

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



11:00 AM

Usher/Greeters: Colleen & Dave Nielsen
Lector: Rod Moore

July 26, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 (*Rod*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Seek Ye First” — setting by Douglas W. Wagner

Call to Worship (*Rod*)

LEADER: Come and worship the God who knows you by name and calls you beloved.

ALL: **Our names are written in God’s love, and we belong to Christ.**

LEADER: Though the world changes and life can leave us discouraged, God’s love remains forever.

ALL: **We will fix our eyes on Christ, who renews our hope each day.**

LEADER: Come, abide in the love of Jesus, our Savior and Friend.

ALL: **With grateful hearts, we come to worship God! Amen.**

Hymn #529 (red)

“How Firm a Foundation”

Opening Prayer

Book of Common Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Special Music

“Mary Don’t You Weep” — *Lia Havlena*

Scripture Lesson (*Rod*)

II Corinthians 4:16-18

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #159 (red, refrain)

“Lift High the Cross”

Gospel Lesson (*Rod*)

John 15:9-15

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #159 (red, refrain)

“Lift High the Cross”

Sermon

“The Name Written on You”

Prayers of the Faithful

Offering & Offertory Prayer

“I Need Thee Every Hour” — arr. Robert Lowry

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

PASTOR: Let us pray as with one heart.

ALL: **When everyone else has turned their backs on us and walked away; when we cry out**

in the night only to find the world has turned a deaf ear to us; when folks think we are crazy because we believe that good can overcome evil, love can conquer hate, hope can replace despair, you do not forsake us, but say at our side, Brother to all people. 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 #549 (red)

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Benediction and Sending Forth

II Corinthians 13:13

PASTOR: The blessing of our God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PASTOR: Go now 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

“Immortal, Invisible” — arr. Gerald Peterson

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 26

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

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Artisans

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

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

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 2

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

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

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

United Methodist Student Day

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

Friday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

5:30 p.m. Lakeside Worship — Conestoga State Recreation Area. Please 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

Thursday, August 20

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Tuesday, August 25

1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregivers Education Group “AARP Resources for Caregivers” — Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

1:30 p.m. Book Club *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister — Room 4

3 p.m. Friday, September 11 – 1 p.m. Saturday, September 12

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

Friday, September 11

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

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Culpability* by Bruce Holsinger — Room 4. This is one of the three finalists for the 2026 One Book / One Lincoln.

Wednesday, September 16

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

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| 27 | David Willnerd | |
| 28 | Lois & Roger Witt | Doug & Reba Wysocki |
| 30 | Dori Stubbendeck | |
| 31 | Glenda Dietrich Moore | |
| 1 | Ken & Kendra Hartwig (55) | |

Bob Boyce

Ruth Maier

Loyal Park

Maggie Struble

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

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

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

People in Ukraine, Israel, Iran and Palestine

Dallas Huston

Lynda Nordyke

Zach Steward

