

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026
11:00 AM



GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

✠ 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 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.

✠ Call to Worship

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 304 | *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* – REGENT SQUARE

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Hymnal, pg. 39

Franklin Jack Tippens & Maria Aurora Tippens

Frankie, Maria, God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

Frankie, Maria, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.

Frankie, Maria, God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

✠ Affirmation of Faith | *The Apostle's 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.



Your giving is the sole support of the ministries of Duluth First UMC.

For online giving, go to duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code.



✠ Response 70 | Glory Be to the Father – MEINEKE

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

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Come, Heavenly Love, Inspire My Song* – arr. Rick VanPelt

Rick VanPelt & Tim Near, *Musicians*

✠ Doxology 94 | *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spi-rit, Ho-ly
Spi-rit! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn | *Where Children Belong* – RITCHIE



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed 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

Greg Whitlock

✠ Scripture | 2 Corinthians 13:13, Titus 2:13, 1 Timothy 3:16, 2:3, Revelation 1:8

Rev. Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

...while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Without any doubt, the mystery of godliness is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

This is right and acceptable before God our Savior.

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

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | *Forming Our Faith*

Hymn 307 | *Christ Is Risen* – W ZLOBIE LEZY

Prayers of the People

For questions regarding membership, contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles – 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.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte & Cross Bearer:
Grace Saxelby
Sydney Downey

Audio/Visual Team:
Charlie Greene
Lynn Ometer
Bryan Johnson

Usher Captains:
David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:
Pamela Logan

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

✠ Hymn 310 | *He Lives* – ACKLEY

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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Chancel Flowers

are given today by Dennis and Debbie Patterson

in loving memory of their son, Scott.



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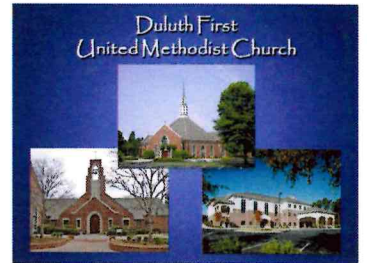
The Sunday Supplement



APRIL 12, 2026

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.

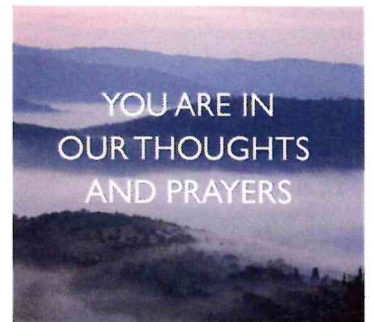
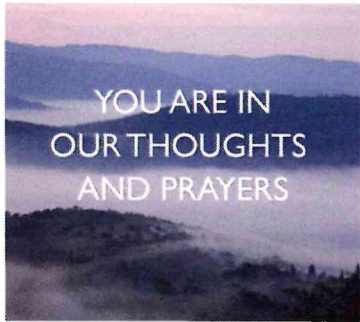


To join Duluth First United Methodist Church, please come forward as we sing the song that follows the Invitation to Church Membership.

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

- Kathy Anderson • Jack Brannon • David Cook
- Karen Cook • Lorraine Day • Ann Fleming
- Rosemary Hall • John Hammons • Luke Livingston
- Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Dottie Moor
- Scott Parrish's mother, Kathleen • Ethel Sales
- Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Dale VanPelt
- The family of Lillian Jean Lowry in her death.
- Jenny Masterson & family in the death of her step-father.



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



Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: April 19th

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday will be on April 19th. We will celebrate our volunteers, and all our wonderful congregation members, with sweet treats in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!



Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for April

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. **Sunday Night Gatherings** include great dinners, fun games, amazing worship, inspirational and relevant messages and life-changing small groups.



The **Sunday Night Gathering** schedule for April is:

- **Sunday, April 12th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, April 19th:** *Sunday Night Gathering* at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (“The Fish Tank”);
- **Sunday, April 26th:** Kickball Night with Level Creek UMC Youth Group. Location and time is TBD.

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.

Recognizing Our Graduates of 2026: Photos and Information Needed by Sunday, April 26th

If you have a student (or if you are the student) who is a member of Duluth First UMC and is graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school, please send a picture of your student by e-mail to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, at kwilli@duluthumc.org AND Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, at mlee@duluthumc.org. Please put **Graduate Recognition 2026** in the subject field of your e-mail.

Please be sure to include:

- the graduate’s name;
- the name of the school they are graduating from;
- their next step plans (i.e. college, military, trade school, graduate school, job).

All pictures and information need to be received by the end of the day, Sunday, April 26th.

PLEASE NOTE: Youth-led Worship and Graduate Recognition Sunday in all three services is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th.

Library Book Club to Discuss “Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet” by Jamie Ford: Monday, April 13th

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss the book Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

Register Now for This Summer’s Vacation Bible School at Duluth First UMC

Mark your calendars and save the date for “**Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**” Vacation Bible School. Registration is underway for the 2026 Vacation Bible School, being held Monday, June 22nd through Friday, June 26th, at Duluth First United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School, held from 9 a.m. to noon each day, is for kids going into pre-Kindergarten (age 4 as of September 1st) through rising 6th graders. The cost is \$30 per child with a maximum of \$70 per family. Each day participants will participate in Bible story time, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and eat snacks.



