

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



**God is cheering you on
with JOY!**

11:00 AM

Usher/Greeter: Dan Smith
Lector: Kathy Dombrowski

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Matt Borland
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Twelfth 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 (*Kathy*)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Be Still and Know” — Barry Braman

Call to Worship (*Kathy*)

LEADER: This day, may worship introduce us to the God who is not only Shepherd and Rock,

ALL: **but is also Gardener, Artist, Sculptor, Musician.**

LEADER: Amid the fullness of our lives, God invites us to play —

ALL: **joining in places of creativity and laughter.**

LEADER: In this time together, we are met by the One who extends a hand and asks:

ALL: **“Shall we dance?”**

Hymn #89 (black)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Opening Prayer

Breakthrough Series

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart.

ALL: **O Lord our God, you have done great things, so great that we could not hide our happiness. Remind us of the times when you filled us with laughter and with songs of joy. Be with us today. Rejoice over us with gladness. Renew us with love. Lead us as we laugh and sing, so that all the world might hear and praise you together with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Special Music

“You Shall Go Out with Joy” — *One Shot Choir*

Psalm Reading (*Kathy*)

Psalm 126:1-3

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #159 (red, refrain)

“Lift High the Cross”

Scripture Lesson (*Kathy*)

Zephaniah 3:17

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #159 (red, refrain)

“Lift High the Cross”

Sermon

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. O God, in you I trust.

Psalm 25:1-2

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join in prayer, offering our praise, thanksgiving and intercession to God.

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition and to bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for true peace and justice for all, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Gracious God, you have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ. Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together and proclaiming the good news to the world, that all may believe you are love, turn to your ways, and live in the light of your truth. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Forgiving God, you are evermore patient with us when we frustrate, neglect, or disobey you. Foster in us that same patience in our lives toward: our families, children, and those close to us; co-workers or classmates with whom we are angry or disappointed; those with whom we disagree and who seem to work against the very things we value; and ourselves, when we fail to do what we want or intend to do. Help us to be as patient with others in our lives as you are with us.
God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. We thank you for all you created. We thank you that your Son Jesus Christ rejoiced in your creation — telling stories about sheep, praying in the wilderness and walking on the sea. May we also appreciate the works of your hands. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Lover of all humankind, you call us to be caring and hospitable towards strangers in our midst. When brothers and sisters from other countries flee the difficulties of their land, help us to welcome and to walk gently with them. When students and visitors from far away choose our land as their destination, help us to respond with kindness to their interests and needs. May we care for all our neighbors as for ourselves, that we may know the blessing of giving.

ALL: **Amen.**

Offering & Offertory Prayer

“Like a River Glorious” — arr. Don Schlosser

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

Celebrate Joy and Lord’s Prayer #895 (red)

PASTOR: Turn to a neighbor and share one small joy from this past week — a moment that made you smile, laugh, or breathe easier. No explanations, just name it.
Let us pray.

ALL: **God, we give thanks for these moments of delight — tune our hearts to hear your joy in them. 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 #700 (red)

“Abide with Me”

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

“O Magnify the Lord” — Melodie & Dick Tunney

Church Life Opportunities

Today, August 16

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 <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, August 17

7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Artisans

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

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

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Friday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 22

11 a.m.–5 p.m. Celebration from India — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, August 23

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

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

Next Monday, August 24

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

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

Saturday, August 29

5:00 p.m. Faith & Family Night Concert — Haymarket Park

6:05 p.m. Saltdogs vs. Kansas City Monarchs — Haymarket Park. The first 50 requests for tickets will be filled, please email Joel (joel.stoltenow@onelfs.org) or Jens (jens.acamo@onelfs.org)

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

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 Swedish meatballs — Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

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

Thursday, September 17

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Saturday, September 19

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

16	Parker Lanum	
18	Carolyn Eschliman	
21	Jackson Dorske	Garret Hanneman

Bob Boyce	Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston
Ruth Maier	Laura Marshall	Lynda Nordyke
Loyal Park	Linda Pearson	Zach Steward

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

