**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
**NOVEMBER 1, 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/RESPONSIVE READING

On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.
**We give thanks!**
We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.
**We give thanks!**
We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.
**We give thanks!**
We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.
**We give thanks!**
We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.
**We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God.**

HYMN……"For All the Saints"……UMH #711, vs. 1-3

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.**

ANTHEM……"Marching to Zion"……..Faith Choir

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY……UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Isaiah 23)……..Unison

**"God of plenty, receive these gifts of treasure and accept our gifts of talent and time as well. Remind us that we can never give of our bounty beyond your capacity to replenish. God of plenty, gather together these scraps that we take from our plates of plenty. Join them with the offerings of all your children who sit at your feast. Use our gifts according to your will, that they may be a blessing for those in need. Amen."**

SCRIPTURE READING……Mark LaMont

**2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**

Paul, Silva′nus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalo′nians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his call, and may fulfil every good resolve and work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

HYMN……..……..“How Great Thou Art”……..……UMH #77

SERMON……“Who Are the Saints?”……..…….Pastor Elden Eklund

HYMN…….…….. “Fill My Cup, Lord”…….……..UMH #641

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND ALL SAINTS REMEMBERANCE

INVITATION

The invitation is simple:  come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,
to the seeker eager to know God,
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.
There is great joy here.
No one is turned away for God is the host!

PRAYER (Congregation read bold print in unison)

God is in this place.
**And in our hearts.**

Open yourself to the nudging God.
**We feel the breath of the Spirit.**

Remember God made flesh.
**Jesus, who taught us in a new way.**

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,
To taste the feast,
The same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

**Time and time again you've offered your grace,**
**Even as we have stepped away,**
**You continued to call us to be your people.**

You have never left us.
We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.
You are ever-patient, always faithful.
For the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**With those who have gone before us,**
**Whose hands touched the bread,**
**Whose lips embraced the cup,**
**We worship you,**
**We glorify you.**

REMEMBERING

We remember those who have died in the past year.
We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember:

*Sue Baldini*
*Douglas Hunter*
*Doug Jones*
*Les Wells*
*Ben Matteson*

And we remember all those who have gone before us.

This is the mystery of our faith:
**Christ has died.**
**Christ has risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING WINE

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:
"This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."
And pouring the wine:

"This is my blood, spilled out for you.  Do this in remembrance of me."

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

God of all, send your Spirit to this place
so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,
may know your presence.
And with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world.
Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.
**Help us**
**To know you,**
**To be guided by the Holy Spirit,**
**And to live Christ.**
**Now and forever.**
**Amen.**

CALL TO THE FEAST

This is the feast prepared for you.
Come and share for all is ready.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ.**
**From child-like faith, to youthful energy,**
**From middle-aged mindfulness to elder's wisdom.**
**We thank you for this time, this remembrance.**

BENEDICTION

Increase our faith.
**Boldly!**
Help us to love.
**Boldly!**
Encourage  us to act.
**Boldly!**
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.
**Amen.**

BENEDICTION HYMN……..“Shall We Gather at the River”……..…….....UMH #723

POSTLUDE

| THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE… | |
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| 11/01/2026 (Sun.) | Birthday Sunday<br>All Saints Sunday<br>9:30am – Worship Service<br>10:30am – Fellowship |
| 11/03/2026 (Tues.) | 7:00am – 8:00pm – General Election (FH) |
| 11/04/2026 (Wed.) | 7:00pm – Choir Practice |
| 11/07/2026 (Sat.) | 11:00am - 1:00pm – Fall Bazaar |
| 11/08/2026 (Sun.) | 9:30am – Worship Service<br>10:30am – Fellowship |

**Deposits October 25: $787.05 to operating account; $0.00 to trustees**

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

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