In addition to registering participants, we are also registering adult and youth volunteers. We especially need shepherds, who are adult volunteers in charge of a group of 6-10 kids. Shepherds do not need to prepare anything in advance. They lead their group to the various activities where other volunteers are in charge. If you would like to help but are only available one or two days that week, you can put your available dates on your registration. We often need

substitute shepherds. Also, the Childcare Corner is available for the children of volunteers if you have a child who is not old enough to be a participant.

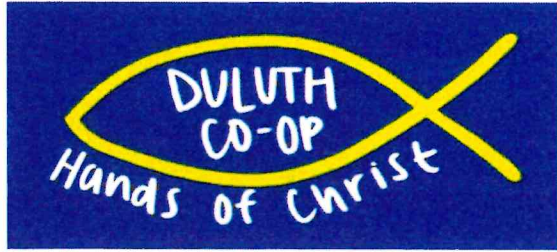
Everyone who registers by May 24th is guaranteed a VBS t-shirt and copy of the music. All Vacation Bible School participant registration forms, as well as volunteer forms, are available online at the church’s website – duluthumc.org, by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to vbspro.events/p/42cb8a.



For more information, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children’s Ministries, by e-mail at lyokeley@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.

An Opportunity for You to Serve at the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op: Saturday, April 18th

If you work during the day and would like to find an opportunity to serve in your community, the



Missions Ministry has the day for you. If you would like a chance to serve in your community with your children, we've got just the day for you too! Join us on Saturday, April 18th, as we will be serving at the **Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op** from 9 a.m. to noon. The **Duluth Co-Op** is located at 3649 Rogers Bridge Road in Duluth.



If you would like to be a part of this day, please scan the QR code located to the right and sign up. We can't wait to see you there!

Interactive Seminar on Brain Health and the Power of Gratitude: Saturday, April 18th

All are invited to attend an interactive seminar on brain health and the power of gratitude, being held at Duluth First UMC on Saturday, April 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. Join us, and our friends at **Senior Provisions**, as we explore how to keep our minds sharp.

The main topics of discussion will include:

- **Brain Health: Warning Signs of Cognitive Decline and Prevention.** We will discuss the top 10 warning signs of memory loss or cognitive decline, and learn to recognize when it might be time to get a baseline. There are real things you can do daily to help reduce brain aging and maximize your thinking capacity.
- **Power of Gratitude: The Impact of Gratitude on Aging.** God created us with an internal system that works in beautiful balance. When we endure increases in stress due to change and circumstances, our bodies get out of balance. We will look at depression in aging and the physical impact on body and mind. We will explore how God defines gratitude and how putting it into practice not only is a biblical precedent, but serves to improve our overall health and well-being. You will learn practical ways to implement thankfulness in your community.



Snacks will be provided, and we invite you to make a donation to offset supply costs. **To register and request childcare if needed, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 128, by Friday, April 10th.**

Share Your Easter Morning Family and Friends Photos with Us!

One of the Easter morning traditions at Duluth First UMC is when family and friends have their pictures taken in front of the resurrection crosses outside of the Sanctuary and in Hinton Hall to remember the joy of the day. We would like you to share your best picture with us, and they will be posted at a later date as a photo album on the church's Facebook and Instagram social media pages.

Please select your best/favorite family and friends picture from the morning and please email it (**just one picture please**) to Ken Willi, Director of Communications, by e-mail at kwilli@duluthumc.org. Please put **EASTER PICTURE** in the subject line of your e-mail and include your family's name of the names of the friends in your group. **Please submit your Easter picture no later than Friday, April 17th.**

Thank You from Your Daily Bread Co.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of everyone at **Your Daily Bread Co.**, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every person who supported our **Sunday Morning Grab-and-Go Breakfast**. Your presence, encouragement, and patronage meant more to us than words can fully express.

As we move into the summer months, **Your Daily Bread Co.** will temporarily discontinue the **Sunday Grab-and-Go Breakfast** service. We will resume the Grab and Go Breakfast in August.

Thank you again for helping Your Daily Bread Co. carry out our mission of feeding and uplifting the community.

Chef Kenneth Lewis,
Founder and Executive Director, **Your Daily Bread Co.**

Atlanta Botanical Garden Trip: Tuesday, May 12th

Join **The RoadRunners** on **Tuesday, May 12th** (please note new date), for a flower-filled day with a guided tour at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens with lunch to follow. The group will leave the church's back parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

The cost is \$40 per person and includes entry into the gardens, tour, and transportation via a 15-person van (please see notes below). The cost of lunch will be on your own.

PLEASE NOTE:

- In order to attend you must be able to get in and out of a 15-passenger van and be healthy enough to travel several hours by car.
- We must have a minimum of 12 people to sign up in order to rent a van, otherwise travel will be via caravan.

To register please scan the QR code located to the right with your smart phone or tablet, or contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. All registrations must be received by **Tuesday, April 21st**.



Register Now for the Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten 2026-2027 School Year

Registration for **Christian Beginnings Preschool & Kindergarten's** 2026-2027 school year is open and spots will go fast! We are an award-winning program that nurtures students learning in a loving, Christian environment. If you are interested in registering your little one or you would like to set up a tour, please contact Pat Szathmary by e-mail at pszathmary@duluthumc.org or call 770-497-1743.



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