

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 31, 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

L: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

P: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

L: With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

P: Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!

P: Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude. AMEN.

HYMN....."Christ for the World We Sing"UMH #568

UNISON PRAYER

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

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....."Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Because God has so richly blessed us, we return a portion of these blessings to God, asking that these gifts may be used in service to others through the ministries and mission of this church. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Linda Griffin

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

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

HYMN.....“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”UMH #557

MESSAGE.....Rev. Jon Schultz

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.....“Make Me a Servant”TFWS #2176

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:

Benedictine Owatonna: Les Wells

Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Lori Schneidewind, Stuart Kuyper, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Willaimson, Vada Dahnert, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

If you would like to make food donations to the Blessing Box, we could use the following items: canned tuna or chicken, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter, canned fruit and spaghetti sauce (canned or plastic container). Cash donations are also accepted. We appreciate donations!

Fall Bazaar is Saturday, November 1st. There will be a planning meeting **Wednesday, September 3** at **1:30** in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on attending so we can plan the Biggest and Best Fall Bazaar!

Choir Practice begins on Wednesday, September 3. If you would like to join the choir, they are happy to welcome new members.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/31/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
09/01/2025 (Mon.)	<i>Labor Day – Church Office Closed</i>
09/03/2025 (Wed.)	1:30pm – Fall Bazaar Planning Meeting (**FH) 7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
09/07/2025 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 12:30pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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