



# First United Methodist Church Sunday, October 6, 2024 World Communion Sunday

*On this day, churches around the world will take communion as an expression of their oneness in Jesus Christ. Today is a day to remember that around the globe – in different languages and with different customs and different ways of seeing and believing – the Lord's Supper is celebrated.*

**Children and Youth: please meet Larry and Abbi in the back of the church to choose a flag for the processional. Parents may process with the kids.**

*Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults or children participating in musical groups, children's messages, and liturgist roles will appear on camera.*

*A nursery for children ages 5 and under is on the lower level and will include a Bible lesson. Sunday School for children K-5th grade will be held in the upper-level Children's Lounge following the Children's Message. Please pick up your kids in the Lounge after worship.*

**Prelude**      *Truth Be Told*      Andrew Pruis and Matthew West  
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Call to Worship**      Mark Whitlock

**One:** Throughout the world today, Christian churches are celebrating Holy Communion. We come to the table as part of a worldwide family of faith.

**All:** **Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia, and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

**One:** In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

**All:** **May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!**

**\* Opening Hymn and Procession of Flags**      *Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God*      The Faith We Sing #2067

*Tapestry will sing once, and then the congregation joins*

**Children's Message/Bible Presentation**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*Children in 5th grade and under may leave for Sunday School following the Children's Message.*

**Worldwide Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
Prayers of Joy and Concern

**Unison Prayer**

**God of all nations, we give you thanks that we are all made in your image, with such rich diversity. On this day we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in you, even though we have**

different languages, cultures, and traditions, different ways of praying and praising. In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope, of new life, knowing that your will is for your people to be one body. We are one body, but we are not the same – it is through the gift of diversity that we are able to be your body. We thank you and praise you for making us all who we are, individually and collectively. We each celebrate our own ancestry, culture, and ethnicity, and we pray to you now as you taught us...

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.

Sharing the Story of the Bread and the Cup  
Distribution of Elements

Music During Communion

*Call to Remembrance*

Joseph Martin

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director  
Mary Whitlock and Brandon Veale, soloists

*Many and Great, O God, are Your Works*

Native American melody, arr. Robert Buckley Farlee  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

UM Hymnal #95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Mark Whitlock

**John 1:14**

The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of God. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us.

**John 8:32**

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

**John 14:16-17**

Jesus said, "I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true. The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don't see or know him. But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you."

Anthem

*Celebrate with Joy*

Cynthia Dobrinski

Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

Sermon

*Jesus' Way #3: Seeking Truth*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

\* Hymn

*Christ is the Truth, the Way*

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Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

Velda Graham Bell, organ



## Announcements

*Please remember to fill out the **Connect Cards** each week. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

*Join us for coffee and doughnuts in the lower-level Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.*

### Bible Recipients



#### *3-year-olds and older*

Isabelle Grace Fazzio  
Sayler Ann Fox  
Adelicia Rose Hanson

#### *3rd graders*

Aiden Jimmy Davis  
Torsten Eric Draxten Lindquist

*An organ dedication concert will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (219 N. 6th Ave. E., Duluth) **this afternoon** at 3:00pm. This concert and hymn-sing celebrates the installation of their new Fenris pipe organ. Charles Sundquist will be the featured organist and commentator, and the concert will be followed by a pie reception.*

*Our own **Helen Smith Stone**, recently named Minnesota Quilter of the Year, has hung some of her art quilts in the Fireside Lounge. Please stop in and admire her beautiful work. Helen will share her backstory at Faith Forum on November 10.*

***It's Pickle Time!** Tuesday, October 8, at 1:00pm is the day for making our best-selling Cassia Bud Pickles for the Bazaar on November 9. Volunteers are needed – both men and women are eligible! A total of ten people are needed for a maximum of 2-3 hours: seven people to slice pickles and help fill pint jars (this is a sit-down job) and three people to add cassia buds and brine and to help clean up (this will be minimal). Please sign up in the church office (218-727-5021) or talk to Linda Wiig or Celeste Dallman.*



***Garden cleanup** will take place on **Wednesday, October 9** at 9am (the rain date is October 10). Plan on a couple of hours, and then stay for an appreciation lunch. Bring gloves, pruners, rakes, and basic garden tools. No experience necessary – training is provided!*



***Mark your calendars!** **Fall Roadside Cleanup** will take place on **Saturday, October 12** from noon-2pm on “our” stretch of Maple Grove Road. Dress for the weather, bring gloves, and wear footwear suitable for walking in ditches. We’ll meet in the Faith Baptist Church parking lot on the corner of Maple Grove and Midway Roads. See Bill Alexander ([bill@strikepoint.com](mailto:bill@strikepoint.com)) to sign up or for more information. Let’s help keep our area beautiful!*

***Faith Forum** is held on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **October 13**, Andrea Gelb will lead a conversation about “The Art of Difficult Discussions” – how to talk respectfully with people who have different viewpoints. The following week, **October 20**, Duluth Huskies team owner Michael Rosenzweig will talk about baseball in Duluth.*



*Trunk or Treat* this year will be held on **Wednesday, October 30**, from 6:30-7:15pm. Families are invited to bring children in (non-violent) costumes and have dinner in Lakeview Social Hall from 6-6:30 before heading outside for some Halloween fun! Help is needed: donate candy to be handed out and/or sign up to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy at the event. Candy donations can be brought to the church office.

**Guest WIFI Network:** FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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## Ways You Can Help Your Church



**Volunteer to help make Cassia Bud Pickles** on Tuesday, October 8. Call the church office (218-727-5021) or talk to Linda Wiig or Celeste Dallman.

**Help with Roadside Cleanup** on Saturday, October 12. Contact Bill Alexander to sign up.

**Volunteer to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy for Trunk or Treat** on Wednesday, October 30.

**Donate candy** for Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 30. Candy donations may be brought to the church office.

**Ways to give to support your church:** give online at [fumcduluth.com](http://fumcduluth.com) or use the QR code **OR** text COPPERTOP to 73256 **OR** mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811.



# Christ Is the Truth, the Way

1. Christ is the Truth, the Way, the Cen - ter of our life. Christ  
 2. Christ is the power of peace, of last - ing har - mo - ny. In  
 3. Christ is the Liv - ing Bread, the source of grace out - poured; our  
 4. Christ is the Liv - ing Head, our sole au - thor - i - ty. By

shares the strug - gles of our day, our earth - ly joy and strife. Re -  
 Christ, the wars of earth shall cease; Christ is our u - ni - ty. The  
 deep - est hun - gers shall be fed; in Christ, life is re - stored. Earth's  
 Christ's own Spir - it we are led to serve hu - man - i - ty. We

deem - ing what is lost, and heal - ing those in pain, Christ  
 li - on shall lie down in peace be - side the lamb. The  
 hun - gry shall re - joice, for they shall all be filled. The  
 fol - low where Christ leads when oth - ers' pain we bear; re -

walks the val - ley of the cross, the Ser - vant's glad do - main.  
 might - y shall lay down their crowns be - fore the great "I  
 good shall wel - come with one voice the jus - tice God has Am."  
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