

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20th, 2022~9:30 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/WELCOME

THE LENTEN CANDLES

LENTEN INTROIT VS. 1

We journey together this season of Lent; a time to reflect, a time to forgive, a time to repent, a time to remember, a time to recall Christ's giving thru suffering, his death and resurrection for all.

Have we seen the power and glory of God?

Does God's love mean more than life to us?

We must stay close to God

so that we may be supported by him.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Our scripture for this third Sunday in Lent is taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter ten, verses one through thirteen.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was

Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE THIRD LENTEN CANDLE.....Alyssa Kilmer

As we extinguish the third Lenten candle, we know that we face temptations every day. May we be reminded that if we should ever stumble and fall in our temptations, God's grace and love is always there to redeem us. This is only possible through his Son, Jesus Christ.

UNISON PRAYER

God, may we never give up hope during those times that we fall away from your grace but may we know that each time we turn to you, you are always present to renew and refresh our spirits. Amen.

LENTEN INTROIT, VS. 2

Three candles not burning, God, show us the way by helping us trust You, as we must face temptations each day. May we stand beside You; may we never fall; may we never test You; what e'er we do your Name may we call.

HYMN....."As the Deer".....TFWS #2025

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

God Have Mercy
Lord Have Mercy

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.

ANTHEM....."Just a Closer Walk".....Faith Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

PRAYER

God of wilderness and Promised Land, in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care. Send us, not only our offerings, but our very selves, to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out, to listen and sit beside your children everywhere at the one Table you have set; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Luke13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."Let All Things Now Living"TFWS #2008

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

03/20/2022 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Fellowship

03/21/2022 (Mon.) **Newsletter Deadline**
3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

03/22/2022 (Tues.) 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting (*LV Room)

03/23/2022 (Wed.) 12:00 pm-Lenten Lunch at Grace Lutheran (Faith is
hosting)
5:00 pm - Confirmation (Gathering Room)
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

03/24/2022 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study

03/20/2022 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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