

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



11:00 AM

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July 5, 2026
Independence Weekend

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



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Welcome and Announcements (*Stacey*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Meditation” — Michael Fischer

Call to Worship (*Stacey*)

LEADER: On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

ALL: **we come, trusting God will speak to us; we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

LEADER: On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

ALL: **we follow, believing Jesus will be with us; we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

LEADER: On this day, we lift our souls to God’s Spirit:

ALL: **we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;
we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.**

Hymn #581 (red)

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Opening Prayer (*Stacey*)

Book of Common Prayer

LEADER: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson (*Stacey*)

Micah 6:6-8

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #393 (red)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Gospel Lesson (*Stacey*)

Matthew 11:2-6; 12:15-21

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ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #393 (red)

“Spirit of the Living God”

Sermon

Rev. Eduardo Bousson

Prayers of the Faithful (*Stacey*)

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

God our holy Friend, you allow us to share some of your love for the world. While we are here praying for the world’s healing, others are busy implementing that healing. Later, when we are out there trying to give of our best, may others remember to pray for us. Give your grace to all peacemakers; those who endeavor to resolve with justice all conflicts between nations, and within communities, commerce and industry, parliaments, families, marriage partners, colleagues, and friends. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: Let your grace support those who fight with and for neglected people; those small ethnic groups with no political clout, the little people who are being ripped off by the rich and unscrupulous, and the deserted wives or husbands who are raising a family alone. Endow the merciful folk with

your sustaining grace; those who treat diseases, bind up wounds, feed the hungry, resettle the homeless, care for the orphan, visit the prisoner, encourage the handicapped, watch with the dying and grieve with the sorrowful. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: Endorse the work of this church with your enabling grace. Keep it close to the agenda of Christ. Let us be joyful in worship, warm in fellowship, inclusive in outreach, open in decision making, humble and sensitive in evangelism, and gracious in our ecumenical endeavors. Bless any servant of yours who is keeping the faith against the odds: those without the encouragement of other Christians at hand, or without even a distant congregation that can pray their names with affection. Please let your grace renew them daily, and may they know your Spirit as Friend and Counsellor. Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

PASTOR: Visit each of us with your grace, loving Friend. Dismantle our fears, build up our faith, deepen our love, clarify our goals, sharpen our insight, widen our compassion, and open our minds to the new words you wish to speak to our situation. In the name of the patient, insightful, and healing Christ we offer these prayers.

ALL: **Amen.**

Invitation (*Rev. Eduardo Bousson*)

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 #895 (red)

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.

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 (*Stacey*)

LEADER: 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 #206 (red)

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Benediction and Sending Forth (*Rev. Eduardo Bousson*)

LEADER: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you. II Corinthians 13:13

ALL: **Amen.**

LEADER: 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

“God of Our Fathers” — arr. Phillip Keveren

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 5

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

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Artisans

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

Tuesday, July 7 – Thursday, July 9

5-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School — Zion Lutheran Church

Thursday, July 9

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

7:00 p.m. Financial Management Team — Zoom

Friday, July 10

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

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling with tasty burgers — Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

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

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

Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17

Royal Family KIDS Camp — Hampton, NE

Next Monday, July 13

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

7:00 p.m. Trustees — Room 4

Wednesday, July 15

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, July 16

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

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

Sunday, July 19

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

Sunday, July 19 – Friday, July 24

Youth Mission Trip — Kansas City. Carpool from Aldersgate

Tuesday, July 21

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 Caregivers Education Group “Services of Area Agencies” — Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministries — 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

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

Friday, August 14

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

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

6 Larry Ruth
8 Lynette Boyce
10 Jeanne Nielsen

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

Chuck Schuerman is recovering from kidney stones

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

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

People in Ukraine, Israel, Iran and Palestine

Keller Hustad

Laura Marshall

Linda Pearson

Dallas Huston

Lynda Nordyke

Zach Steward

