

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 21, 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

God sees the hurt of all God's people.

Praise the God of our salvation!

God wants everyone to be saved.

Praise the God of our salvation!

God sent Jesus to give himself for all.

Praise the God of our salvation!

HYMN....."Lord of All Hopefulness".....TFWS #2197

UNISON PRAYER

God of our salvation, you see your world laid waste with injustice, and indifference, and we tremble at your anger. Only in your tears, born out of vast love, do we find hope. Open to us the way of your tears—the way that leads us back to your love. Teach us to serve you and you alone, that you may deliver, forgive, and renew our world at last. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

ANTHEM.....“We’re Gonna Have Church”.....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

Merciful God, receive these gifts, given not from abundance alone but from hearts that still dare to trust. Let them be signs of your presence in broken places, tools of healing, hope, and grace in the world. Help us live our praise, as your people who believe in your goodness—still. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Janet Welch

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

Tremble and do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.
Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the LORD.

Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"
Let the light of your face shine on us.
Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.

In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

"Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

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

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN....."More Precious Than Silver".....TFWS #2065

MESSAGE....."I Know What I Will Do"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..... “Make Me a Servant”TFWS #2176

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, Ed Herbig, 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.

Please note that due to an appointment later in the morning, on Monday, September 22, Stacy will be in the office from 8:30 to 10:00am. Also, please note that Stacy will be out of the office October 15 through 17.

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.

Mark your calendars ladies! 'HAT EXTRAVAGANZA' this Saturday, September 27 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Lots of fellowship, fun conversation and a beautiful view of Clear Lake. Looking forward to seeing you. Bring a Friend!

RSVP: Roberta Walker, 507-461-3087, bertsandrog@live.com

We're still looking for volunteers to sign up in the areas of Communion Steward, Usher and Liturgist to assist with our worship services. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

Also, it would be helpful to have a back-up person to record the worship service. If anyone is willing to learn how to use the video camera to record the worship service, please let Roger or Jarod know.

Our worship services and events require volunteers to keep things running smoothly and to share the workload.

Fall Bazaar:

Plans are being made for the BIGGEST AND BEST Fall Bazaar which is Saturday, November 1st.

We would welcome any crafts that people might make for the sale. Or if you are a baker, we can always use some great baked goods. Vada will be asking if anyone would like to make cookies for the cookie sale. And if you are doing any early fall cleaning, our slightly used sale can use what you want to get rid of.

Again striving for it to be the Biggest and Best! With you on board we can do it!

2025-26 Confirmation Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Room. The orientation is for parents and confirmation students.

Newsletter folding is scheduled for this Thursday, September 25 at 1:00pm. If you are available to help, the folding group always welcomes more helping hands!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

09/21/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
09/23/2025 (Tues.)	7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
09/24/2025 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
09/25/2025 (Thur.)	1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Hansel & Gretel Room)
09/28/2025 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday 8:30 to 10:00am

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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