “An Unlikely Lent” by Rachel Billups — Room 4

Friday, March 13

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling with meatballs — Room 4

Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick’s Day

6:30 p.m. Lenten Study “An Unlikely Lent” — Denton

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Shark Heart: A Love Story* by Emily Habeck — Room 4. One of the top 10 finalists for the 2025 One Book/One Lincoln.

Wednesday, March 18

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, March 19

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

6:30 p.m. Lenten Study “An Unlikely Lent” by Rachel Billups — Room 4

Saturday, March 21

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast “Electric Vehicles” with Marc Shkolnick — Room 4

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

22 Trey Schuster
23 Lawson Schuster (5)
24 Gaylene Nutzman Zach Steward
25 Kelsey Todd-Anton
26 Lois Witt
27 Jerry Hanley
28 Wilder Hustad

Judy Faubel	Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston
Ruth Maier	Laura Marshall	Lynda Nordyke
Gaylene Nutzman	Loyal Park	Zach Steward

Maggie Struble

Jody Anderson, Hayley Jambor’s mother who has a brain tumor

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

