

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026
11:00 A.M.



ENTRANCE

Chiming the Trinity

✠ Welcome, Greeting One Another

Bryan Johnson

Attendance Registration, Announcements

Voluntary | *The Impossible Dream* - Joe Darion

Seoyoung Lee, *organist*

✠ Call to Worship

We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

We gather as people inundated with constant information, fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith as the world around us is blown to and fro by waves of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding, and guidance in the Spirit who dwells in you.

We come to set our minds on the Spirit who guides us and draws us together toward life, peace, and flourishing. Amen.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 584 | *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* – ABBOT'S LEIGH

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Hymnal, pg. 39

Reese Martin

Reese, 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.

Reese, 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.

Reese, God claims you. God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

✠ 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.

✠ 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 | *Canon of Praise* – Susan Johnson, Composer and Pianist

Summer Choir

Missions Moment | *Wellroot Family Services*

Receiving God's Tithe & Our Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory | *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* – Gordon Young

Summer Choir; Seoyoung Lee, *Organist*

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



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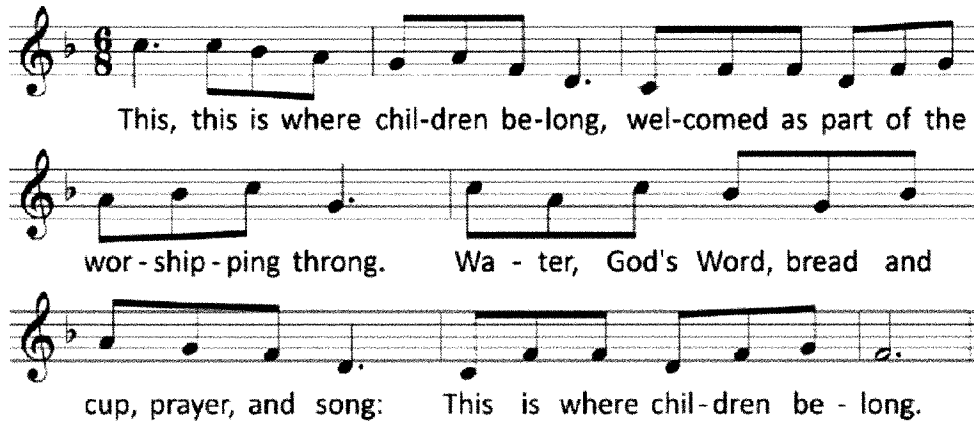
For online giving, go to duluthumc.org/online-giving, or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



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-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

Bill Saxelby

✠ Scripture | Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Dr. AnnaKate Rawles
Associate Pastor

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Sermon | *Go and Make Disciples*

Hymn 593 | *Here I Am, Lord* – HERE I AM, LORD

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.

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.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Church Membership

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

✠ Hymn 571 | *Go, Make of All Disciples* – LANCASHIRE

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

ALSO SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte & Cross Bearer:

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Caroline Atkinson

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Johnathan Ancell

Usher Captains:

David Burleson
Charlie Doerlich

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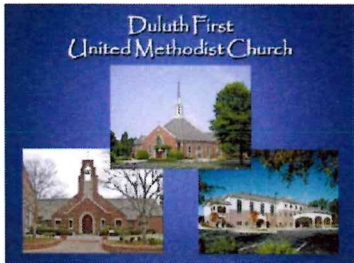
The Sunday Supplement



JULY 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



- Pat Brannon • Ann Fleming • Jae Hallett
- Shamain Hallett • Marion Harley • Linton Jones
- Luke Livingston • Pam Logan • Barbara Martin
- Tom Martin • Bette Pickin • Jan Rawls
- Jeff Schulz • Pam Tuggle



• Pat Burden & family in the death of her brother.

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.



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.

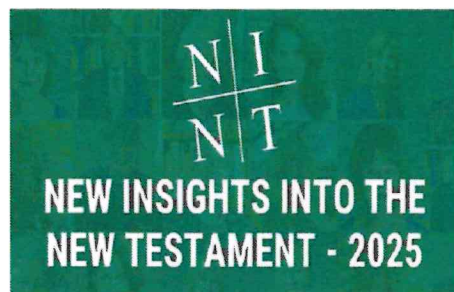
Be on the look out for other meet up opportunities this summer by following us on:

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



A New Small Group Class, *The Quest for the Historical Jesus: Tuesdays and Wednesday*

A new small group class, utilizing Bart Ehrman's **New Insights into the New Testament Seminar for 2025**, is being offered at the church. Classes, held on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings, began July 7th and 8th. The classes, led by Pete Fleming, feature videos of ten New Testament scholars' lectures on various aspects of the **Historical Jesus Quest**.



Classes are meeting 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@duluthmc.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.

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

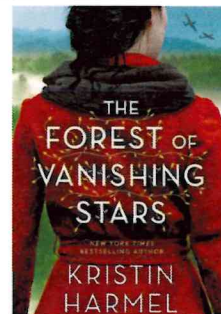
Senior adults are invited to join us once a month this summer for a time of coffee, conversations, and fellowship. Bring a game, something you want to discuss, or just show up to enjoy time together!

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@duluthmc.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.

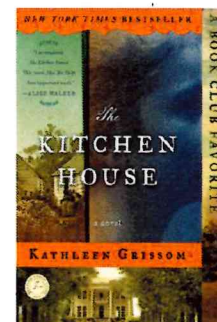
The **Forest of Vanishing Stars** is a World War II historical fiction novel about a young woman, Yona, who was kidnapped as a child and raised in the forests of Eastern Europe, learning to survive off the land. After her kidnapper dies, she encounters Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis and uses her wilderness 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.



Library Book Club to Discuss "*The Kitchen House*": Monday, August 17th

The **Library Book Club** will meet on Monday, August 17th, at 10:00 a.m. in room F145, located on the 1st floor of the Sheldon Family Life Center, to discuss **The Kitchen House** by Kathleen Grissom.

The Kitchen House is a historical fiction novel set on a Virginia plantation before the Civil War, following orphaned Irish girl Lavinia who becomes an indentured servant and is raised by the plantation's enslaved people, particularly Belle, the master's illegitimate daughter. The story explores themes of race, class, family, and loyalty as Lavinia straddles the worlds of the kitchen and the big house, leading to tragic events that expose the harsh realities of slavery and the bonds between the characters.



Crafts, Pieces of Art, and Baked Goods Needed for "Bundle Up for Buffalo" Annual Fundraiser:

November 14th & 15th

Crafters, potters, artists, and bakers of all kinds – your talents will be needed in November! It may seem a long time from now, but it really isn't and it is not too soon to be thinking about our annual missions fundraiser, **Bundle Up for Buffalo**, on Saturday, November 14th, and Sunday, November 15th. 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 2026 through April 2027. 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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