Aldersgate
United Methodist Church



11:00 AM
Usher/Greeter: Harry Kellenbarger
Lector: Kari Beckenhauer

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
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Thanksgiving Sunday

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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.

Reign of Christ

Gold

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Welcome and Church Life Opportunities (*Kari*)

Music for Centering Prayer "Open My Eyes" – arr. Robert J. Hughes

Call to Worship (*Kari*)

LEADER: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

ALL: **Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!**

LEADER: Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Amen.**

Hymn #327 (red) **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

Opening Prayer

PASTOR: Let us pray with one heart. Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Worship Ways

ALL: **Sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines. All creation declares your majesty. In you, we move, live, and have our being. Be glorified in our worship. Be known by our testimony. We proclaim your goodness from the east and the west, from the north and the south. On countrysides and city blocks, you reign. In deep valleys and skyscrapers, we declare that your realm extends from everlasting to everlasting. We worship you, Holy One, in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

Special Music "Majesty" – *Aldersgate Choir*

Old Testament Scripture Lesson (*Kari*) Isaiah 55:1-11

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #159 (red, refrain) **"Lift High the Cross"**

Gospel Reading (*Julie*) John 8:31-53

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Good News for Kids

Sermon

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. Psalm 32:6

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you taught us to pray and to offer our petitions to you in his name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers may serve your will and show your steadfast love, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We remember people who cannot pray and who struggle to believe, or who fear changes in the church more than in any other area of their lives. We name them now, praying that they might be encouraged, and that love might dispel fear. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Loving God, thank you for everything, especially the world you have made for us, the family and friends you give us, and the love you show us. Please help sick people feel better, sad people feel happier, and angry people feel friendlier. Help us to grow bigger, stronger, and more like you every day. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of truth, you know us inside and out. You see all that we are and all that we've done, and yet you love and claim us. You invite us to come to you as we are, and not as we pretend to be. Today, we pray that you would heal: our anger and frustration with those we care about; our habits and behaviors that are contrary to your will; our neglect of neighbors and those who are hurting in the world; and our busyness and tendency to neglect you. God, may our confession lead not to guilt but to the freedom that comes from your forgiveness. God of grace,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Thank you, Lord, for the fruit of the womb. Thank you, Lord, for the material provision for our children's upkeep. Thank you, Lord, for the grace you provide them. Thank you, Lord, for the capacity to nurture and love them unconditionally. Thank you, Lord, for the communal solidarity. Thank you, Lord, that our children do not live in isolation, but they have a sense of belonging. Thank you, Lord, for the blessed assurance. Thank you, Lord, for charity and compassion toward the needy. Thank you, Lord, for opening our hearts and minds to the reality of your presence that brings liberation and salvation. Glory and honor be unto you.

ALL: **Amen.**

Offering & Offertory Prayer "Beyond the Sunset" – arr. James Mansfield

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 and Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

PASTOR: Let us pray together.

ALL: **We praise you, O God, for welcoming our questions, challenging our assumptions, and communicating with us even when we cannot understand or do not like what you have to say. We bless you for inspiring the Scriptures, even when we find them mysterious or maddening. We praise you for Jesus, whose words so often provoke us to examine ourselves and our commitment more closely. May your Spirit continue to guide us as we grab hold of your Word and so strengthen us that we refuse to let go until we receive your blessing. 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 #706 (red) **"Soon and Very Soon"**

Blessing 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 of 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 "He'll Understand and Say, 'Well Done' " – arr. James Denton

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, November 22 Reign of Christ Sunday
Operation Christmas Child boxes due
9:30 AM Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM 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
1:00 PM Auditions for Christmas Program (elementary to high school aged students) – Vine UCC, 1800 Twin Ridge Rd.

Monday, November 23
6:00 PM District Superintendent meet with Pastor Matt
6:45 PM Church Council – Room 4
7:00 PM Church Conference – Worship Center

Tuesday, November 24
9:00 AM Artisans
1:30 PM Lincoln Caregiver Education Group "Planning Ahead" – Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Earth Steward Ministry – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 25
7:00 PM Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day
11:30 AM Hartwig Thanksgiving – Sunshine Room

Friday, November 27 Black Friday
8:45 AM Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4

Saturday, November 28
12-5 PM Living Nativity Drive-thru – 3B Homestead, 7603 298th St., Murdock
2-5 PM Beckenhauer 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration – Sunshine Room. Please no gifts other than a food donation for the Food Bank. Suggested attire: Husker red.

Next Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM Fellowship and coffee — Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Worship — Worship Center and online
6:30 PM Family Ministries Grinch Party – Sunshine Room
7:00 PM Cantus – Vocal Ensemble – First Presbyterian Church, 840 S. 17th

Sundays, November 29, December 6, 13, 20, Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19
2-5 PM Living Nativity in the Barn – 3B Homestead, 7603 298th St., Murdock

Next Monday, November 30
7:00 PM Worship Planning Team – Room 4

Tuesday, December 1 Giving Tuesday
11:30 AM Grand Generation – Stauffer's Café, 5600 S. 48th St.

Wednesday, December 2
1:30 PM Book Club *The Lucky Ones* by Linda Williams Jackson – Room 4. This book is part of the United Women in Faith Reading Program in Education for Mission.
5:00 PM Christmas Program Read-thru – Vine Congregational, 1800 Twin Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, December 8
1:30 PM Lincoln Caregiver Christmas Party – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Taco 'bout Jesus – Super Taco, 5501 Holdrege

Wednesday, December 9
5:00 PM Christmas Program Rehearsal – First U.M. Church, 2723 N. 50th St.

Friday, December 11
6:30 PM Friday Fling – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 12
2-4 PM Borland Baby Shower – Sunshine Room. Men are welcome too. The registry is at Amazon

Tuesday, December 15
7:00 PM Book Club *The Lucky Ones* by Linda Williams Jackson. This book is part of the United Women in Faith Reading Program in Education for Mission.

Wednesday, December 16
1:30 PM Stitcheroos – Room 4

Prayer List



Anniversaries and Birthdays This Week
24 Julie Willnerd
25 Ivan Liem
27 Kari & Tom Beckenhauer (50) Jared Nielsen Charles Willnerd
28 Stephanie Remmenga (35)

Keller Hustad Dallas Huston Kent Marshall
Laura Marshall Lynda Nordyke Loyal Park
Linda Pearson Zach Steward Maggie Struble
Jody Anderson, Hayley Jambor's mother who has a brain tumor
Phyllis Ericson, recently diagnosed with lung cancer
Ruth Maier, suffering from pneumonia
Mike Matthews, Kendra Hartwig's cousin with cancer in his lymph nodes
Iva Maxey, Reba Wysocki's sister, who is undergoing dialysis treatments
Diane Mayer, Chuck Schuerman's daughter with liver failure
Ava Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece, was diagnosed with gastroparesis.
Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece
Tim Murphy, a veteran with memory issues
Richard Rockenbach in Las Vegas
Cammie Schuerman, Chuck Schuerman's daughter
Ross Teske and his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain
People in Ukraine, Israel, Iran and Palestine