

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21,  
2025  
8:30 AM



✠ Rise in body or in spirit.  
The congregation speaks  
/ sings the text in **bold**  
type



For information about the  
ministries, mission, and  
activities of Duluth First  
United Methodist Church,  
please visit  
**duluthumc.org**.



Children are welcome in  
worship!

Children's activity sheets  
& crayons are available at  
the main entrance to help  
guide them in active  
participation of worship.

Children newborn  
through Pre-K are invited  
to go to Childcare Corner,  
near the Gathering Room.



Listening devices are  
available during all  
worship services. See an  
usher or  
greeter for assistance.

## ENTRANCE

Prelude

Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

Welcome & Announcements

Verena Lucía Anders  
*Director of Music & Worship Arts*

✠ Call to Worship

When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up  
and which way is down...

**Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path  
for us...

**Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the  
sweet peace of God's embrace...

**Help us, God, for the glory of your name.**

Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and  
discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

**Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our  
neighbors, all for the glory of your name.**

✠ Hymn 428 | *For the Healing of the Nations* – CWM RHONDDA

# WORD & RESPONSE

✠ Scripture | Psalm 79:1-9

Karen Valduga

Common  
English Bible

The nations have come into your inheritance, God!  
They've defiled your holy temple.  
They've made Jerusalem a bunch of ruins.  
<sup>2</sup> They've left your servants' bodies as food for the birds;  
they've left the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.  
<sup>3</sup> They've poured out the blood of the faithful  
like water all around Jerusalem, and there's no one left to bury them.  
<sup>4</sup> We've become a joke to our neighbors,  
nothing but objects of ridicule and disapproval to those around us.  
<sup>5</sup> How long will you rage, Lord? Forever?  
How long will your anger burn like fire?  
<sup>6</sup> Pour out your wrath on the nations who don't know you,  
on the kingdom that haven't called on your name.  
<sup>7</sup> They've devoured Jacob and demolished his pasture.  
<sup>8</sup> Don't remember the iniquities of past generations;  
let your compassion hurry to meet us because we've been brought so low.  
<sup>9</sup> God of our salvation, help us for the glory of your name!  
Deliver us and cover our sins for the sake of your name!

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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your mobile device.



Sermon | *For the Glory*

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino, *Associate Pastor*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

**God, do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors.  
Forgive us, merciful God, for our history of violence.  
Let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought low.  
With haste come to us,  
for we are bent beneath the weight of war-making.  
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name.  
Rescue us, O Wind of the Spirit, from the sea of despair.  
Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.  
Jesus, have mercy on our nation,  
for the sake of God's reign. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

✠ Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ministry Moment | *Acolytes*

Charlie Doerlich

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Offertory | *Psalms 150* – Philip Stopford

Chamber Chorale  
Sylvia Brock, *Organist*

✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

✠ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our 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.  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

For questions regarding membership, contact  
Rev. Dr. Anna Kate Rawles  
– [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org)  
or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

Those who wish to join the church today are invited to come forward as we sing the final hymn.

## Breaking the Bread, Receiving the Bread & Cup

### Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

## ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### *Audio/Visual Team:*

Ian Toole  
Johnathan Ancell  
Daniel Lee

### *Usher Captains:*

David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

## SENDING

✠ Hymn | *Let There Be Peace on Earth* – WORLD PEACE

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude





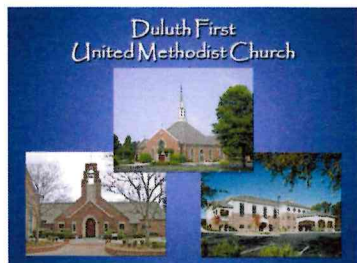
# The Sunday Supplement



SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

## **Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!**

We are glad that you came to worship with us today. The mission of Duluth First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for more information about Duluth First United Methodist Church and its ministries, Bible studies, and other programs and events, please be sure to visit our church's website at [www.duluthumc.org](http://www.duluthumc.org).



To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

If you have any questions regarding membership or you are visiting and would like additional information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

## **Prayer Concerns**

- Kathy Anderson • Cynthia Ballin • Reed Balkcom
- Doris Brackett • Dale Braynard • Sara Brewer
- Gen Butterworth • Erica Hall • Rosemary Hall
- Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock • Linton Jones
- ShirleyGrace Madajewski • Barbara Martin • Lynne Ometer
- Mike Ramstead • Henry Roerig • Jeff Schulz
- Clara Truesdell • Dale VanPelt • Harold Whitlock • Betty Worthington
- Bill Griffin & family in the death of his mother, Marie Griffin.



## **Want someone to talk to? Stephen Ministers are there for you.**

*For more information or to request the support and care of a Stephen Minister, contact Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino by e-mail at [ckfuino@duluthumc.org](mailto:ckfuino@duluthumc.org) or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.*



## **Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Our Food Ministry staff, along with the amazing Dinner Belles and Beaus, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. **The menu for Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, is fried catfish, hushpuppies, corn pudding, fried okra, collard greens, and dessert. For the kids – fish sticks and chips.**

Dinner service hours are 5 to 6:30 p.m., with to-go boxes available from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

### **The prices for Wednesday Night Dinners are:**

- \$10.00 for adults (including seniors and from 11 years up);
- \$7.00 for children 10 years and younger;
- \$30.00 for family meals (nuclear family members only – husband, wife, their children under 18 years);
- \$7.00 for salad bar only, which includes the salad bar, a choice of baked potato or sweet potato, dessert and a drink.

Credit/debit card payments, as well as cash and checks, are accepted.





## **Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings**

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us on Sunday nights for **Sunday Night Gatherings** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank"), located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. **Sunday Night Gatherings** include great dinners, fun games, amazing worship, inspirational and relevant messages and life-changing small groups.

**Our schedule for the month of September is:**

- **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").



Please visit the **Youth Ministry's** website at <https://dfumcstudents.org> for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.

## **Book Club to Discuss "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again":**

**Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Join us on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, as the Book Club discuss Rachel Held Evans' **Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again**, her book on falling in love with the Bible again. "If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too."

The **Book Club** will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in room F-145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org) or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

## **Wednesday Night Food Drive: September 24<sup>th</sup>**

The **Wednesday Night Food Drive** at Duluth First UMC for the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op** is our weekly mission project, combined with the many Wednesday evening activities offered at the church. **On September 24<sup>th</sup> we ask you to bring cans of tuna fish.** A table for donated items will be located outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.

Join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship in Hinton Hall, pick up a to-go dinner for your family, join us for any of our Wednesday evening activities, and drop off food items to help other families in need. We thank you for your support.

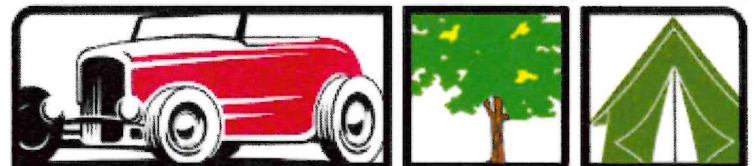


## **BSA Troop 419's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cars for Campouts" Classic Car Show, Cruise In, and BBQ:**

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**BSA Troop 419** will hold their **9<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cars for Campouts" Fundraiser Car Show, Cruise In, and BBQ** on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church's front parking lot. If you have a special vehicle (all years, makes, models) – muscle cars, classics, resto-mods, exotics, bikes, and one-offs – if it rolls, please bring it and participate.

Preregistration by October 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$20, and registration on the day of the show is \$25. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/cars4campouts-2025>. Sixty participant-judged awards will be presented. If you just want to see some cool vehicles, feel free to attend as admission for spectators is free.



# **CARS FOR CAMPOUTS**

Food and beverages will be available. Enjoy great food, hots dogs, BBQ (available on-site or for take home) snacks and beverages.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to [carshow@bsatootp419.org](mailto:carshow@bsatootp419.org), or call Mike Ringham at 770-815-4206. All proceeds from the event help make **BSA Troop 419's** program one of the best in the council, and with your support, will continue to do so.



### **Special Announcement Regarding MinistryOne Church App**

We had a number of concerns from church members regarding not being able to access/and or losing information on the **MinistryOne Mobile** church app they have installed on their phones. We have been in contact with the company who handles the mobile information aspect of the church information app and they have been having a system-wide error and are working hard to fix the issue.

If you have any questions or need help regarding this, please contact Benjamin Rah, Church Administrator, by e-mail at [brah@duluthumc.org](mailto:brah@duluthumc.org).

