

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church

June 7, 2026
Second Sunday after Pentecost



11:00 AM
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Lector: Kara Steward

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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



Welcome and Announcements (*Kara*)

Music for Centering Prayer “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Call to Worship (*Kara*)

LEADER: On this day, may Grace’s breath shatter the shutters of our hearts.
 ALL: **On this day, may we step out of our fears to welcome the new life gifted to us.**
 LEADER: Here, in the midst of our siblings of every age and place,
 may our frozen souls be enflamed by justice’s Spirit.
 ALL: **As we catch a glimpse of the dreams of those around us,
 as we listen to the voices of the oppressed in every language.**
 LEADER: In the days to come, may we speak of God’s love and the Spirit’s peace for all.
 ALL: **So that people will find a community awaiting them,
 even for those rejected by everyone else.**

Hymn #422 (red) “Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love”

Physical Prayer based on John 20

Special Music “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” — *Julie Huston*

Epistle Scripture (*Kara*) Acts 1:1-11

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 ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response #393 (red) “Spirit of the Living God”

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Sermon “Called to Bear Witness”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18

Gracious God, accept all these prayers said before you offered in Jesus’ name, and give us now the strength to wait patiently for your answer, and to live faithfully in response to your call.
 Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

LEADER: O Lord of abundance, we are hungry. We are hungry for enough food for every person. We are hungry for justice that allows food to be given to everyone. You’ve come and told us that you are the bread of life, in whom we all have a share. Bring us to the table where a place is reserved for the poor and the hungry. Help our churches to become the table on earth where the bread of life is shared. O God, feed us, bodies and souls, hungry and weary. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

LEADER: Righteous God, our hearts are often divided when it comes to serving you. Fill us with a spirit of purity so that we can: turn away from thoughts and behaviors that are set against you, be patient with people who frustrate me, respond with grace when things don’t go as we expect, and culti-

vate humility when our stubbornness gets in the way. Shape our hearts to be more like Christ's this day. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

LEADER: God of the artist, is this worth anything at all? To believe in my art feels impossible when my work has been rejected, dismissed, used, and discarded for so long. My ability to view the work for what it is, is fading. Can I be trusted to judge? Can anyone? Assure me in my calling as an artist, that I would not turn away from myself out of insecurity or hopelessness. Grant me a sacred arrogance. Train me to marvel at my artistry with the same gravity that a stranger would. Help me to take myself seriously again — not that I would avoid the difficult task of honing my craft but I would believe in my art enough to ask a deeper truth of it. And when belief wanes, remind me that I am enough on my own — and when the art isn't worthy, I still am.

ALL: **Amen.**

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.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion and Lord's Prayer

PASTOR: This is Christ's table. All are invited, especially children. Most people receive a piece of bread and dip it lightly in the chalice — which is an ancient way of receiving Communion. The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: **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. 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. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

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: 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. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, 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.**

LEADER: 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.**

Hymn #432 (red)

“Jesu, Jesu”

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

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

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, June 7

- 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. You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Fellowship Hall
- 3:37 p.m. Family Ministries Fishing Outing — Holmes Lake
- 5:30 p.m. Family Ministries Worship with Mike & Jael then cook-out. Side dishes are welcome. — Holmes Lake. Please RSVP to Colleen, 402-525-0303 or c66nielsen@gmail.com by Monday, June 1.
- 8:00 p.m. Party — Sunshine Room

Monday, June 8

- 1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith Planning Session — Room 4

Tuesday, June 9

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans

Thursday, June 11

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

Friday, June 12

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

Saturday, June 13

- 11:00 a.m. Citizen's Climate Lobby — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, June 14 Flag Day

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

Next Monday, June 15

- 10:00 a.m. Trustees — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

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 Church Office will be closed.

Saturday, June 20

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

Sunday, June 21 Father’s Day

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

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

Wednesday, July 15

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Prayer List

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

- 8** Crosley Hanley
- 10** Larry & Pat Ruth

Bob Boyce
 Ruth Maier
 Loyal Park

Keller Hustad
 Laura Marshall
 Zach Steward

Dallas Huston
 Lynda Nordyke
 Maggie Struble

Rick & Roxie Swyers
 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

