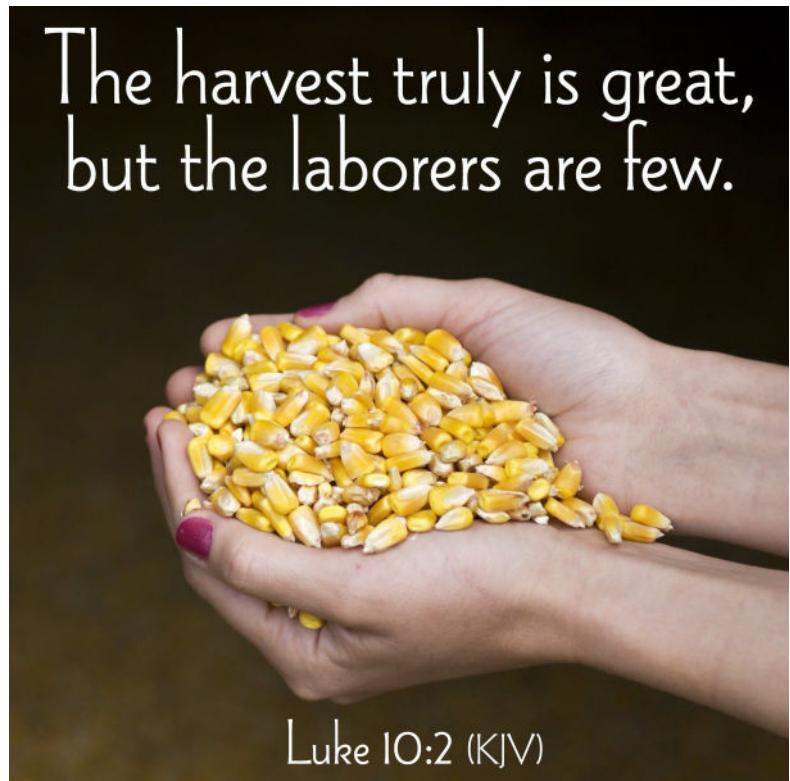


Aldersgate United Methodist Church



11:00 a.m.

Greeter/Usher: Nelda Boswell
Lector: Harry Kellenbarger

February 8, 2026
Scouting Sunday

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Matt Borland
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith
Keyboardist: Deanna Steward
Organist: Mandy West
Digital Media Specialist: Nancy Taylor
Administrative Assistant: Stacey Lienemann
Child Care Attendant: Katie Softley
Custodian: Scott Hoyt
Accounting Consultant: Jennifer Hunter

**Aldersgate
United Methodist Church**
8320 South Street
Lincoln, NE 68506-6540
www.aldersgatelinc.org
402-489-1510 (church office)
aldersgatelinc@gmail.com

Matt Borland, Pastor
402-499-8839
mborland@GreatPlainsUMC.org

*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.
If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*

Prelude**Welcome and Announcements (Harry)****Music for Centering Prayer**

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be with Us Now” — arr. Sam Ellson

Call to Worship (Harry)

LEADER: We are called together this day to praise God.
 ALL: **We ask that God will put us in pathways to service to others.**
 LEADER: The Lord will walk with us as we faithfully witness to Christ's love.
 ALL: **Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your words and will.**
 LEADER: Come, let us worship God!
 ALL: **Let us sing our praises to God our Redeemer and Healer. Amen!**

Hymn #140 (red)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Opening Prayer

Book of Common Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.
 ALL: **Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

“The Great Commission” — *Aldersgate Choir*

Old Testament Scripture (Harry)

Jeremiah 1:7-10

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 (Harry)

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

“Two by Two”

