



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 2025
11:00 AM



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



Children of all ages are welcome in worship.

Children's activity sheets & crayons are available at the main entrance to the sanctuary 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. Please see an usher or greeter for assistance.

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

GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. C. Kay Fuino
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Organ Concerto in C Major*

Seouyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ Call to Praise

Christ humbled himself, taking the form of a servant.

We, too, are called to live with humility and love.

Christ was obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

God exalted him and gave him the name above every name. We confess, Jesus Christ is Lord!

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 157 | *Jesus Shall Reign* – DUKE STREET

✠ Affirmation of Faith | *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

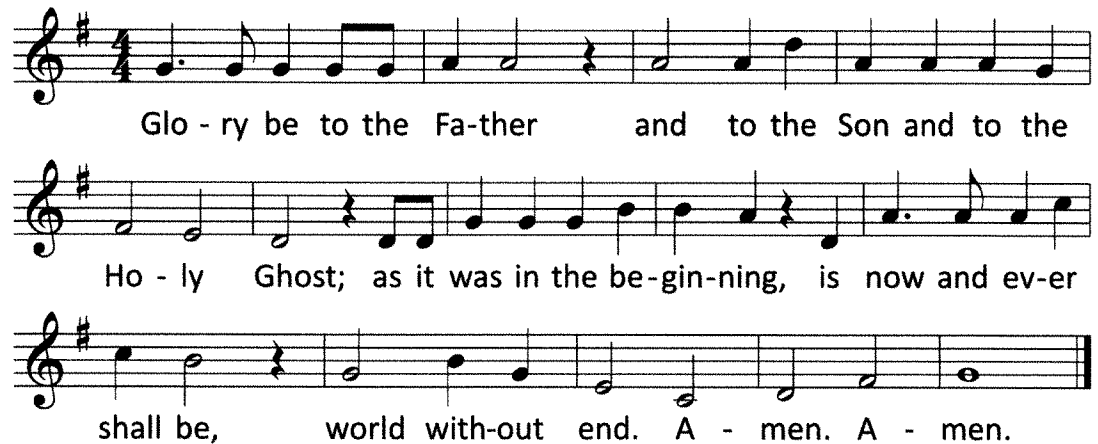
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ Response 70 | *Glory Be to the Father* – MEINEKE



Anthem | *Where Could I Go but To the Lord?* – J.B. Coats The Burden Family Singers
Pat, Larry and Jason

Ministry Moment | *Murphy-Harpst Children's Center*

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Total Praise* – Richard Smallwood

Chancel Choir

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,
knowing my help Is coming from you.
Your peace you give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You

✠ Doxology | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Your giving is the sole support of the ministries of Duluth First United Methodist Church. For online giving: duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code.



WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn | *Where Children Belong* – RITCHIE



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-come as part of the
wor-ship-ping throng. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

Children's Message

Bill Saxelby

✠ Scripture | Philippians 2:1-11

Rev. Terry Tippens
Senior Pastor

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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

Sermon | *He Emptied Himself*

Hymn 168 | *At the Name of Jesus* – KING'S WESTON

Prayers of the People

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.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

SENDING

For questions regarding membership, contact
Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles-
arawles@duluthmc.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.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

*Acolyte &
Cross Bearer:*
Evelyn Williams
Madelyn Williams

Audio/Visual Team:
Joseph Lee
Lee Castleberry
Lynne Ometer

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:
Jenny Masterson

✠ Hymn 540 | *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* – ST THOMAS

Reception of New Members (as applicable)

Hymnal, pgs. 34, 38

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

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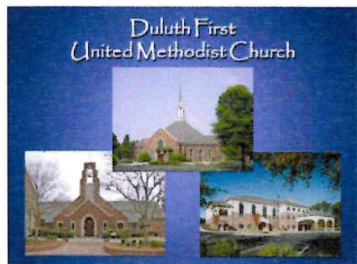
The Sunday Supplement



OCTOBER 12, 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.

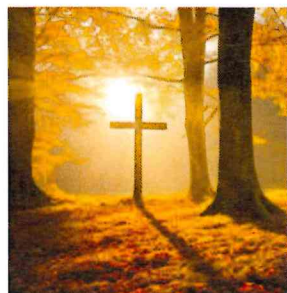


To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.

Prayer Concerns

- Tracy Balkcom • Cynthia Ballin • Jack Brannon
- Dale Braynard • Sara Brewer • Beth Bunten • Gen Butterworth
- Rosemary Hall • Shamain Hallett • Carol Hitchcock • Linton Jones
- Lynne Ometter • Clara Truesdell • Dale VanPelt • Easton Wall
- Maggie & Jared Grace in the death of their grandfather, Mike Ramstead.
- Jenny Kuny & family in the death of her father, Mike Ramstead.
- Lin Ramstead & family in the death of her husband, Mike.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

HELP — HOPE — HEALING

Stephen Ministers are here for you when life gets difficult.

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 or call Stephen Leader Ann Fleming at 678-644-9108.



