

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 2026
11:00 A.M.

☒ 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 UMC, 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. Please see an usher or greeter for assistance.

ENTRANCE

Chiming the Trinity

☒ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *Patriotic Medley* - arr. Kevin G. Pace

Seoyoung Lee, *organist*

☒ Call to Worship

Come and worship, all you who love and serve our God —
who surrounds us with unfailing love, and answers us when we call;
who cares for the humble and lowly, and never abandons those in need.
This is our God, worthy of our worship and praise!

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

☒ Hymn 437 | *This Is My Song* — FINLANDIA

⌘ 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

Ministry Moment Moment | *Young Adult Ministry*

Will Marvel

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *Standing On the Promises* - arr. Mark Hayes

Summer Choir,

Susan Johnson, *Pianist*

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

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!

Vacation Bible School Presentation

⌘ Hymn 697 | *America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)* – AMERICA



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WORD & RESPONSE

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

✠ Scripture | Romans 8:21-25

Rev. Terry Tippens, *Senior Pastor*

²¹ The creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Sermon | *Freedom...on Earth as it is in Heaven...*

Hymn 707 | *Hymn of Promise* – PROMISE

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

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 696 | *America the Beautiful* – MATERNA

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.

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

For questions regarding membership, contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles – arawles@duluthumc.org or 770.476.3776, x. 128.

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte & Cross Bearer:

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Madelyn Williams

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Joseph Lee
Frank Loose
Lee Castleberry

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

Flower Team:

Susan Johnson
James Dykes

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude



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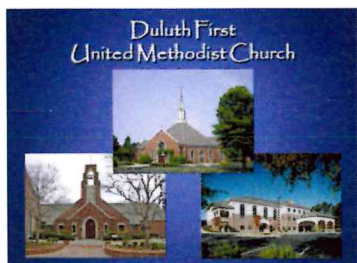
The Sunday Supplement



JUNE 28, 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 • Ann Fleming • Jae Hallett • Shamain Hallett
- Cheryl Jackson • Linton Jones • Luke Livingston • Garry Lockerman
- Pam Logan • Barbara Martin • Tom Martin • Bette Pickin
- Ethel Sales • Jeff Schulz • Bill Swisher • Sharon Swisher • ShiQuita Ward

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.



250th Anniversary of Independence Day Celebration: Today!

Join us today in Hinton Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship services as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the independence of the United States. A meal will be provided by the church and the choir will lead patriotic music.



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. **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 June is:

- **Sunday, June 28th: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank").

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

- **Sunday, July 5th: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, July 12th: Sunday Night Gathering** at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, July 19th: 2026 FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party**. Time TBA in the Youth Center ("The Fish Tank");
- **Sunday, July 26th: 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, or call 770-476-3776, ext. 119.



Church Offices Closed: Friday, July 3rd

The church offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the 4th of July holiday. We will hold all of our worship services on Sunday, July 5th. The church offices will re-open on Monday, July 6th. Have a blessed and safe 4th of July holiday weekend.



Pack a Backpack with School Supplies for a Child at Seneca Street UMC:

Over the last six years it has been a joy for our congregation to be part of the **Summer Reading Camp** at Seneca Street UMC in Buffalo, NY, by packing backpacks here in Duluth with school supplies for the children in Buffalo. After being shipped to Buffalo, backpacks are distributed to children at the end of the two-week camp for use in the upcoming school year. A portion of the backpacks will be processed as we have done in the past, while for the rest of the backpacks we will buy and collect school supplies and have a packing party for filling them with collected school supplies.

If you would like to pack a backpack:

- **Grades 1 – 8:** Select one or more school supply cards to be used to buy supplies with. School supply cards will be available for pickup in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room. Please return all school supplies **by Sunday, July 5th**. The packing party will be held **on Saturday, July 11th**, beginning at 10 a.m. in Hinton Hall, where you can come and fill backpacks with collected school supplies.
- **Kindergarten and grades 9 – 12:** Select an empty backpack which will include a school supplies list and note on the return process. Backpacks will be available for pickup in the Veterans Memorial Gathering Room. Shop for school supplies to fill it with and return completed backpacks **no later than Sunday, July 12th**.

