

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COMMUNION SUNDAY

May 1st, 2016~9:30 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.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP:

L: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

L: There are no outsiders here among us.

All: No one has any special standing or bragging rights.

L: We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

All: Let us all join together in worship!

* CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."Spirit Song"...UMH No. 347

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH....."THE NICENE CREED"...UMH No. 880

L: We believe in one God,

All: The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

L: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

All: The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

L: Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

All: For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

All: Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

L: We believe in the one holy and apostolic church.

All: We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM....."Soon and Very Soon" ...Faith Choir

HYMN OF INVITATION....."Break Thou the Bread of Life" ...UMH No. 599

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have had anxieties about the future, even though we proclaim you as Lord. We have failed to love our neighbors, and we have disobeyed your commands. Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus, forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness that we may walk in your ways and serve you in grace and love. This we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord Jesus Christ is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness; therefore you are forgiven! You are cleansed of all unrighteousness, and you are worthy to partake of this holy meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: "and also with you."

L: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: "We lift them up to the Lord"

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: "It is right to give Him our thanks and praise." It is a right, good, proper, and joyful thing, at all times, and in all places to give you thanks, Lord God. We join our voices with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven who forever sing this song: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the beginning, O Lord, you created us for yourself. But even though we have fallen through our disobedience to sin and death, you in your infinite mercy, grace, and love sent your only begotten Son our Savior Jesus Christ, to live among us as a man, born of a virgin.

He suffered every hardship and adversity, every trial, trouble, tribulation, and temptation that we face—except without sin.

Finally, He stretched out His arms upon the cross in perfect obedience to your will and offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

On the night on which our Lord Jesus was given over to suffering and death through the betrayal of a friend, He took bread, and after He had blessed it and given thanks to you for it, O Lord, He gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you.”

After the supper, He took the cup, and after He had blessed it and given thanks to you for it, O Lord, He said, “Drink of this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for the remission of your sins and the sins of the whole world.” Therefore, as often as we eat this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim His death until He comes again.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is coming again!

Lord Holy Spirit, you are the giver of life in whom we live and move and have our being; consecrate this bread and wine to be, for us, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and consecrate us, O Lord, to partake of this holy meal.

All this we ask, Lord Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the glory of His Father, Amen. Therefore, we pray the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, Forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

As Paul said to the Corinthians, I say to you: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Let us keep the feast! May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you unto eternal life.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As a sign of our being reconciled to God let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”...UMH No. 349

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....**Hebrews 4**

4 Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. 2 For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. 3 For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “*As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’*” although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For He has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” 5 And again in this passage He said, “*They shall not enter my rest.*” 6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, 7 again, He appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “*Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.*” 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. 9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from His works as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and

discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Rest Stop Ahead!" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Give Thanks "...TFWS No. 2036

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."I'll Fly Away" ...TFWS No. 2282

*SENDING FORTH.....Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY 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 Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg,

Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce and Deb Hering, Marilyn and Dan Possin, Chuck Youngberg, Lynne Swenson, Marie Wells, the Westrum family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **May 8th**- We will celebrate Mother's Day.

The Youth Lock-in will be held at Faith UMC from **7:00 p.m., Friday, May 13 to 10:00 a.m., May 14th**.

Celebrate with the Graduates

On **Sunday, May 15** we will celebrate our two high school graduates, Clayton Tanner and Eliot Waters. During the worship service we will pray God's blessings over them. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after the service for cake and punch. Congratulations Graduates!

Also, welcome **new members** Michelle, Travis, Tyler and Cody Hyatt. They come to us by transfer from Evangelical UMC.

On **May 22nd**:

We will celebrate the **baptism** of Parker Thomas Prange, the son of Alison Kluntz and Dylan Prange and the great-grandson of Barb Klampe

On **Sunday, May 29th**, **Rev. Fred Vanderwerf** our Southern Prairie District Superintendent will be our **guest preacher**.

The Relay for Life/Faith for a Cure Team will be working at the **Pizza Ranch** again this year. We will be there on **Monday, May 23** from **5:00 to 8:00** p.m. Come for good food, good company and fast hard workers. We all love serving and waiting on you. All donations and proceeds go to the Relay for Life – American Cancer Society. Thank you.

The **Relay for Life/Faith for a Cure Team** will be having its annual garage sale on **Sunday, May 7** from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the **church Fellowship Hall**. You can deliver your donations starting Wednesday, May 4. We will be receiving items each afternoon at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. **Do not leave items at the church without someone from the team being there.** We have the right to refuse items that do not sell easily. We will accept furniture that is in good condition, but remember if it does not sell we will be asking the person donating it to please pick it up and take it back to their house. Last year too many things were dropped off that we could not sell and we had to dispose of. If you cannot come during our receiving hours, please contact Vada Dahnert or Sue Baldini to make arrangements to meet you at the church. We will also take baked goods for a bake sale and we at Faith United Methodist Church have the best cooks in the county (maybe even the state). All items are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Walking Club starts **Monday, May 2nd** promptly at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at the upper parking lot. We will also be meeting Thursday at 6:30 p.m. We will be doing this throughout the summer. If anyone is interested you are welcome to come.

REST STOP AHEAD

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I. _____ TO _____ . Vs.1-3

II. _____ STOP _____ PULL OVER Vs. 4-11

III. THE _____ OF THE _____ OF _____ Vs.12-13

IV. THE _____ OF _____ AND _____ Vs.14-16

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

5/1/2016 (Sun.)	9:15 a.m.-Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Apportionments Presentation in the Sanctuary after the morning service
5/2/2016 (Mon.)	9:30 a.m.-Walking Club (Upper Parking Lot)
5/3/2016 (Tues.)	3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (**LV Room)
5/4/2016 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away (**FH) 6:30-7:30 p.m.-Confirmation in the Youth Room 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
5/5/2016 (Thur.)	Ascension Day 6:30 p.m.-Walking Club (Upper Parking Lot)
5/6/2016 (Fri.)	7:00-9:00 a.m.-Administrative Assistant Hours 10:00-11:00 a.m.-Worship at Colony Court 6:00-8:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
5/7/2016 (Sat.)	8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.-Relay for Life Garage Sale
5/8/2016 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.-Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship 12:00-4:00 p.m.-Draheim Family Gathering (**FH)

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall