

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 24, 2025~9:30 A.M.

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

With great rejoicing, we come to the house of the Lord today!

God is our refuge and our stronghold.

The power and love of God flow through this gathering.

We place our whole trust in God's mighty compassion for us.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives. AMEN.

HYMN....."Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"UMH #139, vs. 1, 2, 5

UNISON PRAYER

Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. Sometimes we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

ANTHEM.....“An Ascription of Praise”Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....”Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Bob Hunter

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew^[a] you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Luke 13:10-17

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN....."Lord, Speak to Me"UMH #463, vs. 1, 3, 5

MESSAGE....."You Are Set Free From Your Infirmary"Rev. Dong Hun Shin

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.

Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.

Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

HYMN....."Praise the Name of Jesus"TFWS #2066, 2x

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Benedictine Owatonna: Les Wells

Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Lori Schneidewind, Stuart Kuyper, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Williamson, Vada Dahnert, Jon Schultz, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews.

If you would like to make food donations to the Blessing Box, we could use the following items: canned tuna or chicken, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter, canned fruit and spaghetti sauce (canned or plastic container). Cash donations are also accepted. We appreciate donations!

Please note that Pastor Dong will be out of the office August 28 through September 1 attending the Parents' Weekend Open House at the Air Force Academy. Jon Shultz will be filling in on Sunday, August 31.

Newsletter Folding is scheduled for this Thursday, August 28 at 1:00pm in the Hansel & Gretel room. If you are available to help, the folding group always welcomes extra hands.

Choir Practice begins on Wednesday, September 3. If you would like to join the choir, they are happy to welcome new members.

Please note that this Wednesday, August 27, Stacy will be in the office from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/24/2025 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
08/26/2025 (Tues.)	7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
08/28/2025 (Thurs.)	1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Hansel & Gretel Room)
08/31/2025 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday 9:30am to 12:30pm

Wednesday 10:30am to 12:30pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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