

# Aldersgate

## United Methodist Church

**May 24, 2026**  
Aldersgate Day

EVEN ON MY  
SERVANTS,  
BOTH MEN AND  
WOMEN,  
I WILL POUR  
OUT MY  
**SPIRIT**  
IN THOSE DAYS.

ACTS 2:18



**11:00 AM**

Greeter/Usher: Larry & Pat Ruth  
Lector: Bill Nelson

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.*



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## Welcome and Announcements *(Bill)*

### Music for Centering Prayer

“Nightfall” — *La Dolce Vita Duo*

### Call to Worship *(Bill)*

Bread for the Journey

LEADER: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God’s love.

ALL: **God’s love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.**

LEADER: We can live with confidence and hope,  
in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power great than ourselves.

ALL: **Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.  
Let us praise this God of endless grace, and offer our hearts to worship. Amen.**

### Hymn #57 (red, vs. 1-3, 5)

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

### Opening Prayer

Rosie Bryant

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Look, I am making all things new. Revive us, Lord, in all we do Reach into our hearts, through Spirit, wind and flame. Renew us, Lord, in word and deed. In us build a new creation. May our hearts be strangely warmed, that we might grow and change together. We pray your spirit come, that it might be on earth as in heaven; that we might be bold to speak and pray, that your church might grow again. God, revive your church. Help us share your love with others. Enable us to teach your word. May we be alive to you. Help us be alert to each other’s needs; disciplined in prayer and deed. Build in us a vision for your kingdom, received in grace, peace and wisdom. Amen.**

### Special Music

“Polacca Allegro” — *La Dolce Vita Duo*

### Bishop Video — Pentecost People

The Resurrection of the Crucified (faith) with Bishop Dan Schwerin

### Invitation

PASTOR: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Confession and Pardon

ALL: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
(silent prayer)

PASTOR: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PASTOR: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan, your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed

the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us when the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

ALL: **“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

PASTOR: When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

ALL: **“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

PASTOR: On the day you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit, your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

PASTOR: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, showing forth the fruit of the Spirit until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

ALL: **Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. 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.**

## Receiving Communion

### Prayer after Communion

PASTOR: Let us join our lives in the Wesley Covenant Prayer together.

ALL: **I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

### Epistle Scripture (*Jim*)

Acts 2:1-21

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Response #393 (red)

“Spirit of the Living God”

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## Sermon

### Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

God of foolish wisdom, grant each of us discerning hearts, minds, and spirits to know how to live  
faithfully to you in our day-to-day choices, in a world that values might, progress, power, and  
consumption. Lord in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of meekness, grant us humility in our own human weaknesses. Help us to accept our various  
human limitations, knowing that your grace is sufficient for us when we cannot do what we used  
to or what we want to. May we experience your power and strength amidst our weaknesses and  
limitations. Lord in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Your Spirit came upon the prophets. You sent your Spirit to your Son and your church, giving  
them each power and wisdom to follow your ways, speak your truth, and accomplish your pur-  
poses. So grant us your Spirit with all fruit and equipping gifts, that we may reflect your glory  
and the world might believe, for the honor of your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: When you formed humanity, you breathed your spirit into us. You walked in the garden. You  
wanted fellowship with us. Our sin separated us from you, so we live in a world of pain and hurt.  
Some are hungry. Some are lonely, Some are empty. Almighty God, giver of strength, feed the  
hungry, quench the thirsty, support the orphans uplift the depressed, and free the downtrodden.  
With your Holy Spirit, point us to new life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of every tongue, we are grateful that in the presence of the Spirit, we are not asked to forget  
ourselves but to remember. To remember where we came from, to recall the sound of our own  
cultures and languages. Help us to heal from those spaces that have demanded assimilation from  
us under the guise of unity. To belong, we are told we must exalt commonality over particularity.  
Teach us the kind of belonging that it is not threatened by those things that make us different but  
comes alive at the site of inclusion. Protect us from communities who only welcome our cultures  
as a theatrical symbol of their own benevolence. Lead us into spaces where our presence is  
longed for not as a mark of achievement but out of the deep recognition that hope cannot survive  
on one tongue alone.

ALL: **Amen.**

### Closing Prayer

Don E. Saliers

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day  
for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit.  
We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small,  
that you have poured out upon your children.  
Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness  
to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ,  
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

### Hymn #384 (red)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

### Blessing and Sending Forth

PASTOR: Go into the world, shouting through your lives the self-giving love of Jesus Christ,  
who became poor for our sakes. Through the power of the Spirit and the love of God,  
may you serve others as though serving Christ.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. 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**

“Stand Up for Jesus” — L.S. Clark

**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, May 24

Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/@aldersgateunitedmethodistc8463> or at your convenience at [www.aldersgatelinc.org](http://www.aldersgatelinc.org). You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 12:15 p.m. Aldersgate Day Celebration Lunch — Sunshine Room. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Wednesday, May 20
- 6:00 p.m. Party — Fellowship Hall

## Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Office is closed.

## Tuesday, May 26 – Saturday, May 30

Annual Conference — Younes Center North, Kearney, NE

## Tuesday, May 26

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group “Planning Ahead for the Financial & Legal” — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry — Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, May 28

- 12:30 p.m. Worship — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 5:30 p.m. Burgers & Bible — Denton Daily Double, 7230 Lancaster Ave.
- 7:00 p.m. Party — Sunshine Room

## Friday, May 29

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

## Next Sunday, May 31

Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing — Worship Center and online

## Next Monday, June 1

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

## Tuesday, June 2

- 7:00 p.m. Money Matters Series “Buying a House” with Scott Wolf — Worship Center and online

## Wednesday, June 3

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore — Room 4. Discussion led by Jennifer Jackson, Librarian

## Sunday, June 7

- 3:37 p.m. Family Ministries Fishing Outing — Holmes Lake
- 5:30 p.m. Family Ministries Worship then cook-out — Holmes Lake

## Friday, June 12

- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Lee’s Chicken, 1940 W. Van Dorn St.
- 6:30 p.m. Friday Fling with the Haggars — Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, June 16

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

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner — Room 4. United Women in Faith Reading Program — Nurturing for Community

## Wednesday, June 17

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

## Thursday, June 18

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

## Friday, June 19 – Saturday, June 20

Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team Meeting — First U.M. Church, North Platte

## Saturday, June 20

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

## Sunday, June 21

10:00 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room

## Tuesday, June 23

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers "Emotions of Caregiving" — Fellowship Hall

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

## Wednesday, July 1

1:30 p.m. Book Club *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner — Room 4. United Women in Faith Reading Program — Nurturing for Community

## Tuesday, July 7 – Thursday, July 9

Vacation Bible School — Zion Lutheran Church

## Prayer List

### Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

24 Dallas Huston (45)

25 Chuck Ahlvers

26 Charlie & Julie Willnerd

28 Josh & Leticia Atkinson (15)

30 Kevin & Lacey Hanley

Mindee & Nate Dorske (15)

Diane Papenfuss

Katie Softley

Bob Boyce

Keith Johnson

Lynda Nordyke

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

