

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026~9:30 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

Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

We follow, trusting in God’s mercy.

We witness Jesus resist misuse of power for selfish gain.

We recognize God’s mercy at work in the face of temptation.

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

We pay attention to God’s merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN.....“Amazing Grace”UMH #378, vs. 1-4

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ, you know the tests and trials we face. Journey with us through this wilderness. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. In Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM..... “When I Survey”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

Gracious God, at this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work, shaping us through challenge, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with you. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Bob Hunter

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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

HYMN..... "Lamb of God"TFWS #2113

MESSAGE....."If You Fall Down"Rev. Dong Hun Shin

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.....“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”UMH #671

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

Foxdale: Sherry Scholljegerdes

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Lori Schneidewind, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Willaimson, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter, Ed Herbig, Bud Deno, Roger Walker, Terra LaMont, Shelley King, Gary Born, Dan Klampe, the people of Minneapolis, 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. To assist the ushers, please tear off the page after signing and leave it on top of the attendance pad.

Please note that Stacy will be out of the office on Monday, March 2 and March 9 through March 13.

Greater Waseca Ministerial Association Lenten Soup Lunches will be served on Wednesdays at noon, February 25 through March 25. All lunches will be hosted at St. John Lutheran Church, 401 3rd Ave. NE. Faith UMC will be serving the lunch on March 4.

Newsletter folding is scheduled for Thursday, February 26 at 1:00 in the Gathering Room. A couple of our regular folders are currently away for the winter so the folding group would welcome some extra hands if you're available.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/22/2026 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
02/24/2026 (Tues.)	7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
02/25/2026 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Confirmation Class (Church Office) 7:00pm – Choir Practice
02/26/2026 (Thurs.)	1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Gathering Room)
03/01/2026 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship

Deposits Last week: \$701 to operating account; \$0 to trustee's account

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

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

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