

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



July 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.
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Welcome and Announcements (*Harry*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” — arr. Lowell Mason

Call to Worship (*Harry*)

LEADER: Happy are we

ALL: **when our treasures cannot be quantified.**

LEADER: Happy are we

ALL: **when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.**

LEADER: Happy are we

ALL: **when our pain is held in the balm of love.**

LEADER: Happy are we

ALL: **when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.**

Katherine Hawker

Hymn #357 (red)

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

Opening Prayer

The Beati-truths © Timo Scharnowski/engageworship.org

PASTOR: Jesus said “Blessed are the poor in Spirit. . . .”

ALL: **Yes, he did!**

PASTOR: Yes, “. . . for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus said “Blessed are the happy-clappy.”

ALL: **No, he didn’t!**

PASTOR: No, he said “Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.”

Jesus said “Blessed are the complacent.”

ALL: **No, he didn’t!**

PASTOR: No, he said “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.”

Jesus said “Blessed are the meek. . . .”

ALL: **Yes, he did!**

PASTOR: Yes, “. . . for they will inherit the earth.” Jesus said “Blessed are the ruthless.”

ALL: **No, he didn’t!**

PASTOR: No, he said “Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.”

Jesus said, “Blessed are those that are persecuted because of righteousness. . . .”

ALL: **Yes, he did!**

PASTOR: Yes, “. . . for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus said “Blessed are the pure in heart . . .”

ALL: **Yes, he did!**

PASTOR: Yes, “. . . for they will see God.” Jesus said “Blessed are the peace-keepers. . . .”

ALL: **No, he didn’t!**

PASTOR: No, he said “Blessed are the peace-makers for they will be called children of God.”

ALL: **Lord Jesus, like those crowds who came many years ago to sit at your feet we have come to listen to your words and to be shaped by your truth. Help us to acknowledge and walk in the blessings that you have spoken over us. Forgive us for when we have twisted your words and lived according to our own standards. Amen.**

Special Music

“Trust and Obey” — *Dan Steward*

Epistle Scripture (*Sheila*)

Hebrews 12:1-11

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 (*Harry*)

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to our God. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal God, you knew us before we were born and will continue to know us after we have died. Touch each of us with your grace and presence. As you give your abiding care, assure each person of our love and presence. Assure each person that our communion together remains secure, and that your love for each individual is unfailing. Holy Spirit our Comforter,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Strong God, you hold the word and us in your hands, and in that strength there is peace, confidence, and an ability to live unafraid. Let gratitude well up in us, that we may see: the ways you are protecting and providing for us, your Spirit guiding and prompting us, the people you are using to encourage us, and the resources of help with which you surround us. May we rest secure in the knowledge that you want what is best for us, are going before us, and are watching over us. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, our God, wherever we live, we need you. Wherever we live, you call us to serve you. We pray for all among us: who live alone; who live in community, as family or friends; who, alone or together, care for children or aging adults; who provide foster care; who live in college or university housing; who live in military bases or camps; who live in prisons; who live as refugees; who live in group homes, nursing homes, or care facilities; who are displaced from their homes; who live with conflict; who do not have a home. We pray that you will provide for all of your children — those among us and those around us — homes of shelter and safety, communities of loving encouragement and support, opportunities to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, ministers of Christ's peace. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: O God who shrank not from danger but willingly entered the chaos of our world, walk with us now as we enter the hard moments of others. As we rush into flickering vignettes of fear and loss, may we carry into them your presence, your comfort, your peace. Do not let our adrenaline overmaster our empathy. May those whose lives are overturned by emergency find in their interactions with us their distresses calmed, their burdens lightened. As we assess and act, let our hearts be always guided by mercy, our mind by right judgment, and our hands by your wisdom, that by all means our presence in another person's moment of pain or confusion might mark the beginning of your movement to redeem the disruption of their lives. And in those situations where our strength or skill is not enough to aid or save, when loss or harm proves irreparable, let us neither rage against you nor against our own limits, O Lord, but let us instead find humility to trust your sovereignty, and to comfort others however we can. We would be a bearer of your peace, but let us also learn to rest our own heart in it, that at the end of each day we might return home not shaken or distracted, but able to be fully present for those who need us not just in the discord of one dire moment, but daily through the slow and necessary lifelong work of deep fellowship and nurturing and love.

All: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

“Just as I Am” — arr. William B. Bradbury

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 and Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O Creator and Mighty God, you have promised strength, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. O Creator and Mighty God, help us to continue in your promise. 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 #526 (red)**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”****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 leave as you wish.)

Postlude

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” — arr. Wm. Croft

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, July 12

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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Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17

Royal Family Kids Camp — Hampton, NE

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17

Limited Office hours. Please call first.

Monday, July 13

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

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — Room 4

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 a.m. Artisans

Wednesday, July 15

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

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

Friday, July 17 – Saturday, July 18

Mission u “Experiencing Emmanuel” — Kearney First U.M. Church

Saturday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

Next Sunday, July 19

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, July 20

7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

Tuesday, July 21 18

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Names* by Florence Knapp — Room 4. One of the 2026 One Book/One Lincoln finalists

Friday, July 24 – Saturday, July 25

Mission u “Experiencing Emmanuel” — Lawrence First U.M. Church

Tuesday, July 28

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group “Services of Area Agencies” — Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 5

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Names* by Florence Knapp — Room 4. One of the 2026 One Book/One Lincoln finalists

Saturday, August 8

2:08 p.m. "It's a Small World . . . After All" — Fellowship Hall. Women from Aldersgate, Legacy Estates, Pleasant Dale and Denton are invited.

Sunday, August 9

U.M. Student Day

12:15 p.m. Pizza Planet Fellowship & Friendship Sundaes — Sunshine Room

Friday, August 14

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

Saturday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

5:30 p.m. Lakeside Worship — Conestoga State Recreation Area. Bring your own lawn chair.

Sunday, August 16

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

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 p.m. Book Club *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister — Room 4

Wednesday, August 19

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Prayer List

Birthday This Week

14 Anne Merchant

Bob Boyce

Ruth Maier

Loyal Park

Maggie Struble

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

Steve Brinig who underwent cancer surgery 6/16/26

Mike Matthews, Kendra Hartwig's cousin with a tumor growing near his ear

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

Kevin Murray, Kitty's brother who had colon cancer surgery 6/16/26

Richard Rockenbach in Las Vegas with 2 cerebral hematomas is slowly showing improvement

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

People in Ukraine, Israel, Venezuela and Palestine

