

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP....."How Majestic Is Your Name" ...TFWS No. 2023

TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday of the season of Pentecost. The day of Pentecost revealed the Holy Spirit at work with the early Christian community, demonstrating the intimacy of our relationship with God. It was the presence of God the Holy Spirit that breathed life and power into the first Christians and the newly born Christian church. Jesus had promised the Holy Spirit as guide, comforter, sustainer, and teacher who would reveal everything these early disciples and the church needed to know (John 14:25-26). Thankfully, this promise holds true today for the church and for individual Christians.

It is appropriate that Trinity Sunday follows Pentecost Sunday as the church seeks to understand more fully the mystery and magnificence of the God of love made known by Jesus Christ. The triune God, who is forever beyond our comprehension, will always remain a mystery. Nevertheless, the Holy Spirit discloses to the church, to disciples of Jesus, and to every seeker in search of a relationship with God the truth that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”...UMH No. 103

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.***

ANTHEM...“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”...Faith Choir and Nathan Kilmer, Saxophone

### HOLY BAPTISM

Parker Thomas Prange son of Alison Kluntz and Dylan Prange.  
Grandson of Melody and Tom Kluntz and Mark and Sonya Prange.

HYMN OF INVITATION.....“God Claims You”...TFWS No. 2249

*Parker, Parker, God claims you, God helps you, God protects you, and loves you, too.*

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE**

Dearly beloved, baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which grace we are called to one day confess for ourselves that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Jesus reminded us of the importance children when He welcomed them openly when He said, *“Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”*

As parents, sponsors, family members and friends, we gather to celebrate the life of **Parker** and all God has in store for him. We pledge through our words and actions to lead **Parker** into an understanding of the Christian life and offer him the opportunity to confess Jesus as Lord for himself.

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

L: Beloved, do you in presenting this child for Holy Baptism confess your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

**Family: I do.**

L: Do you therefore accept as your holy duty and privilege to live before **Parker** a life that demonstrates the Gospel; to exercise all godly care that he is brought up in the Christian faith, that he be taught the Holy Scriptures, and that he learn the importance of both the private and public worship of God?

**Family: I do.**

L: Will you endeavor to keep **Parker** under the ministry and guidance of the Church until by the power of God he shall accept for himself the gift of salvation, and be confirmed as full and active member of Christ's holy Church?

**Family: I will.**

### **BAPTISM**

What name is given this child?

**Parker**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE**

L: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that this child may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**All: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray.

O God, our heavenly Father, grant that this child, as he grows in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the restraining and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit he may ever be a true child of yours, serving you faithfully all his days.

So guide and uphold the parents and sponsors of this child that, by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead him into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

**Parker** may God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and for evermore. Amen.

## **FUSS ON THE BABY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC.....“Forever Young” ...Alison Kluntz and Bob Stephan**

**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 LESSON.....Hebrews 7:18–28  
18 For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.  
20 And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, 21 but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: *“The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’ ”*  
22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.  
23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but He holds His priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.  
26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.  
27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up himself. 28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE.....“You Have My Word” ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Glory Be to the Father"...UMH No. 70

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\* CLOSING HYMN..... “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” ...UMH No. 64

## \*SENDING FORTH

*"It was the whole Trinity, which at the beginning of creation said, "Let us make man". It was the whole Trinity again, which at the beginning of the Gospel seemed to say, "Let us save man"." - J. C. Ryle*

## EXIT MUSIC

### **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**

Today's Altar flowers are in honor of Maynard & Norma Buland's 64th wedding anniversary from their children and grandchildren.

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**Walking Club** is on **Mondays**, 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.

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

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**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. All donations and proceeds go to the Relay for Life – American Cancer Society. Thank you.

## Sit & Fit:

A new exercise class is on **Tuesdays** at **10:00 a.m.** This exercise will be stretching and relaxation from the comfort of a chair. If you are not able to take the walks you see other people doing, or attend the Silver Sneakers class, but still would like to participate in some type exercise, I encourage to you try the “Sit & Fit” class. We will be using a DVD with chair exercises. Be sure to check with your physician before attending the class. Come and try something different. Cost is \$1 for each session.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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5/22/2016 (Sun.)	9:30 -10:30 a.m.-Worship Service with Baptism 10:00 a.m.-Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship 6:30-8:00 p.m.-Youth Group at the Parsonage
5/23/2016 (Mon.)	<b>Administrative Assistant in Office, 8:00-4:30 p.m.</b> 9:30-10:30 a.m.-Walking Club 10:00-11:00 a.m.-HCI Team Meeting
5/24/2016 (Tues.)	<b>Administrative Assistant in Office, 8:00-4:30 p.m.</b> 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room) 5:15-6:15 p.m.-Church Council Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.-Hansel and Gretel Graduation in Sanctuary
5/25/2016 (Wed.)	<b>Administrative Assistant Out of Office</b> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away 6:30-7:30 p.m.-Hansel and Gretel Graduation in Sanctuary
5/26/2016 (Thur.)	<b>Administrative Assistant Out of Office</b> 10:15-11:15 a.m.-Hansel and Gretel End of the Year Program 6:00-7:00 p.m.-Choir Potluck 6:30 p.m.-Walking Club
5/27/2016 (Fri.)	<b>Administrative Assistant Out of Office</b> 10:00-11:00 a.m.-Worship at Colony Court
5/29/2016 (Sun.)	9:30 -10:30 a.m.-Worship Service with Fred Vanderfwerf 10:00 a.m.-Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall