



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday



There is no Sunday School today; children will remain in worship with their families. Activity bags are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

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

Prelude *Rainbow Connection* Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Bailey Fazzio

One: Once there was sadness –
All: Now we are clothed with Easter joy!
One: Once there was mourning –
All: Now there is the possibility of rejoicing!
One: Once there were tears and silence –
All: Now laughter has returned and praise abounds!
One: Once there was hunger and longing –
All: Now we are gathered together in Christ and fed with God's love!
One: For Christ has risen –
All: He has risen indeed!

*** Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* UM Hymnal #302, v. 1-4

Children's Message
*Children may leave for an Easter egg hunt and Easter activities.
Parents, please pick up your children after worship in the nursery or Lakeview Social Hall.*

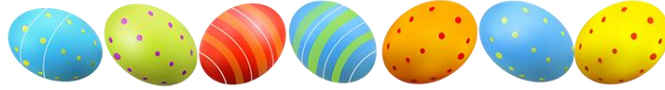
Easter Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Affirmation of Faith
All: We believe in an EASTER GOD, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe in the RISEN CHRIST, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter into life. We believe in the LIVING SPIRIT, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave the tomb and live in the life power of Christ. We are an Easter People. We believe in resurrection and new life.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Easter musicians

Earl Saleminck and Joe Kasperak, trumpet
Ellen Hill, French horn
Hunter Hamby and David Leslie, trombone
David Christiansen, timpani



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.*

***Guests:** Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.*

***This morning's offering** will help the ministries and missions of our church, the Bob Tavani House for Medical Respite (where people who are homeless can heal after being discharged from the hospital), and the NAACP Economic Empowerment Center (which offers financial literacy training and other services to BIPOC people).*

***Faith Forum** will resume next Sunday morning from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Debbi King will talk about her memoir, "Gravedigger's Daughter: Growing Up Rural," a collection of essays recalling her family's mid-century experiences in west central Wisconsin.*

***Each spring** we like to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. If you or a family member are graduating (high school and beyond), please be sure that Pastor Jeanine or the church office has your name, school and degree information.*

***Yogadevotion**, led by Carla Egge, is beginning a new series of classes on April 21 that runs through May 19. The class is held on Mondays in Three Brothers Chapel, and is a mat-based gentle somatic yoga practice. The cost is \$55 for the five-week session; sign up at www.yogadevotion.com/classes or by emailing Lori@yogadevotion.com.*

***Pedals, Pipes and Pizza.** Families with children in 2nd-6th grades are invited for an interactive day exploring the largest and oldest keyboard instrument: the pipe organ. Held at First Lutheran Church (1100 E. Superior St., Duluth) on **Saturday, April 26** from 10am-noon. A free pizza lunch follows. This event is hosted by the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Please register by emailing info@arrowheadago.com*

***The Rhubarb Festival is not far away!** We will again be making pies to donate. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, May 7, 10am-3pm, to make pie dough. Look for further volunteer opportunities in June!*



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Ways You Can Help Your Church



***Volunteers are needed** on Wednesday, May 7, 10am-3pm, to make pie dough for the Rhubarb Festival. Look for further volunteer opportunities in June!*

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

