FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 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 (Psalm 105)

Praise the Lord!

We gather to sing praises to God.

Praise the Lord!

We gather to give thanks for all God has done in our lives.

Praise the Lord!

We gather to worship our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

HYMN……"Leave It There"……UMH #522

RESPONSIVE READING……Psalm 5, UMH pg. 742

ANTHEM……"Little Talk With Jesus"……Men of 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

"Almighty God, there are treasures all around us-family, friends, your abiding presence, and the love of Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts as we return to you now. Bless them, that others might come to know the true treasures of your love and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen"

SCRIPTURE READING……..Mary Stauffer

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he went ashore he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes'aret, and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, and ran about the whole neighborhood and began to bring sick people on their pallets to any place where they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or country, they laid the sick in the market places, and besought him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched it were made well.

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

HYMN…… “Stand By Me”……UMH #512, vs. 1-3

SERMON……“Hungering for Some Time Off”…….Pastor Elden Eklund

HYMN……“Through It All”……UMH #507

BENEDICTION (Genesis 29, Psalm 105, Romans 8, Matthew 13)

Go forth knowing that you are part of God’s family.

We will go forth proclaiming the praises of God.

Go forth in assurance that Christ is always with us.

We will go forth to bring the kingdom of God wherever we are.

CLOSING HYMN…….“God Be with You till We Meet Again”…….UMH #672, vs. 3, 4

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:

Whispering Creek, Janesville: Margaret Dahnert

Foxdale: Sherry Scholljegerdes

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy, Ed Herbig

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Darla Dahnert, Lona Willaimson, Roger Walker, Doug Dahnert, Bob Stephan, Jamie Gilchrist, 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 July 21 through July28.

Stacy's hours for the week are posted on the last page of the bulletin, under "Week at a Glance". Hours may vary during the summer.

Pastor Elden will usually be in Waseca on Wednesday mornings but is available at other times if needed. If you would like him to make a home visit, let him know and a time can be set up. His contact information is listed below "This Week at a Glance" section in the bulletin.

Newsletter folding is scheduled for Thursday, July 30 at 1:00 in the Gathering Room. If you are available to help, the folding group always welcomes extra helping hands.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

07/26/2026 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
07/28/2026 (Tues.)	7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
07/30/2026 (Thurs.)	1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Gathering Room)
08/02/2026 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship

Deposits July 19: $1,860 to operating account; $20 to trustees

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:
Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am – 1:00pm

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