

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



11:00 AM

Usher/Greeter: Dan Steward
Lector: Kara Steward

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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



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Welcome and Church Life Opportunities (Kara)

Music for Centering Prayer

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” — *Mike & Jael Coffey*

Call to Worship (Kara)

Inspired from John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

LEADER: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

ALL: **Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!**
Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!

LEADER: Though we were good as dead,
God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

ALL: **O give thanks to God for such unswerving love,**
for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.

Hymn #2223 (black)

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

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

“Hear My Call” — *Mike & Jael Coffey*

Epistle Lesson (Kara)

Ephesians 2:4-10

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 (Kara)

Galatians 5:25–6:4

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #159 (red, refrain)

“Lift High the Cross”

Sermon

“Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?”

Prayers of the Faithful

PASTOR: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. O God, in you I trust. Psalm 25:1-2
Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing your praise and depend on you alone. We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples. Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures; increase in us the recognition that we are all your children. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for those in need. . . . God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those people who are in poverty; help us to learn how to share what we have, until they sense your abundant supply. We pray for those people who are thirsty; send us to be messengers to share your living words, until they find the source of life, never to be thirsty again. We appeal to those people who are in hunger; make us to be your bread, broken for others, to share and be shared until all are fed. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God hear our prayer, the rampant addiction enslaving families, hopes, dreams, futures and our communities. Give our voices the words and sounds to be heard and change, inspired. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Loving God, you are always at work for our well-being, not harm. Help us to trust that your commandments are for our good. Prick our consciousness so that we may see: the people to whom you are calling us to be more attentive, the areas of our personal lives that we too often neglect, your nudges and promptings that we are ignoring or neglecting, and the joy and rest that you are offering to us. Shape in us a spirit of obedience to you and help us to remember that your precepts are perfect.

ALL: **Amen.**

Offering & Offertory Prayer

“God I’m Just Grateful” — *Mike & Jael Coffey*

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 as with one heart.

ALL: **Loving God, thank you for reminding us today that our identity is found in You. When we ask, “Who am I?” help us remember that we are Your beloved children. When we wonder, “What am I doing here?” lead us by Your Spirit into lives of love, service, and grace. Keep us in step with Your Spirit. Give us humble hearts that bear one another’s burdens, encourage those in need, and faithfully use the gifts You have given us. As we leave this place, send us out with confidence, knowing that our purpose is not found in ourselves, but in following Jesus wherever He leads. 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 #474 (red)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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

“You’ve Got a Friend in Me” — arr. Erik Correll

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 9 **United Methodist Student Day**

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

Monday, August 10

- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — zoom

Tuesday, August 11

- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 6:30 p.m. Taco 'bout Jesus — Super Taco, 5501 Holdrege

Thursday, August 13

- 12:30 p.m. Worship — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 5:30 p.m. Burgers and Bible — Denton Daily Double, 7230 Lancaster Ave.
- 7:00 p.m. Financial Management Team — Zoom

Friday, August 14

- 8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4
- 6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Saturday, 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.

Next Sunday, 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

Next Monday, August 17

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council — Room 4

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

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

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

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

Thursday, September 17

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

Prayer List

Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week

11 Isaac Keslar (20)

14 Lacey Hanley (40)

15 Nate & Jamie Smith

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