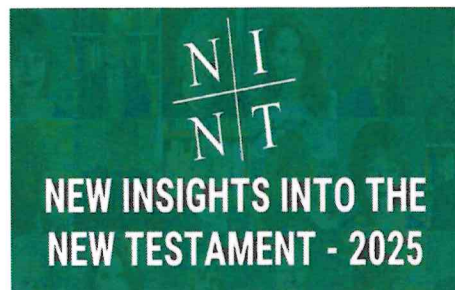


This approach was very successful last year as it allowed a greater number of our members to participate in the ministry. Backpacks and school supplies can be left in the collection areas located on the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall stage, and outside of room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or 678-662-2215. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

A New Small Group Class, *The Quest for the Historical Jesus*, Begins July 7th and 8th

A new small group class, utilizing Bart Ehrman's **New Insights into the New Testament Seminar for 2025**, will be offered at the church on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning July 7th and 8th. This class, led by Pete Fleming, features videos of ten New Testament scholars' lectures on various aspects of the **Historical Jesus Quest**.



2025 Theme:
THE HISTORICAL JESUS

Classes will meet twice weekly for ten weeks:

- Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.;
- Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

Participants may attend either class.

Video presenters include Amy-Jill Levine, Dale Allison, Elaine Pagels, Paula Fredriksen and others. Each class will view one 40-minute lecture, followed by a time of discussion. Participants are encouraged to read E.P. Sanders's book, **The Historical Figure of Jesus**, which presents the basic outlines of the Historical Jesus scholarship. The book can be purchased for under \$10.

Please contact Pete Fleming by e-mail at lfleming3832@att.net or Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org to register and also letting them know

which day you will attend. Once the size of each class has been determined, participants will be notified of the classroom location.

Popsicles on the Playground: Monday, July 13th

The summer is too long to go without seeing our friends! Preschool-aged children, their siblings, and their grown-ups are invited to come play at the church **on Monday, July 13th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We will have popsicles for the kids and iced coffee for the grownups!

Join us on the playground if the weather is nice, and if it is raining or way too hot, we will be in the Dorothy L. Rainey Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org.

Be on the look out for other meet up opportunities this summer by following us on:

- Our church's website – www.duluthumc.org;
- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/DuluthFirstUMC>;
- Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/duluthfirstumc>.



Senior Adult Coffee Hour: Wednesdays, July 15th, and August 12th

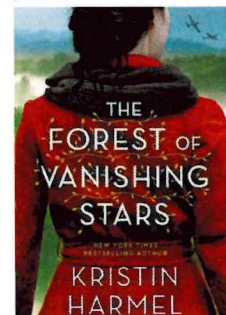
Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

We will meet on Wednesdays, July 15th, and August 12th, at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-da-sac area outside of the offices on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. AnnaKate Rawles, Associate Pastor, by e-mail at arawles@duluthumc.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Library Book Club to Discuss "*The Forest of Vanishing Stars*": Monday, July 20th

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, July 20th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Forest of Vanishing Stars** by Kristin Harmel.

The **Forest of Vanishing Stars** is a World War II historical fiction novel about a young woman, Yona, who was kidnapped as a child and raised in the forests of Eastern Europe, learning to survive off the land. After her kidnapper dies, she encounters Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis and uses her wilderness skills to help them survive, while they teach her about love and community, all while she grapples with her past and identity. The story is inspired by true accounts of Jewish partisans and survival groups during the war.



Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op Food Drive Update

Thank you to the congregation of Duluth First United Methodist Church, as the results of the Food Drive held on Sunday, June 7th, were a great success! **You contributed all the key groceries that were urgently needed, providing 572 pounds of food for the Hands of Christ Duluth Co-Op.** Thank you so very much! Based upon this success, another Food Drive is being planned for in early July.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Doerlich at by e-mail at chaz3d@gmail.com or call 678-662-2115.



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