### **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duluth Fall Festival: September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duluth Fall Festival** being held Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, in downtown Duluth. Duluth First United Methodist Church and its congregation take an active roll in the **Fall Festival** each year.

The **Fall Festival** kicks off on September 27<sup>th</sup> with a parade through downtown beginning at 10 a.m. This year's Grand Marshals will be Kathryn Willis and Ann Odum — sisters, long-time members of Duluth First UMC, and long-time residents of Duluth.

On, September 28<sup>th</sup> the **Duluth 5K Donut Dash** race, a qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race, starts at 8 a.m. The race attracts both the serious competitive racer and the occasional runner/walker, and provides an opportunity for participants of all ages to help this year's race beneficiary, **Wellroot Family Services**, supporting their vision of a world where every child is raised in a loving, compassionate, and nurturing home. For additional information about **Wellroot Family Services**, please visit their website at [www.wellroot.org](http://www.wellroot.org). To sign up for the **Duluth Donut Dash**, please go to [www.duluthdonutdash5k.org](http://www.duluthdonutdash5k.org).

Join us for **Worship on the Town Green** on September 28<sup>th</sup> with a community worship service beginning at 10 a.m. at the Duluth Town Green. Duluth First United Methodist Church's Rev. David Burchett will be leading the morning's worship service, with the church's Contemporary Worship Praise Team leading the worship music.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- On September 28<sup>th</sup>, our Contemporary Worship Service will take place beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Duluth Town Green for the **Duluth Fall Festival's Worship on the Town Green** with Rev. David Burchett preaching.
- The 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship services **WILL MEET** in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles preaching.
- Sunday school classes for children and youth will not be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information about the **Duluth Fall Festival**, please visit [duluthfallfestival.org](http://duluthfallfestival.org).

### **"Blessing of the Animals" Service: Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Bring your pets for our **"Blessing of the Animals"** service on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. on the Fellowship Terrace, located in front of the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. We will gather for a short service and offer a blessing for each animal individually. All friendly leashed, crated, or contained animals are welcome! Your pet not interested in being with other animals? Bring a photo or a special toy to have blessed!

In case of rain the service will be held under the rear portico entrance of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at [arawles@duluthumc.org](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org) with any questions.



### **Missions Ministry Fundraiser - Cinnamon Rolls: Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

The **Missions Ministry** will be having a delicious fundraiser coming up on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in The Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come help support Duluth First UMC in being the hands and feet of Christ in our community by stopping and enjoying some hot, delicious cinnamon rolls.

Cinnamon rolls will be \$5 each, or two for \$9, and donations are always accepted. Pre-order forms (paper and online) will be available for individuals and Sunday School classes to place their cinnamon rolls orders ahead of time. **The deadline for placing pre-orders will be Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9 p.m.**



All proceeds will go toward supporting our local mission efforts which our general giving goes towards in the Duluth/Gwinnett County areas, such as the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op, the Duluth Care Team, Rainbow Village, Family Promise, and others. **Thank you for your support!**



## Operation Christmas Child

**Operation Christmas Child**, our annual participation in **Samaritan's Purse's** mission for God's children around the world, is underway. By filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and hygiene items, you not only give to children in need the only gift they will likely receive for Christmas, but also deliver hope, joy and the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and their families.

Empty shoeboxes are available in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the hallway near Hinton Hall, and outside of room F145, located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Each box includes ideas on how to pack a shoebox, what not to include, and an adhesive label. A \$10 processing donation for each shoebox you take and fill covers the processing and shipping of the shoebox and shipping, as well as supporting training and materials for **The Greatest Journey** activities.

You also have the option to "fill a shoebox" online. The cost of the **Build Online Shoebox** option is \$30 per online shoebox, and you can also include **The Greatest Journey** materials for an additional \$6. There are two online options: build the shoebox yourself by selecting items to be included in the shoebox, or select the option where the shoebox is built by **Samaritan's Purse**. Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet to complete your shoebox online. You can also find a link to fill out a shoebox online by going to the church's website - **duluthumc.org** - clicking on the **MINISTRIES** tab and then clicking on the **MISSIONS** tab.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at **chaz3d@gmail.com** or call 678-662-2115.



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