

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 7, 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 all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.
Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!

Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude. AMEN.

HYMN....."Spirit of the Living God".....UMH #393

UNISON PRAYER

All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

ANTHEM.....“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”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

Loving and caring God, You know everything about us—our thoughts, our fears, and our hopes. You made us with love, even before we knew your name. We give these gifts to you—not because we are perfect, but because we are looking for you and want to follow you. Please use these gifts to help make the world more full of your love. And please change us, too—make us more open, more kind, and more faithful. Let our giving show that we know you, and let our generosity show your grace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!
THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN.....“O How He Loves You and Me”TFWS #2108

MESSAGE.....“If You Come to Me”Rev. Dong Hun Shin

HOLY COMMUNION.....UMH #9-11

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.....“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”TFWS #2129

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 Willaimson, Vada Dahnert, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter 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, soup, 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!

The Mitten Tree is now up. We will collect hats and mittens through November. Please bring in donations of hats and mittens of all sizes for children of all ages.

Ruth Circle will be meeting this Tuesday, September 9 at 1:00pm in the Gathering Room.

Ruth Circle would like to extend an invitation to a hat show and would like to see you there. The Hat Extravaganza will be on Saturday, September 27 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend!

The beginning of Fall and return to routines is a great time to consider where your time and talents can be of service to the church. Our worship services and events require volunteers to keep things running smoothly and to share the workload. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex to be added to worship volunteer lists. A sign-up sheet for fellowship servers is available down in the Fellowship Hall.

Also, don't forget other events we do during the year: Fall Bazaar (coming up on November 1), Spring Luncheon, Church clean-up and other events we may host. All of these events need many volunteers to be successful.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

09/07/2025 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion
 10:30am – Fellowship

09/09/2025 (Tues.) 1:00pm – Ruth Circle (Gathering Room)

09/10/2025 (Wed.) 7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)

09/14/2025 (Sun.) 9:30am – Worship Service
 10:30am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

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

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