



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 26, 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 for children age 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 Lakeview Social Hall after worship.

Prelude *Steal Away to Jesus* arr. Raymond Haan
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Mark Whitlock

One: Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.
All: **Let us dwell in God's work of art.**
One: Come, because the earth is the Lord's,
All: **and God's earth is our home.**
One: We live in God's world; we are not alone.
All: **We share this life with the heavens and the earth; with the waters and the land; with the trees and the grasses; with fish, birds, and animals; with minerals and creatures of every form; and with all our brothers and sisters.**
One: God is good, and everything God makes is good.
All: **God is love, and everything God makes is love's fruit. Let us worship God!**

*** Hymn** *Restless Weaver* insert

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Children in 6th grade and under may leave for nursery and Sunday School following the Children's Message.

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Unison Prayer of Confession: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us and direct us along the path so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

Assurance of Pardon: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, freed from guilt, and empowered to live in God's love. Live as God's beloved, sharing active love with others. Amen!

Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every vision, power, and song, from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!

Anthem *Do Something*

Matthew West

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Scripture Reading

Mark Whitlock

Acts 3:1-10

One: One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said,

All: **"Look at us."**

One: And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said,

All: **"I have no silver or gold but what I have, I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."**

One: And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple;

All: **and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.**

* Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill*

The Faith We Sing #2213

Sermon *We are Miracle Workers*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Jubilant Praise*

Jantz A. Black

Cast in Bronze; Derek Bromme, director

Offering Our Gifts *Stewardship Moment*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

The Faith We Sing #2153

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *Mixolydian*

Ghislaine Reece-Trapp

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.*

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

***Faith Forum** meets on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 in Fireside Lounge. Next week, **November 2**, Naomi Yaeger will talk about her new book, "Blooming Hollyhocks: Tales of Joy During Hard Times." The following week, **November 9**, kindergarten teacher Sara Hill will reflect on teaching elementary students pre- and post-pandemic, and on what's changed.*

***Next Sunday** is All Saints Sunday. We will recognize with candles, bells and silence those from our congregation who have passed to eternity this past year. You will also have the opportunity to light candles in memory of your loved ones.*

***CHUM Food Shelf update:** Next Sunday, **November 2**, is Communion Sunday, when we encourage the congregation to bring donations of food or money for the CHUM Food Shelf. This month the Food Shelf is particularly in need of cereal. One of the results of the ongoing government shutdown is that SNAP benefits (food stamps) will not be sent out, so CHUM and other food providers are expecting a heavy demand. Your help is even more important this month! On Thursday morning, Geoff and Velda Bell took the first batch of canned corn and beans to CHUM, for their Thanksgiving baskets. Our donations came to 637 pounds! They will take any further cans to CHUM on Monday morning. Well done, FUMC! Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!*

***Next Sunday** is also the end of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour!*



***Our annual Trunk or Treat** will be held this **Wednesday, October 29**. There will be supper for everyone from 5:45-6:30 in Lakeview Social Hall, before heading outside for some Halloween fun, including Critters with Nicole! Come in your favorite non-violent costume, and invite all your friends! **Your help is needed:** we need lots of candy to hand out, and decorated cars for the festivities. Sign up in the Narthex to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy at the event. Candy donations can be brought to the church office.*

***The Celebration of Life** for Bob Krumwiede will be Saturday, November 1; 10am visitation, 11am service, followed by a luncheon. Cards of sympathy & support can be sent to Laura Krumwiede, 1504 North Rd. Duluth, MN 55811.*

***Attention College Students:** The Lennon-Berini Scholarship application will be available beginning **November 1** on the church website (fumcduluth.com). Applicants must be a member of First United Methodist Church, have completed at least two years of college, and be pursuing a people-centered career. The deadline for submitting the application and all supporting documents is **Friday, November 21**; send them to teto62@charter.net.*

Coppertop Bazaar update: The Bazaar is **Saturday, November 8, 9am-2:30pm**

Food Needs: Cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Diet Sprite, and Root Beer are needed for the lunch sale. Pans of uncut bars are also needed.

Volunteers: Two volunteers are needed in the dining room, and several volunteers are needed for the Lift, to ensure the lift is operated correctly and safely (training will be provided).

Bakery: A variety of many breads, cookies, muffins, pies, cakes, bars, and homemade jams and jellies are needed.

Information for Bakers: Compostable trays are being provided to use in packing your items for the kitchen for the Bakery; pick up the trays in the church kitchen. Please label your baked goods with the name, whether it contains nuts, if it is gluten-free, and any other helpful information.

Donate gently used books for the FUMC Book Sale, beginning **Sunday, November 9** after church until 12:00pm in the East Lounge. No VHS or cassette tapes, magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks, please. A **sign-up sheet for volunteering** before, during, and after the sale can be found in the Narthex. The book sale is **Saturday, November 15**. Questions? Contact Helen Smith Stone (HS.Stone@gmail.com).

Sunday, November 16 is Consecration Sunday, when we make our financial commitments for the mission and ministry of our congregation in 2026. Please be prayerfully thinking about what you want to give to your church. Following worship that day, we will celebrate our giving by having soup together, prepared by Larry Ehresman and Pamela Brown, in the Lakeview Social Hall. You can eat together or take your soup to go home.

Organ Concert: On **Sunday, November 16** at 3:00pm, our organist, Velda Graham Bell, will be joined by two of her colleagues, Karen Hanson Sande and Rachael Kresha, in presenting "Music She Wrote," an organ concert that shines a spotlight on the incredible talents of women composers for the pipe organ. Karen is the Director of Music and organist at First Lutheran Church in Duluth, and Rachael is Cathedral organist at Christ the King Cathedral in Superior and adjunct professor of organ at UWS. The concert will be held in our Sanctuary and further celebrates the recent renovation and expansion of our Austin pipe organ. Admission to the concert is free, with a freewill offering to be taken.

Yogadevotion: Join our own Carla Egge in the Three Brothers Chapel on Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm. This Somatic Yoga practice is sure to be the unwind you need to begin your week. This 7-week session runs from November 3 – December 15. The cost is \$77. Register at bit.ly/FUMC-Nov

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Ways You Can Help Your Church

Volunteer to decorate your car trunk and hand out candy for Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 29. **Donate candy** for Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 29. Candy donations may be brought to the church office.

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.