Prayers of the Faithful and Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

PASTOR: Breathe upon our gathering, O Spirit of God. Grant each of us a place to humbly receive and to faithfully serve, that we might know in this brief gathering a foretaste of that greater communion yet to come. O God, enlarge our hearts. O Spirit, expand our vision. O Christ, establish your kingdom among us. Be at work even now, O Lord. May your will, in us, in these hours, be accomplished. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: If our hearts have already been tempted this day to believe anything about ourselves or others that does not take into account your creation, your mercy, your sacrifice, your grace, your forgiveness, your redemption, and your unshakable love, O God, remind us again of these truths, giving us faith enough to believe and hope enough to choose to embrace them again and again. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Mighty God, all day long you are working for my good. I too often get caught up in what is hap-

pening for others and struggle to focus on the ways you are blessing me. Open my eyes to see the ways that even today you blessed me: in surprising moments, through other people, by opening doors and providing opportunities, in using my mistakes or shortcomings to teach me, by offering me opportunities to impact other people. Keep me focused on the work that you are doing in and through me, and may I not neglect to see you blessing my life or ignore your call to bless others. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Loving God, who holds together all things, we pray for our immediate community; particularly those in seasons of loneliness, need, or grief. Those suffering from ailing physical or mental health. Would you bring life to our bodies and reveal yourself as near to us. Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God our seamstress, call us out of our shame. We are curled up inside ourselves, afraid to be seen because we cannot bear the sight of our own faces. But this is agony. Remind us what we were meant for. When Adam and Eve hid from you and covered their bodies out of shame, you were the God who knelt down in the dirt to make them clothing. Help us to remember that it is not your character to humiliate, but to do whatever you can so that we might come out of our hiding and stand in the presence of one another again. Free us from the secret things we speak over ourselves — words of self-hatred and disgust. Guide us toward a self-understanding that heals, and release us from the ugly wanderings of mind and spirit that pull us back into hiding. Remind us that shame is a liar. We will not give our chains a voice.

ALL: **Amen.**

Offering & Offertory Prayer

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” — arr. Sam Ellson

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 harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at the center, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us, look to a different harvest — a fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to you. 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 #581 (red)

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: Go forth from this place refreshed and empowered to do the ministry to which God calls you: travel lightly, for you carry within you all that you need. Notice God’s presence in simple, everyday experiences. Whenever opportunity arises, labor for the good of all. And the blessing and joy of God, our Creator, Healer, and Life-Giver go with you today and always.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR: Go in peace to love 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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” — arr. Sam Ellson

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 8

Scouting 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, February 9

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “Pledge Service” with Pat Ruth and “Installation of Officers” — Room 4. Hostess: Colleen Nielsen
6:00 p.m. Delta Kappa Gamma — Sunshine Room
7:00 p.m. Trustees — zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3267768816?pwd=bE91cFhndExNVDkzNkZFUEdnSFFyQT09>.

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Artisans
6:30 p.m. Taco ‘bout Jesus Fresh Expression — Super Taco, 5501 Holdrege St.

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

12:30 p.m. Worship — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
7:00 p.m. Financial Management Team — Zoom

Friday, February 13

8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4
6:30 p.m. Friday Fling with orange chicken — Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 14

Valentine’s Day

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Legislative Briefing Day — Christ U.M. Church, 45th & A Streets. \$20 includes lunch if registered by Saturday, January 31
11:00 a.m. Citizen’s Climate Lobby — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, February 15

Transfiguration 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

Next Monday, February 16

President’s Day

1:00 p.m. P.E.O. — Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

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 "Electric Vehicles" with a speaker from LES — Room 4. Everyone is invited.

Tuesday, February 24

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

Saturday, February 28

1:28 p.m. Wedding Shower for Matt Borland and Tatiana De Los Santos "They Are Fresh Off the Market" — Sunshine Room. Women are invited to RSVP to Barb, 402-429-2395 or Stacey, 402-489-1510 or aldersgatelinc@gmail.com by Sunday, February 15.

Tuesday, March 3

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

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

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

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

9 Scott Hoyt
10 Mandy Kellenbarger
11 Julie Clopper-Smith
14 Jade (Vlasnik) Schuster

Roger Witt
Bailey Huston

Ken Hartwig

Judy Faubel
Ruth Maier
Gaylene Nutzman
Maggie Struble

Keller Hustad
Laura Marshall
Loyal Park

Dallas Huston
Lynda Nordyke
Zach Steward

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

The family of Dick Easley who died February 2.

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

