



Let brotherly love continue.
Hebrews 13:1, ESV

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
Videographer: Nancy Taylor
Song Leaders: Dan and Kara Steward
Greeter: Dan Steward

11:00 a.m. Service

Lector: Stacey Lienemann
Greeter: Pat Ruth

August 28, 2022
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Joseph Rafique
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*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.
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Prelude (9)
(11)

“We Gather Together” — Pepper Choplin
“Come, Thou Almighty King” — arr. J. & S. Pethel

Greeting (9 *Joseph*)

Call to Worship (Joseph, 9 *Kara*, JOHN; 11 STACEY)

JOSEPH: We who have risen to embrace this day,
KARA: *we who are weary in body and spirit,*
JOHN: ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS SACRED PLACE.
JOSEPH: We who know the abundance of life,
KARA: *we who are left impoverished by harsh realities,*
JOHN: ALL RECEIVE A SUSTAINING MEASURE OF GOD’S LOVE.
JOSEPH: We who are strong in mind and soul,
KARA: *we who are challenged by illnesses of many kinds,*
JOHN: ALL ARE SHOLE IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD.
JOSEPH: We who have a voice and the strength to use it,
KARA: *we who whisper prayers in our hearts,*
JOHN: ALL ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP THE GOD WE LOVE.
ALL: **Come, for you have a place of honor in the heart of God.**

Opening Prayer (9 *Joseph*, 11 *Stacey*)

PASTOR: Holy God, at whose banquet table we feast every day of our lives, we have been richly fed with good food and homes, education and work, and so many things we take for granted. Feed us now with your glorious presence and with your Word that humbles us, even as we are lifted up to heights we could not have imagined.
ALL: **With thankfulness, we also ask you Lord, to challenge all that is worthless and unprofitable in our lives, that we may become worthy imitators of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn #126 (red)

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

2. The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother’s tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

3. Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1864

MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566; harm. by Maurice F. Bell, 1906

Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation (*John*)

PASTOR: O God, we are desolate and frightened, for there are evil tidings all around us and we do not know you well enough to count on your help. We are aware of the times we become satisfied with our own inclusion and we do not enact the divine hospitality planted deep within our very nature. When we do not look beyond our institutional walls,

ALL: **forgive us, O God.**

PASTOR: When we withhold and restrict the grace of the sacraments,

ALL: **forgive us, O God.**

PASTOR: When we imagine ourselves to be more valuable than others,

ALL: **forgive us, O God.**

PASTOR: When we think only of self-maintenance,

ALL: **forgive us, O God.**

PASTOR: When we do not live as your people,

ALL: **forgive us, O God.**

PASTOR: In God, we each have a place of honor where the Spirit nourishes us. Then filled with the abundant love of God, we can extend ourselves in new and life-giving ways. Receive forgiveness and live the love of God. Amen.

ALL: **Glory and thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer #895 (red, *John*)

PASTOR: Gracious God, each of us is a part of a larger whole: we are members of an extended family, residents of suburbs and towns, citizens and subjects of nations, and beings in your good creation. By your Spirit, we are linked together and through spirited compassion we share a common joy and suffering. May we be mindful of the fullness of life's experience: that which is ours and especially in this time of prayer, that which makes up the day-to-day existence of others. We pray for the suffering that comes from inhospitality manifested in prejudice, racism, misunderstanding and fear. (pause for specific situations)

With hearts open to compassion, we pray:

ALL: **let mutual love prevail.**

PASTOR: We are aware of the painful realities resulting from an imbalance of power and wealth in our nation and world. (pause for specific situations)

With hearts open to compassion, we pray:

ALL: **let mutual love prevail.**

PASTOR: We open our hearts now to the gathered community and allow ourselves to feel the joys and concerns of one another. (pause for specific situations)

With hearts open to compassion, we pray:

ALL: **let mutual love prevail.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who love the earth and give voice to its needs, its wounds, its potential, that we might be drawn into a deeper communion with God's creation of which we are but a part.

With hearts open to compassion, we pray:

ALL: **let mutual love prevail.**

PASTOR: What other prayer needs would you like to lift up? (pause)

O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, Lord God, thank you for being there yesterday, today and tomorrow. You are the rock, the foundation upon which we build our faith in this

world and in the next. Hear the petitions of your people which we bring before you wrapped in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn #339 (9 red, vs. 1-2, 4-5)

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

4. My message as from God receive; ye all may come to Christ and live.
O let his love your hearts constrain, nor suffer him to die in vain.

5. This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747

MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1774; adapt. from *Metrical Psalter*, 1855

Special Music (11)

“Be Thou My Vision” — *Mary K. Burns and Jan Malone*

God's Word Proclaimed (9 Kara, 11 Stacey)
(9 John, 11 Stacey)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon (*Joseph*)

“Humility and Practicing Radical Hospitality”

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (*Joseph*) (based on Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16)

PASTOR: This is our place to learn and practice the way of Christ, to cultivate mutual love; remember those whose place is here, yet they are not yet free to be in their place. Here we will honor relationships that nurture faithfulness and fullness.

ALL: **In joyous thanksgiving for the banquet of life, we invite those who live in poverty to share our wealth. We give up some of our luxuries for the sake of brothers and sisters who lack food, shelter or medical care. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what you have so richly entrusted to us. We dedicate our time and abilities along with these fruits of our labor. In Jesus' name bless us and our gifts. Amen.**

Hymn #463 (red)

“Lord, Speak to Me”

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou has sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.

2. O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1872
MUSIC: Adapt. From Robert Schumann, 1839

Commissioning and Blessing (*Tom*)

PASTOR: When you give a banquet, invite those who cannot repay. Give honor to persons not usually recognized.

