



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, June 1, 2025



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.

*A nursery is available for children Kindergarten and under; the nursery is located on the lower level to the left of the bathrooms. Activity bags, found on the Family Resource Table outside the Sanctuary, are available for children to use during worship. Please return the activity bags following the service.
Sunday School will resume in the fall.*

Prelude *Nun Danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)* J.S. Bach
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship Maks Vidovic

One: This is the day that the Lord has made,
All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!
One: Morning has broken, like the first morning!
All: Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven!
One: Welcome the sunlight, welcome the morning!
All: Praise God with elation for every new morning!

*** Hymn** *Morning Has Broken* UM Hymnal #145

Children's Message/Baptism of Aurora Jayne Kantonen Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Congregational response: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that *Aurora*, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Baptism Song *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* UM Hymnal #145

Morning Prayer Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer – from the New Zealand Prayer Book
Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name
echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustains our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Maks Vidovic

Psalm 118:19-24

One: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord, through which the righteous may enter.

All: **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

* Hymn *This is the Day*

UM Hymnal #657; sing twice

Mary Whitlock will sing the "Leader" part.

Sermon *Moments that Take Our Breath Away: This is the Day*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Special Music *Thankful*

Foster, Sager, and Page

Mary Whitlock, soprano

Offering Our Gifts

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Communion Music *Vater unser in Himmelreich (Our Father in Heaven)*

Georg Böhm

Velda Graham Bell, organ

* Hymn *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

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Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: This is the day that the Lord has made,

All: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Postlude *"Finale" from Concerto No. 5*

G.F. Handel

Velda Graham Bell, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*



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.

Church office summer hours will be Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm and Friday 9am-noon. If you need staff support or access to the building at other times, please talk to a staff member.

Baptized this morning: Aurora Jayne Kantonen, born August 28, 2024. Aurora's parents are Tess and Micah Kantonen; her brothers are Ashton Enroth, and Charlie and Maks Vidovic. Her godparents are Sarah and Jacob Kantonen.



Thank you to Greg Leiviska for being our interim First Family newsletter editor following Bill Alexander's unexpected death in January. **Thank you** to Nancy Eaton for maintaining and updating the church website and posting on Facebook since Bill's death, and for helping us know and find information we needed. You both have done an outstanding job! Greg will remain in his staff role as Director of Welcome and Office Assistant. Nancy will remain in her role as Administrative Assistant. **We welcome Michelle Rowley** to the FUMC staff as the new Communications Coordinator. She brings many years of experience in communications, marketing, and fundraising. Michelle will start on June 2. Director of Operations Sandy Smith will supervise all administrative and communications roles, so **if you have communications or publicity requests, please go to Sandy**. She will coordinate and assign responsibilities, to make our processes and staffing most efficient.

Annual Conference Love Offering: each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take an offering for missions in conjunction with the Annual Conference session. The Love Offering this year helps us put love into action by supporting: Africa University for student scholarships (30%), Immigration Law and Justice Network (30%), Operation Classroom Ministries (20%), and Midwest Mission (20%). Please make your donations through the church; put "Love Offering" in the check memo, on the envelope, or as a note on your online giving.

Summer activities for children and youth: Pick up a flyer of events at the signup table, and share it with friends.

Friday, June 20, 5-8pm: Vacation Bible School for kids, and Parents' Night Out

Children will have supper and all kinds of fun: crafts, games, science play, and Bible stories.

For children from babies through entering 6th grade. Cost is \$5 per child.

Parents will have three hours to themselves! Go to dinner, have a date night, etc.

Please sign up by **Sunday, June 15** with the church office (218-727-5021), Larry (218-260-9577), Abbi (218-721-7626) or Pastor Jeanine (763-443-0570).

Friday, June 27, 10am-5pm: Youth Mission and Fun Day

For youth entering 7th-12th grades, and their friends! We'll help with Rhubarb Festival preparations and have food and fun in Canal Park. Cost is \$10 each (includes lunch, transportation, and activities).

Please sign up by **Sunday, June 22** with the church office (218-727-5021), Larry (218-260-9577), Abbi (218-721-7626) or Pastor Jeanine (763-443-0570).

Kelby Werner will be commissioned as a clergy probationary member of the Annual Conference on Thursday, June 12 at 7pm. You are welcome to attend in person (at the Kelly Inn Convention Center in St. Cloud) or watch online (we will send out a link). If you'd like to send a card, please give it to Pastor Jeanine or Rev. MaryAnne and they will give cards to him the evening of his commissioning.



The MNTC Choir will be a large part of the worship service on **June 15**. Be sure to be here to hear their inspiring stories of journeys from addiction to recovery. A special offering will be taken to support their ministries.

Concert: Sunday, June 8, 2pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church (2310 E. 4th St., Duluth). "Serenity Mass: Be still and know" was composed by Duluth musician David Packa "to help carry the faithful through difficult and tumultuous times" and performed for the first time in February. A reception will follow the performance. Freewill donation will benefit CHUM.

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Ways You Can Help Your Church

Rhubarb Festival preparations:

Rhubarb! We need rhubarb!— stalks of fresh rhubarb are needed. Donations can be brought to the kitchen from Sunday to Tuesday each week. If you need someone to pick it for you, let us know and we'll send a rhubarb wrangler to your home.



Volunteers are needed to pick and chop rhubarb, clean and slice strawberries, assemble pies, run the dishwasher, mind the ovens, box, label and transport baked goods. See First Family for the full volunteer schedule.

Kitchen Schedule in June

Every Tuesday: chopping/prep 1:00—4:00 (or if your group would like to come after work, let us know)

Every Wednesday: assembling pies 9:30 – 3:00, wrapping and freezing them.

Planting annual flowers with the Garden Group on Wednesday, June 4, at 9am (raindate is June 5). Contact Marlene Bowen, mbowen73@gmail.com

Mowing the church lawn: more people are needed. We'd like to have enough people so that volunteers only need to work every 2-3 weeks.

Reading the call to worship and Scripture during worship services this summer.

Making coffee and/or serving doughnuts following worship services.

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.



Go, My Children, with My Blessing

"Go, my chil - dren with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's bap -
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free. Here my Spir - it's

tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
 dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
 pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,

with my bless - ing, you are my own."
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