

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**  
**November 26, 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

“I am the Alpha and the Omega”, says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty”.

**Blessing and honor and glory and might unto the lamb!**

HYMN....."The Church's One Foundation" .....UMH #546, vs. 1, 3, 5

UNISON PRAYER

**Almighty God, make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to your eternal glory. Amen.**

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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.

ANTHEM..... “An Ascription of Praise” .....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

**God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from this earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Janet Welch

**Matthew 25:31-46**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was

thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN....."Open My Eyes, That I May See".....UMH #454

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

MESSAGE....."Bleating Moments" .....Pastor 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....."Crown Him with Many Crowns".....UMH #327

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:** Margaret Hasslen

**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, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

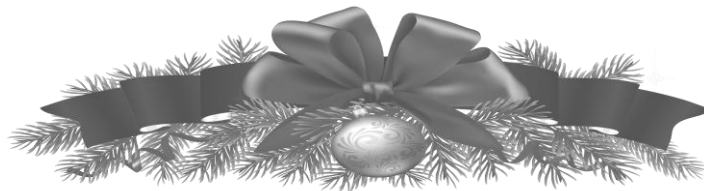
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sunday school is meeting this morning and we will decorate the Mitten Tree. In December, Sunday school will meet December 3 and 10.

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The season of advent is fast approaching. Can you believe it?! We need your help to decorate our church as we prepare to celebrate this joyous season. Please come on **Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 am** to help decorate. It will be fun and help to get you into the holiday spirit. You can stay as little or as long as you like. Remember, many hands make light work!



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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11/26/2023 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
11/27/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:00 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
11/29/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
12/02/2023 (Sat.)	9:00 am – Decorate for Advent
12/03/2023 (Sun.)	First Sunday of Advent 9:30 am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am- Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room   \*\*Fellowship Hall

**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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