FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ALL SAINTS SUNDAY TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 5, 2023~9:30 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

Grace to you and peace from God,

Who is, and was, and is to come. Amen.

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,

the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the Saints. Amen.

<u>HYMN</u>.....TFWS #2283

THE NAMING OF OUR SAINTS

Norma Buland Kirsten Fragodt
Lucille Kubista Mary Shouts
Keith Smith Chuck Youngberg

UNISON PRAYER

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM.....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

Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Linda Griffin

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones

coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN......UMH #640

SCRIPTURE READING......Pastor Jon Schultz

Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons [a] of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MESSAGE......Pastor Jon Schultz

HOLY COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC......Bob Stephan

HYMN.....UMH #384

OUR PRAYER FOR THE 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.

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag **Janesville Nursing Home**: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast **Latham Place**: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, Margaret Hasslen, family and friends of Mary Shouts, family and friends of Kirsten Fragodt, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving dinner will be served at Christian Assembly Church, 900 14th Avenue SE, on Thursday, November 23 at Noon. Sign up at the Waseca Senior Center or call Christian Assembly at 507-833-1082 before noon on Friday, November 17. There is no charge for the meal; all donation gratefully accepted.

Please review the insert in the bulletin explaining the "Conversations at the Crossroads" process. Our first session is scheduled for **Monday, November 20 at 6:30 pm**. Our second session will consist of interviews which will be scheduled for Tuesday, November 28. Interview participants will consist of leadership team members. Active members are also invited to sign up for the interview session. We will have a sign-up sheet with available time slots next week. Our consultant would like to have the interview schedule completed by the November 20 meeting.

 $\label{thm:eq:continuous} \mbox{UWF Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13 at 10:00 am.}$

UWF Unit meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20 at 1:00 pm.

| THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE | |
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| 11/05/2023 (Sun.) | All Saints Sunday Birthday Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship |
| 11/06/2023 (Mon.) | 3:00-4:30 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room) |
| 11/07/2023 (Tue.) | 7:00 am – 8:00 pm – Primary Election (**FH) |
| 11/08/2023 (Wed.) | 7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room) |
| 11/12/2023 (Sun.) | 9:30 am – Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am- Fellowship |

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Pastor's Office Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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