

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 23, 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

Children of God, what has God done for you?

**God saves, provides, and holds us in God's steadfast love.**

Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?

**God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.**

When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus' story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

**God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.**

Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

**We come to worship and cling to God, for God's steadfast love never fails!**

HYMN....."Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" .....UMH #361

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

ANTHEM..... "In Christ Alone" .....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.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

**Faithful God, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. In the name of Christ, who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark LaMont

**Psalm 63:1-8**

You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.  
Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.  
I will praise you as long as I live,

and in your name I will lift up my hands.  
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you;  
I think of you through the watches of the night.  
Because you are my help,  
I sing in the shadow of your wings.  
I cling to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

**Luke 13:1-9**

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

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

HYMN.....“Amazing Grace” .....UMH #378, vs. 1-4

MESSAGE.....“My Soul Clings” .....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.....“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” .....UMH #381

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:

**Colony Court:** Margaret Dahnert

**Lakeshore Inn:** Peggy Deno, Sandy Voshell

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Barb Klampe, Sandy Voshell, Lori Schneidewind, Stuart Kuyper, Bob Larson, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Just a reminder we are continuously collecting donations for the Blessing Box. Suggested food donations at this time are pouched meats, boxes of cereal and instant oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, pasta, rice, and instant mashed potatoes. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the narthex. Cash donations are also accepted, note on your check "blessing box". We appreciate your help in keeping this ministry going. Thank you!

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We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the Worship Team. This team would meet periodically with Pastor Dong to assist him in exploring ideas to enhance our worship services and share ideas for special worship services. If you have some ideas and would like to be part of this team, please contact the church office or let a Leadership Team member know.

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The Waseca Community Easter Dinner will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church, 314 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, on Sunday, April 20 from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Dine in, drive thru and delivery will be offered. Sign up by Monday, April 14 by calling St. Paul Lutheran church at 835-2647 or the Waseca Senior Center at 835-4552.

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Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, March 26 from 7:00 to 8:00pm downstairs in the Gathering Room. Youth Group is open to all youth ages 10 to 18. Bring a friend!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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03/23/2025 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
03/25/2025 (Mon.)	7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
03/26/2025 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room) 7:00pm – Youth Group (Gathering Room)
03/30/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship

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\*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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