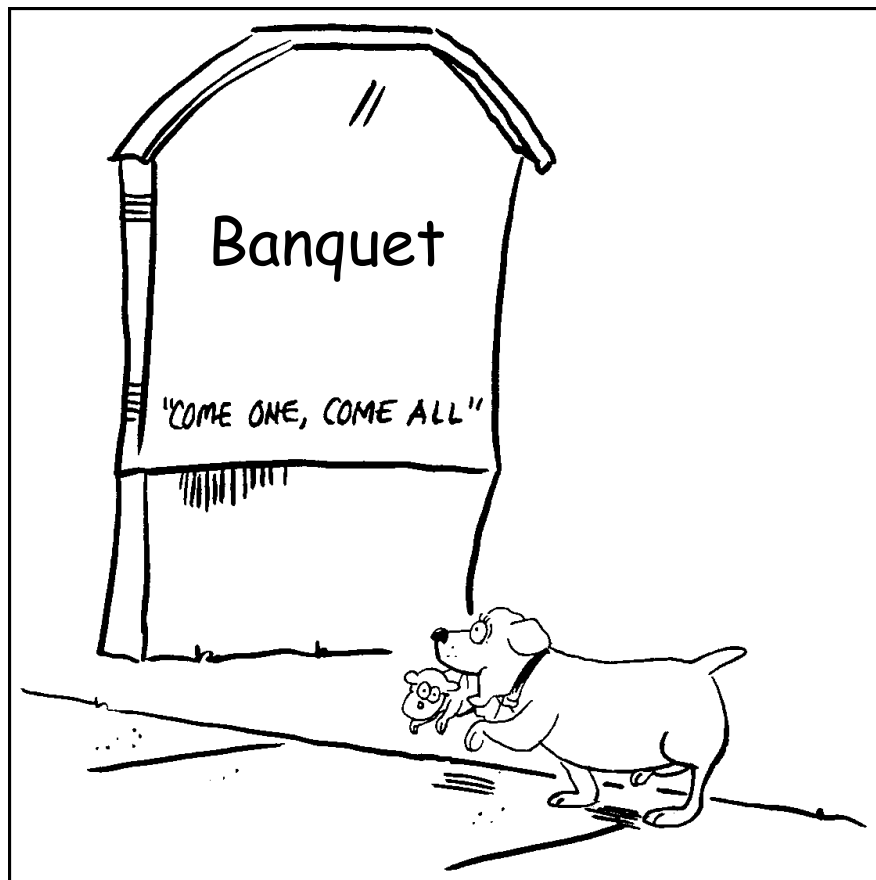
ALL: **God has created us as sisters and brothers to all. Everyone is a child of God, deserving of our attention.**

PASTOR: Go out then to offer hospitality, to live humbly as an offering of praise. Remember always to do good in this world, and share what you have with others. So, we become the blessing we receive, from God our Maker, Healer and Guide. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Postlude (9)
(11)

“Benediction Medley” — arr. Mark Hayes
“Shout to the Lord” — arr. J. Carter



Announcements

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Today, August 28 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt21eDWxyIs1fpzpifo4LYg/live>. Or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org or on YouTube on the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska channel.
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Stories “Music and Your Spiritual Journey” with Keith Johnson and Mary K. Burns — Worship Center. Please come with your favorite song in mind (not necessarily a hymn) that brings back fond memories.
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=c1RSQUlOZjYrQjlyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09>
Meeting ID: 812 243 946
Password: 021075
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcFkfw3laD>



Monday, August 29

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Planning and Spiritual Living Team — Room 4

Tuesday, August 30

- 3:00 p.m. OLLI “My Backyard” — Sunshine Room
7:00 p.m. Accounting Policies Team — zoom

Wednesday, August 31

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, September 1

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates
- 1:00 p.m. Faith Talks “Ending Gun Violence” — podcast hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer. You may register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hemxPos3TeGZOR-0YIX8hA.
- 7:00 p.m. Learning Key Result Team — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82255998096?pwd=dUwyTkNORFMzU0k0djZiL1BPczQ2QT09>
Meeting ID: 822 5599 8096
Passcode: 832006
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kepPSM90VZ>



Next Sunday, September 4, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt21eDWxyIs1fpzpifo4LYg/live>. Or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org or on YouTube on the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska channel.
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Sunshine Room
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Next Monday, September 5 **Labor Day**

Office is closed.

Tuesday, September 6

11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th. Seniors socialize over lunch.

Wednesday, September 7

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Reading List: A Novel* by Sara Nisha Adams — zoom

Friday, September 9

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall. Share in food, fun and fellowship by playing cards.

Saturday, September 10

Great Plains Virtual Annual Conference

Sunday, September 11 **Patriot Day**

10:00 a.m. Faith Stories with Dwight Ganzel — Room 4

Monday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 15

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Friday, September 16 – Saturday, September 17

3:30 p.m. Friday – 3:00 p.m. Saturday United Women in Faith Annual Great Plains Conference Meeting
— First U.M. Church, Kearney, 4500 Linden Dr.

Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4. Catered by Hy-Vee.

Sunday, September 18

10:00 a.m. Faith Stories with Nosheen Rafique on Pakistan — Room 4

12:00 p.m. Ruth Maier 90th Birthday Party with light refreshments provided — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 20

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Reading List: A Novel* by Sara Nisha Adams — Room 4

Wednesday, September 21

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Tuesday, September 27

7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom — zoom

Sunday, October 9

12 noon Celebration Potluck — Sunshine Room

1:00 p.m. CROP Walk — Bethany Christian Church, 1645 N. Cotner

Friday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

9:00 a.m. United Women in Faith Annual District Meeting — St. Paul U.M. Church, 1144 'M' St.