FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 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 124, James 5)

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!
Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!
Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.
We come with songs of praise, with prayers, too deep for words.
Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!
Blessed be the Lord!

HYMN.....“In the Garden”……UMH #314

RESPONSIVE READING……Psalm 119, vs. 41-48

Let thy steadfast love come to me, O LORD,
your salvation according to your promise;
then shall I have an answer for those who taunt me,
for I trust in your word.
And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your ordinances.
I will keep your law continually,
for ever and ever;
and I shall walk at liberty,

for I have sought your precepts.
I will also speak of your testimonies before rulers,
and shall not be put to shame;
for I find my delight in your commandments,
which I love.
I revere your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes.

ANTHEM……..“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”……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 (Acts 2, Romans 8)……..Unison

Precious Lord, we hunger for the light and strength that only the Spirit can bring.
Feed us and strengthen us as we learn to feed others.
Fill us with the breath of your spirit as you search our hearts.
Take our lives as proof of our faithfulness.
Take our gifts as proof of our love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING……Mark LaMont

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments

and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.

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

HYMN……"O How I Love Jesus"……UMH #170

SERMON……"Happiness Full Stop"……Pastor Elden Eklund

HYMN…… "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"……UMH #384

BENEDICTION (Mark 9)

You are the light of the world!
We will let our light shine for all to see!
You are the salt of the earth!
We will let our salt flavor this earth with God's love!
Go forth as salt and light.
We will be at peace with God's amazing world. Amen

CLOSING HYMN……"Jesus Loves Me"……UMH #191

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, Sandy Voshell
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, Sandy Voshell, Barb Klampe, Vada Dahnert, Roberta Walker, Beth Biddle, those impacted by the floods in Nepal, 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.

As you know, the fourth Sunday of the month has been Pancake Sunday where we collect donations of pancake mix and syrup for the food shelf. Starting in October, we are changing it up to "Soup Sunday" to begin collecting canned soup for the winter. There is box in the narthex designated for these donations and it will be taken to the food shelf once full.

We are seeing a lot of use of our Blessing Box, the small food pantry at the edge of our parking lot. As a reminder, we appreciate donations for this ministry and would like to stock up before winter. Suggested items include cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, ramen noodles, pouched meats, instant potatoes, rice, pancake mix and syrup. When temperatures are below freezing we do not put out canned goods due to cans expanding and being damaged. There is a box in the narthex designated for these donations.

Reminder - Next Sunday, October 4 we will participate in the community worship service for World Wide Communion Sunday at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm. Remember to bring a chair and an extra if you have one. There will be a collection box designated for our church so you can bring your offering.

For those who may wish to car pool, you can gather at Faith UMC at 9:30am that morning.

There will not be worship service at church on Sunday, October 4.

In case you are unable to attend the community worship, we will have communion on Sunday, October 11 at church.

Fall Bazaar Alert - November 7

Signup sheets for supplies, money donations, and workers are in the entryway. Please sign up as soon as possible so planning can be completed. Crafts, baked goods and nearly new items are also needed. Let's make this Bazaar the Biggest and Best!

Following worship on Sunday, October 11, Jarod will give a financial update and will inform the congregation of the need for a Special Ask. You will have an opportunity to ask questions during this time.

Newsletter folding is scheduled for this Thursday, October 1 at 1:00pm in the Hansel & Gretel room. The folding group always welcomes extra helping hands if you are available.

Please note that Stacy will be out of the office on Monday, October 5 and October 14 through 16.

Please note that Pastor Elden will be gone October 12 through 17. On Sunday, October 18 we will have Rev. Gordon Orde filling in.

The Mitten Tree will be going up the end of October/beginning of November. We will collect donations of hats and mittens through mid November. The hats and mittens a will be distributed to pre-school and elementary aged children so keep that in mind for sizing. **Please no scarves.**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

09/27/2026 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
09/30/2026 (Wed.)	10:30am – Bible Study (Gathering Room) 7:00pm – Choir Practice
10/01/2026 (Thurs.)	1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Hansel & Gretel Room)
10/04/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Meet at Church for car pooling 10:30am – Community Worship at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm

Deposits September 20: $550.00 to operating account; $40.00 to trustees

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am – 12:30pm

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