

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

June 14, 2026
Flag Day

For all who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.

11:00 AM

Greeter/Usher: Karl Schwabauer
Lector: Carol Clymer

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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 (*Carol*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Morning Song” — Robert W. Thygerson

Call to Worship (*Carol*)

LEADER: Creator God, you call to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us

ALL: **for there are angels among us.**

PASTOR: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another;

ALL: **to love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.**

PASTOR: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

ALL: **We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.**

Hymn #660 (red)

“God Is Here”

Opening Prayer

Book of Common Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

“Out of His Great Love” — *Julie Clopper-Smith and Mandy West*

Epistle Scripture (*Carol*)

Acts 2:41-47

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #393 (red)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Gospel Scripture (*Carol*)

Luke 14:7-24

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #393 (red)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Good News for Kids

Sermon

“Embodying the Love of God: A Table Open to All”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people.

Healing Spirit,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: Living God, reach out to all those for whom the future brings fears and uncertainties. Assure them that you are with them, even when that future seems dark and circumstances feel like they are spiraling out of control. Remind them that you are able to transform even the bleakest of situations, bring healing and wholeness. Healing Spirit,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: In our joy, let us not forget those this morning who know little else but sadness. In our sense of gratitude and praise, let us not forget those whose lives are filled with regrets and heartbreaks. In our feeling of support and guidance, let us not forget those who feel they have struggled against life's difficulties and disappointments alone and uncared for. Healing Spirit,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: Eternal God, in your sight a thousand years are but a day. We are learning more and more every day to trust your timing in our lives. Cultivate in us: patience for that which we must wait for, closure for those things that are ending, expectancy for that which we hope for, resilience for living in the in-between time, and persistence for the work that is not yet finished. Holy God, help us to trust your timing and to know that the time spent working and waiting is not in vain. Healing Spirit,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of every ache, help us to befriend our bodies. We confess that it is easy to turn against them as the source of our struggle. Awaken a compassion, a tenderness, toward the parts of us that are changing, hurting — remembering that our bodies are doing everything they can to protect us, to hold back the pain and exhaustion. With every ailing and unseen thing, guide us toward those capable of listening and perceiving when we are not okay, that we wouldn't feel pressure to pretend or apologize or explain. Remind us that we are not a burden but a beacon to those who are so poorly attuned to their own bodies and needs that they have forgotten what self-compassion looks like. Help us exist in the truth of what we need. Hold us in love as we resist the demands of this world. And all of God's children said,

ALL: **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer & Offering

“Blessed Day” — John Sciveyner

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 together.

ALL: **Bless to us, O God, the doors we open, the thresholds we cross, the roads that lie before us. God with us we go, and welcome us home. 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 #2222 (black)

“The Servant Song”

Blessing and Sending Forth

II Corinthians 13:13

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

“Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” Sicilian melody

Announcements

Today, June 14

Flag Day

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/>

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Monday, June 15

10:00 a.m. Trustees — Room 4

7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Artisans

11:00 a.m. Marjorie Wyant Graveside Service — Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, 6700 S. 14 St. gate 2

11:30 a.m. PlantNebraska “Tour and Presentation” with Steve Schafer — Aldersgate Gardens, Fellowship Hall

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

10:00 a.m. Lasting Legacy Team — Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Visitation with the Rick Swyers family — Messiah Lutheran Church, 1800 S. 84th St.

11:00 a.m. Rick Swyers Service — Messiah Lutheran. Lunch following then interment.

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, June 18

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

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81939800475?pwd=K1EwbjFqTTZ3OS9rNnBHSC9ubWZyQT09>

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Friday, June 19

Juneteenth

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

Friday, June 19 – Saturday, June 20

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

Saturday, June 20

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

Next Sunday, June 21

Father’s Day

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall

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

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online

Next Monday, June 22

6:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team — Room 4

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

Tuesday, July 7

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

7:00 p.m. Money Matters Series “Tax Planning” with Brad Ewerth, CPA — Worship Center and online

Friday, July 10

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17

Royal Family KIDS Camp — 6000 S. 84th St.

Monday, July 13

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith with Brianna Morris — Room 4

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

14 Mariah Lanum

16 Brigitte Schrock

17 Stacey Lienemann

18 Cliff Stohlman (75)

19 Kay Graber

20 Kassidy Hayes

Daniel Whipple

Dave Lightle

Karl Schwabauer

Chuck Schuerman

Bob Boyce

Ruth Maier

Loyal Park

Keller Hustad

Laura Marshall

Zach Steward

Dallas Huston

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

The family of Rick Swyers who died 6/9/26

Ross Teske and his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain

Denny Wheeler who had a hip replacement 6/8/26

The family of Marjorie Wyant who died 6/10/26

People in Ukraine, Israel, Iran and Palestine

