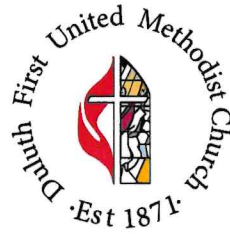


# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026  
11:00 AM



## GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles  
*Associate Pastor*

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *All Creature of Our God and King* - arr. Lloyd Larson

Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

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



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ministries, mission, and  
activities of Duluth First  
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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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

## PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 303 | *The Day of Resurrection* – LANCASHIRE

✠ 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.**

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

Anthem | *Ave Maria* – arr. Algirdas Matonis

Tim Near, *Trombonist*, Chase Parrish, *Euphoniumist*  
Seoyoung Lee, *Pianist*

Ministry Moment | *Volunteer Appreciation*

Receiving God's Tithe and Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* – arr. Dennis Allen Chancel Choir  
Susan Johnson, *Pianist*

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



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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
God, all crea-tures here be - low: 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-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.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

Sermon | *Life-Giving*

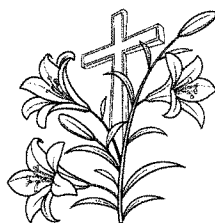
Hymn 381 | *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* – BRADBURY

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@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:*

Evelyn Williams  
Madelyn Williams

*Audio/Visual Team:*

James Lee  
Frank Loose  
Lee Castleberry

*Usher Captains:*

David Burleson  
Charlie Doerlich

*Flower Team:*

Debbie Bush

☒ Hymn 312 | *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* – LLANFAIR

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

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in memory of Don Lee, by Sara Lee and all his family.

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# The Sunday Supplement



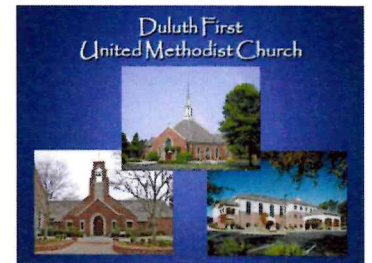
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## Welcome to Duluth First United Methodist Church!

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

- Sara Adams • 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 • Sharon Swisher • Dale VanPelt



### **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).*



## Recognizing Our Graduates of 2026: Photos and Information Needed by Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:kwilli@duluthumc.org) AND Rev. Min Lee, Director of Youth Ministries, at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org). Please put **Graduate Recognition 2026** in the subject field of your e-mail.

### **Please be sure to include:**

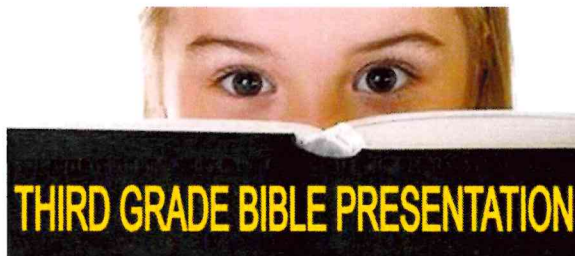
- the graduate's name;
- the name of the school they are graduating from;
- their next step plans (i.e. college, military, trade school, graduate school, job).

**All pictures and information need to be received by the end of the day, Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Sunday: Today

Today our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are receiving their Bibles in the Contemporary Worship Service. It's such a time of joy for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders - John Marvin Klayman, John Smith, and Gus Wolfe - as they receive a special Bible from the church. If you see our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the coming weeks let them know what your favorite scriptures are, as they begin diving in and discovering the words for themselves!



### Youth Ministry Sunday Night Gatherings for April

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.

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

- **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:** *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* at AMC Sugarloaf Mills 18 (5900 Sugarloaf Pkwy #415, Lawrenceville) at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per ticket, plus money for food and drinks. Please contact Min Lee by e-mail at [mlee@duluthumc.org](mailto:mlee@duluthumc.org) or call 818-903-0054 to reserve your ticket(s).
- **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:** *Kickball Night with Level Creek UMC Youth Group*, from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please meet at the following address for this event - 5160 Gladstone Parkway, Suwanee, 30024.



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.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>) through rising 6<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://duluthumc.org), by scanning the QR code located to the right with your smartphone or tablet, or by going to [vbspro.events/p/42cb8a](http://vbspro.events/p/42cb8a).

For more information, please contact Leslie Yokeley, Director of Children's Ministries, by e-mail at [lyokeley@duluthumc.org](mailto:lyokeley@duluthumc.org), or call 770-476-3776, ext. 138.



## **New Titles in Our Church Library: Spring Is Here!**

Spring is here! Step into Spring with your next great read from The Louise McDaniel Memorial Church Library, located across from Hinton Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center!

**The Gift of Forgiveness** by Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt is a perfect blend of personal insights, powerful quotations, and hard-won wisdom for those seeking a way to live with greater acceptance, grace, and peace. The book features experiences from those well-known and unknown, including Elizabeth Smart, who learned to forgive her captors; Sue Klebold, whose son, Dylan, was one of the Columbine shooters, learning empathy and how to forgive herself; Chris Williams, who forgave the drunken teenager who killed his wife and child; and of course Schwarzenegger Pratt's own challenges and path to forgiveness in her own life.

All provide different journeys to forgiveness and the process--sometimes slow and thorny, sometimes almost instantaneous--by which they learned to forgive and let go. (Source: amazon.com)

**The Other Emma** by Sharon Gloger Friedman (Winner 2025 Fall PenCraft Award, Fiction - Historical Genre). In 1880, Rose Litkin, a nine-year-old orphan from the tenements of the Lower East Side, is adopted by Lucien Boyesten, a widowed banker seeking a companion for his spoiled ten-year-old daughter, Emma. Rose is whisked away to Boston—to a sister who resents and torments her—and struggles to find her place in a family where secrets abound.

Eight years later, impoverished and fleeing the disgrace of Lucien's fraudulent business practices and tragic death, Rose and Emma board a train bound for New York to live with Lucien's estranged sister, Frances. But a raging blizzard strands their train in the path of a runaway railway coach, and Emma perishes in the collision. Alone and frightened, Rose makes a desperate decision... Rose is warmly welcomed into Frances's home as "Emma" and quickly becomes a part of her aunt's extended family.

But the happiness that has always eluded her is still out of reach—clouded by the unbearable weight of her deception and the fear of losing everyone she holds dear. Set against the glitter and greed of the Gilded Age and rich in historic detail, *The Other Emma* chronicles Rose's journey from the despair of the tenements to the mansions of Fifth Avenue. (Source: amazon.com)



## **Atlanta Botanical Garden Trip: Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Join **The RoadRunners** on **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:arawles@duluthumc.org). **All registrations must be received by Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.**



## **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](mailto:pszathmary@duluthumc.org) or call 770-497-1743.

### **Thank You from Your Daily Bread Co.**

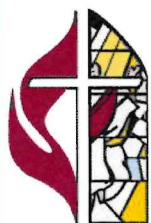
Dear Friends and Supporters,

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.**



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