

# Aldersgate

## United Methodist Church



**11:00 AM**

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**August 2, 2026**

Tenth 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 Church Life Opportunities** (*Julie*)

**Music for Centering Prayer**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” — John Zundel

**Call to Worship** (*Julie*)

LEADER: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God,  
and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made;

ALL: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

**Hymn** (to the tune of #408)

**“Remember Me”**

Remember me — the God who saves — for back in Egypt you were slaves;  
Then by my hand I set you free. Now keep my law. Remember me.

Remember me in bread and wine whene'er you share this meal of mine.  
I gave my life to set you free. With thanks and praise, remember me.

Remember me in all you do, for I'm alive! I walk with you.  
I was, I am, and I shall be. O church I love, remember me.

Our God, we hear! We're called and freed! Your Spirit gives us memory.  
Now send us out that we may share your love's great story everywhere.

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Tune: Trad. English melody

**Opening Prayer**

Book of Common Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Special Music**

“As the Deer” — *Kara Steward*

**Epistle Lesson** (*Julie*)

I Corinthians 13:11-13

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** (*Julie*)

John 14:5-14

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #159** (red, refrain)

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**Good News for Kids**

**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. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to listen to it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. God of grace,

ALL: **hear 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. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Holy and Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of life, for the gift of your Son, for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Lead us through the trials, the suffering and sorrow, the challenges and struggles, the tired times and dark places. Be with those who weep or cannot sleep, who have no peace, who seek release. Lead us with grace, with love, with peace. Fill us with hope, with patience, with stamina. Transform us in your image, in your Son in your Name. Transform us to grow, to understand, to see. Transform us so that we can be made whole. And in wholeness may we be the hands and heart of Christ.

ALL: **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.**

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.**

## 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 #156 (red)

### “I Love to Tell the Story”

### Benediction and Sending Forth

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

### “Majestic March” — Rob Roy Peery

### 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.

# Church Life Opportunities

## Today, August 2

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](http://www.aldersgatelinc.org). You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

## Tuesday, August 4

9:00 a.m. Artisans

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

## Wednesday, August 5

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Elder Justice Training — livestreamed by Nebraska Public Media. Posted later on <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Aging-Elder-Justice-Training.aspx>

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

6:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee — Room 4

## Thursday, August 6

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

## Friday, August 7

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

## Saturday, August 8

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

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

## Next Sunday, August 9

### United Methodist Student Day

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

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

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

## Next Monday, August 10

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — zoom

## Tuesday, August 11

6:30 p.m. Taco 'bout Jesus — Super Taco, 5501 Holdrege

## Friday, August 14

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

## Tuesday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast "Aldersgate Gardens" with Steve Schafer — 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

**Wednesday, August 26**

7:00 p.m. Back to Choir Practice — Worship Center

**Tuesday, September 1**

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

5:30 p.m. Young Adult Bowling — Parkway Lanes, 2555 S. 48th St.

**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** **Patriot Day**

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

**Monday, September 14**

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

## Prayer List

**Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week**

**2** Keith & Melinda Johnson

**3** Oakley Hustad

**8** Donna & Maury Woudenberg

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

