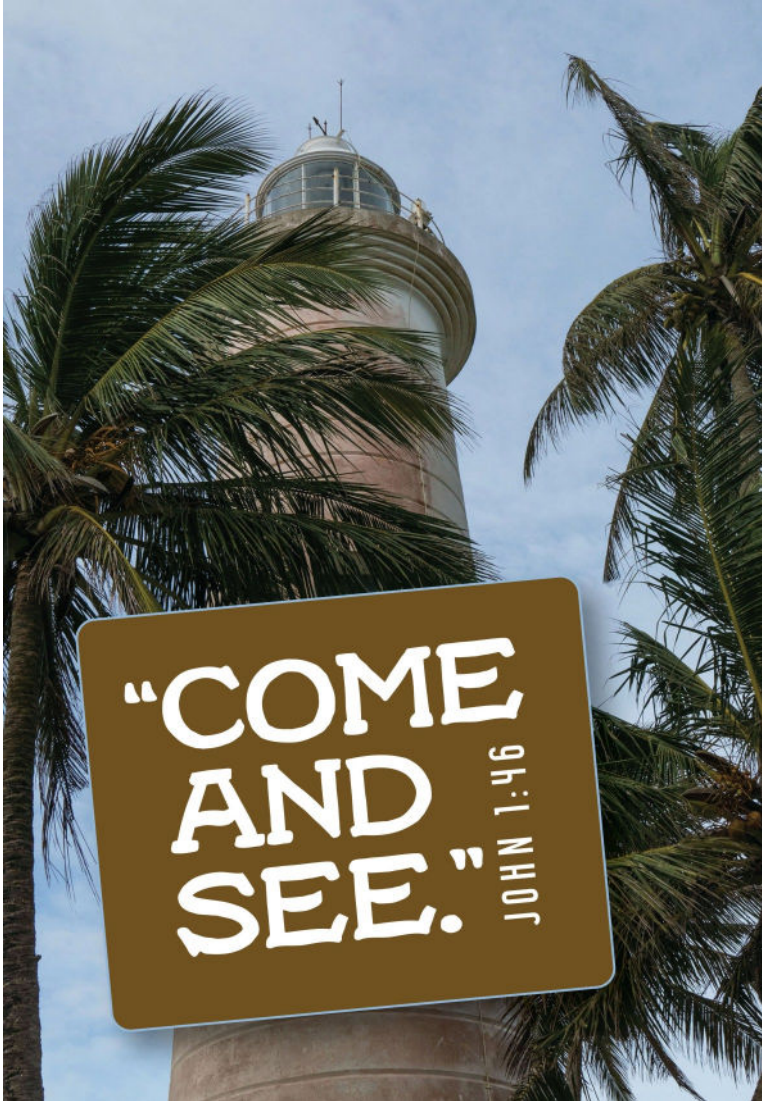


Aldersgate United Methodist Church



April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM
Greeter/Usher: Carol Clymer
Lector: Sheila 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.*



Welcome and Announcements (*Sheila*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“I Surrender All” — Lani Smith

Call to Worship (*Sheila*)

LEADER: Come and see, come and see!
ALL: **We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.**
LEADER: Come and see, come and see!
ALL: **We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.**
LEADER: Come and see, come and see!
ALL: **We come to follow Jesus.**
LEADER: Come and see, come and see!
ALL: **We come to deepen our relationship with God.**
LEADER: Come and see, come and see!
ALL: **Yes, Lord we come to follow you!**

Hymn #354 (red)

“I Surrender All”

Opening Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.
ALL: **God of all, help me live authentically, understanding more deeply my unique experiences with Jesus. Let my hunger to know you and my surrender to your Spirit serve as an invitation for others to encounter your unconditional love. Amen.**

Special Music

“No Turning Back” with “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”—*Aldersgate Choir*

Epistle Scripture (*Harry*)

Acts 4:13-17

LEADER: The word of God for the people of God.
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #369 (red, vs. 1)

“Blessed Assurance”

Gospel Scripture (*Sheila*)

John 1:35-49

LEADER: The word of God for the people of God.
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #369 (red, vs. 3)

“Blessed Assurance”

Sermon

“I Saw You under the Fig Tree” — *Dr. Redding*

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation. . . . Lord in your mercy,
ALL: **hear our prayer.**
PASTOR: Those who suffer and those in trouble. . . . Lord in your mercy,
ALL: **hear our prayer.**
PASTOR: The concerns of this local community. . . . Lord in your mercy,
ALL: **hear our prayer.**
PASTOR: The world, its people, and its leaders. . . . Lord in your mercy,
ALL: **hear our prayer.**
PASTOR: The church universal — its leaders, its members, and its mission. . . . Lord in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**
PASTOR: The communion of saints. . . . Lord in your mercy,
ALL: **hear our prayer. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer & Offering

“Footsteps of Jesus” — Lani Smith

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 all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

Hymn #384 (red)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: Go now and celebrate God’s justice. Take the Lord’s teachings to heart and commit yourselves to pleasing God. Boldly declare God’s truth and care and let others know that you have found the Messiah.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR: And may God’s maternal love surround you; may Christ Jesus move you to trust in the Lord; and may the Holy Spirit enrich you with all spiritual gifts and strengthen you to the end.

ALL: **Amen.**

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

“Majestic March” — Rob Roy Peery

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, April 26

- 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 — Worship Center
- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Gathering — Adventure Golf Center, 5901 S. 56th

Monday, April 27

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

Tuesday, April 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 “Resources to Assist Caregivers at Home” — Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. “Nebraska’s Musical Smorgasbord” with Chris Sayre — St. Mark’s Family Life Center (door 8), 8550 Pioneers. Call St. Mark’s at 402-489-8885 for reservations.
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team — Room 4

Wednesday, April 29

- 6:15 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, April 30

- 11:00 a.m. Care Provider Celebration Luncheon — Sunshine Room.
- 12:30 p.m. Worship — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 5:30 p.m. Burgers & Bible — Denton Daily Double, 7230 Lancaster Ave.

Friday, May 1 May Friendship Day

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

Saturday, May 2

- 1-5 p.m. Sleep in Heavenly Peace Community Twin/Bunk Bed Build — St. Mark’s U.M. parking lot. No experience or materials needed.

Next Sunday, May 3

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Farewell Lunch — Sunshine Room

Next Monday, May 4

- 6:00 p.m. PEO — Sunshine Room

Tuesday, May 5

- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation Fresh Expression — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th
- 7:00 p.m. Money Matters Series “Estate Planning” with Brett Ebert, JD — Worship Center and online

Wednesday, May 6

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon — Room 4.

Friday, May 8

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling with pulled pork — Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 11

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith with Kathy Dombrowski — Room 4

Tuesday, May 12

8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Primary Election — Fellowship Hall

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

Saturday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4. \$8.

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore — Room 4

Wednesday, May 20

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, May 21

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Sunday, May 24 **Pentecost**

12:15 p.m. Aldersgate Day Celebration Lunch — Sunshine Room. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, May 17

Tuesday, May 26

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers Education Group "Planning Ahead for the Financial & Legal" — Fellowship Hall

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

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

27	Colleen & Dave Nielsen (35)	Keith Wysocki	
28	Abby Furr	Harry & Sheila Kellenbarger	Steve Schafer (75)
29	Josh Atkinson	Lia Havlena	Lia Havlena & Patrick Williams
30	Matt Borland (35)		
2	Nat Furr		

Bob Boyce	Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston
Keith Johnson	Ruth Maier	Laura Marshall
Lynda Nordyke	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, was 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, Iran and Palestine