Wednesday Night Dinner in Hinton Hall: October 15th

Our Food Ministry staff, along with our amazing Dinner Belles and Beaus volunteers, prepare excellent meals at very reasonable prices. Enjoy fellowship around the table with family and friends. The menu for Wednesday, October 15th, is homemade lasagna, sautéed zucchini, broccoli, garlic bread, and dessert. For the kids - the same.

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 6th through 12th 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 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center (unless otherwise noted). **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 October is:

- **Sunday, October 12th:** S'Mores Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Classroom (back of church property);
- **Sunday, October 19th:** Sunday Night Gathering at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, October 26th:** Trunk or Treat at 5:00 p.m. in the church's front parking lot.

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, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.

SUNDAY NIGHT GATHERING

**SUNDAY NIGHTS
5:30PM-7:30PM
THE FISH TANK**

Wednesday Night Food Drive: October 15th

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 October 15th we ask you to bring spaghetti and pasta.** 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.



Join Us at Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26th

Fall is upon us, and you know what that means? It's time for pumpkins, leaves, football, and **Trunk or Treat!** **Trunk or Treat**, on Sunday, October 26th, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the church's front parking lot, is an excellent opportunity to gather your friends, family, and neighbors and bring them to Duluth First United Methodist Church for fun, food, and, of course, going trunk to trunk collecting candy. This is such a great way to share your love of church community with others, and "boo-tiful" way to fellowship with one another!

Everyone is invited to participate! Our goal is to have 40 trunks this year - that means we need YOU! You can participate by:

- **Decorating your trunk (and maybe even having a game) and passing out candy.** Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to claim your spot. You can also claim your spot by visiting one of our **Trunk or Treat** boards, located in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room and outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall, and putting your name and contact information on one of the blank cars.
- **Volunteering to help set up, break down, donate candy, and take candy refills to our awesome trunks.** Please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to sign up to volunteer.
- **Donating bags of candy.** You can put your donated candy in one of the **Trunk or Treat Candy Totes** located in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room, in the Atrium, and outside of the main entrance to Hinton Hall.



Set-up time begins at 4:30 p.m. and trick-or-treating begins at 5:00 p.m. We hope to have lots of fun and lots of decorated trunks! Please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles with any questions by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128. Thank you for your support!



Book Club to Discuss "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline: Monday, October 20th

The **Book Club** invites you to join them on Monday, October 20th, as they discuss **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. **Orphan Train** is a captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask.

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

"Coffee Corner" for Parents of Preschoolers: Tuesday, October 21st

Parents of preschoolers are invited to join us at the **"Coffee Corner"** on Tuesday, October 21st, at 9:30 a.m. Come connect with other parents at our casual meet-up on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. Being a parent is tough, and we all deserve to drink coffee while it is still hot!

For more information, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128.



Youth Fall Retreat: October 24th - 26th

We are excited to participate in **The Rooted Retreat** (North Georgia UMC Conference Retreat) hosted by **Camp Glisson** for our **Youth Ministry Fall Retreat** from Friday, October 24th, through Sunday, October 26th. It will be an incredible weekend with powerful worship experiences, dedicated youth group time, fun activities, and food and lodging at **Camp Glisson**!

We are looking forward to a meaningful and fun **Fall Retreat** together! Please keep our students, adult volunteers, and the retreat in your prayers!



Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's Read-A-Thon

This October, **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten** is launching its annual **Read-A-Thon**! Our students, families, and church community will be turning pages and raising support together. Every book read brings us closer to our goal—and every gift makes a difference! Every donation helps **Christian Beginnings** continue building a vibrant ministry for our children.

You can join the fun and give by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet. Thank you for your support!



Gift Cards Needed for Care Packages for College Students

Hello Duluth First UMC Family! We are collecting gift card donations for the care packages we will send out to our college students. As finals week is quickly approaching, we want to show our love and care for our college students by sending them care packages for them to enjoy during their finals week!



- Chick-fil-A (most requested by students)
- Starbucks

Also, if you have a college student (or if you are the college student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC, we ask you scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet to fill out the contact information form and update the student's mailing address.

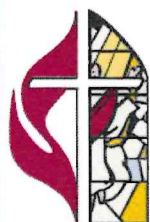


Should you have any questions, please contact Rev. Min Lee by e-mail at mlee@duluthumc.org. Thank you for your support of our college students!

Crafts, Pieces of Art, and Baked Goods Needed for
"Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser: November 15th & 16th

Crafters, potters, artists, and bakers of all kinds – your talents will be needed in November! It is time to be thinking about our annual missions fundraiser, ***Bundle Up for Buffalo***, on Saturday, November 15th, and Sunday, November 16th. All proceeds from the ***Bundle Up for Buffalo*** fundraiser help our sister church, Seneca Street United Methodist Church in Buffalo, NY, keep the heat on their facility during the winter months which fall from October 2025 through April 2026. This helps provide a safe, warm, after-school location for neighborhood children to go to.

You have been so faithful in prayer for this "pocket of poverty" in the North for many years. Please consider what you can make, and something that others would enjoy purchasing. Thank you for your support.



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