

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Open to All**

**May 03, 2015~9:30 a.m.**

ENTRANCE

*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

\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."Make Us One"...TFWS No. 2224 vs. 1-2

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

1 John 1:5 *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.*

HYMN OF CELEBRATION:....."I Love You, Lord"...TFWS No. 2068

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**God, my Father, may I love You in all things and above all things. May I reach the joy which You have prepared for me in Heaven. Nothing is good that is against Your will, and all that is good comes from Your Hand. Place in my heart a desire to please You and fill my mind with thoughts of Your love, so that I may grow in Your wisdom and enjoy Your peace. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 22:25-31**

L: You are the reason I offer praise in the great assembly; I will fulfill my promises before the LORD's loyal followers.

**All: Let the oppressed eat and be filled! Let those who seek His help praise the LORD! May you live forever!**

L: Let all the people of the earth acknowledge the LORD and turn to Him! Let all the nations worship you!

**All: For the LORD is king and rules over the nations.**

L: All of the thriving people of the earth will join the celebration and worship; all those who are descending into the grave will bow before Him, including those who cannot preserve their lives.

**All: A whole generation will serve Him; they will tell the next generation about the sovereign Lord.**

L: They will come and tell about His saving deeds; they will tell a future generation what he has accomplished.

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

ANTHEM....."Built On A Rock"...Faith Choir

HYMN OF INVITATION....."We Are the Body of Christ"...TFWS No. 2227

**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL (All children ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend our Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.)

\*EPISTLE LESSON.....**I John 4:7-21**

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been fathered by God and knows God. The person who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

By this the love of God is revealed in us: that God has sent His one and only Son into the world so that we may live through Him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, if God so loved us, then we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God resides in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we reside in God and he in us: in that he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God resides in him and he in God. And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has in us. God is love, and the one who resides in love resides in God, and God resides in him.

By this love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because just as Jesus is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears punishment has not been perfected in love.

We love because he loved us first. If anyone says "I love God" and yet hates his fellow Christian, he is a liar, because the one who does not love his fellow Christian whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And the commandment we have from him is this: that the one who loves God should love his fellow Christian too.

**L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Bind Us Together"...TFWS No. 2226

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

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. 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.**

MESSAGE ..... "When Love is Not an Option!" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN....."Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"...TFWS No. 2034

SENDING FORTH.....1 John 5:3-4

For this is the love of God: that we keep His commandments. And His commandments do not weigh us down, because everyone who has been fathered by God conquers the world. This is the conquering power that has conquered the world: our faith. Amen.

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, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

**Colony Court:** Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Paul Krause

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

**Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

**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, Leona Quast, Dave and Joann Eggness, Kookie Kukacka, Deloris Asmus, Peter Fog, Jim Keller, Floyd Lamont, Marilyn, Marlin Olson (Patrice's Dad), Paul Krause.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Gardens:** Spring is here and it is time to begin making plans for planting the church gardens. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the bedding plants; your donation is appreciated. You may put your donation in an envelope marked "church garden bedding plants" and put it in the offering plate. Thank you for your support! *Clair Voshell*

**Sew-in Update for May 7th (Thursday) 8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.**

Hooray! We have enough participants. We do need new fabric, 1 yard of flannel with 2/3 yard of coordinating flannel for each kit, 1 yard of 100% cotton (quilters grade). Fabrics should be appealing to teenage girls. No camouflage, animals, bugs; medium to dark colors. You may bring fabric to the church office or give it to Sherry. Call her at 835-4304. Thanks for your help.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE..**

5/3/2015 (Sun.)	9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service *Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
5/5/2015 (Tues.)	10:00 a.m. -Pastor Victor at Colony Court Memory Care 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
5/6/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH) 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
5/7/2015 (Thur.)	8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Female Hygiene Kits Sew-In (**FH)
5/8/2015 (Fri.)	Office Closed 6:15-8:00 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
5/10/2015 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service *Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
5/11/2015 (Tues.)	1:30-2:30 p.m. -Lake Shore Communion 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
5/12/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH) 1:00 p.m. -Communion at Colony Court 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
5/13/2015 (Thur.)	1:00-3:00 p.m. -Faith Crafters and Stitchers (**FH) 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Men of Faith Meeting (**FH)

\*Lakeview Room  
\*\*Fellowship Hall