

Wednesday, June 25, 2025
3rd Week after Pentecost
Faces of our Faith:
Shiphrah & Puah



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that
is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN: ACS 987 "Guide My Feet" (vv. 1, 3, 1) *

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING (see below)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 709 "When Our Song Says Peace" *

OFFERING

During the offering moment, we invite you to reflect on one of your Faces of Faith. This week, bring to mind someone who has shown you how to resist peer pressure or stand up for what is right. Write their name on the piece of paper provided. During the prayers, you will be invited to bring forward this paper and offer it as a prayer of gratitude for this person who has been a Face of Faith to you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 768 "Lead Me, Guide Me" *

DISMISSAL

**ELW = Red Hymnal; ACS = Purple Hymnal*

READING

Reading: *Exodus 1:8-22*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. The Egyptians were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

BRINGING IT HOME

This section provides guidance on how to discuss a passage from the Revised Common Lectionary for the week as a family! The devotions for this week are for Luke 9:51-62

Reflection Questions

- Today's story begins with Jesus setting out on a long journey to Jerusalem. Some people along the way didn't welcome him, and the disciples tried to respond with anger. What do you remember happening in the story?
- We are in the season after Pentecost, when we learn how to live like Jesus. What does this story reveal about how Jesus lived his life?
- The story says Jesus "set his face toward Jerusalem." This means he was focused and brave, even when the journey ahead was going to be challenging. What does this story show us about how Jesus responds to rejection or challenge?
- Jesus didn't fight back when people rejected him; he chose peace and kept going. Share a time when you "set your face" towards something when it was hard to remain kind or brave.
- When you bravely face something difficult, what do your mind and body need to help you keep going?

Prayer

Loving God, though the journey is long, you never give up. Though others come and go, you never leave us. When we feel like fighting back or giving up, fill us with your kindness, strength, peace, and love. Amen.

Activity

Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem. He knew he had to brave the journey ahead of him to follow God. Jesus prepared his heart by praying and trusting God. Invite the children in your life make your own “Bravery Masks,” which will help you and them to face difficult things with love, peace, and courage.

Start by giving each child a paper plate. Invite them to cut out the center so the plate fits like a mask, and then cut holes for the eyes and mouth if they'd like. The shape of the mask is up to them—it can cover the whole face or just the top half, like a masquerade mask.

Revisit discussion question five, where you talked about what helps you be brave. Using symbols, colors, or words, invite everyone to draw, paint, or write those things on their masks. Ideas might include hearts, peace signs, smiles, or calming colors.

Once decorated, help them punch a hole on each side and tie a string to wear their mask. Then invite them to share—if they'd like—what they put on their mask and what helps them be brave.

Look it Up!

Did you know the disciples wanted to send fire on the Samaritans, but Jesus chose peace?

Look up modern “peace activists” who brought change through nonviolence instead of harm, like Jesus did. What can we learn from their courageous, peaceful actions?



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PRACTICE**

Another word for “mission” is “purpose.” When you feel a sense of purpose, it is easier to make choices.

When you need to make a decision, center your thoughts on your purpose. Like Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, your choice will become clearer.



Thank you for your offering of **\$8,049.20** for the week of **June 22.**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Cory and Deb Mills, in honor of their 55th Anniversary. **Thank you!**

The **Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 4** in honor of Independence Day.

All students who are active members at Faith Lutheran Church may apply for a **college tuition scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year**. Whether a graduating high school student or already at college, head out to our Faith website www.faithbismarck.com/forms and email the completed form and a current transcript to the office faith.bisfaith@gmail.com by July 15.

Join us on **Saturday, June 28th**, to celebrate **Norbert and Sharon Mayer's 60th Wedding Anniversary!** **Open house in the Fellowship Hall will start at 2pm** with cake and ice cream. Hope to see you there!

Please join us **on Thursday, July 17th for a Scripture Circle led by U.S. Jones, II!** This powerful method of studying scripture focuses on details and connections across Scripture. The event, **hosted at McCabe United Methodist Church, will start with a light dinner at 5pm, and then study from 5:45pm-8pm.** A free-will offering will be taken if you feel moved to help supplement the speaker fee. Look out for **other Scripture Circle opportunities** on August 14th (at MSLCC North Campus), and more throughout the year!

Thank you to all our NC Mission Trip Sponsors! We have now **reached our goal of \$8,000!** You can still **make a donation to Faith Lutheran with “NC trip sponsor” in the memo line or on a note, or use our Give page on our website.** Any money not used for the trip will go towards recovery efforts in Western North Carolina.

Join us on **Thursday, July 10 at 6pm for a Taste of Home Event!** Enjoy a variety of **Middle Eastern dishes** as we listen to personal stories of strength and resilience, and connect with others in the spirit of community. **Free-will offering will go to Bismarck Global Neighbors.** Hope to see you there!

Message and Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins

Music: Colleen Reinhardt

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 26

6:00 Knit & Crochet Night

Friday, June 27

8:00 NA

Saturday, June 28

2:00 Mayer 60th Wedding
Anniversary Open House

Sunday, June 29

9:30 Worship
3:00 NC Trip Meeting

Monday, June 30

7:00 AA

Tuesday, July 1

2:00 Crafts

Wednesday, July 2

7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus

JUNE: COMMUNITY ACTION FOOD PANTRY



The Community Action Food Pantry provide food baskets, usually filled with enough food to last approximately 4-7 days, to income qualified clients and families in need. They are currently in need of canned soups, pasta and pasta sauce, canned chicken and tuna, pancake mixes, rice, and other non-perishable food items. Thank you for your generosity!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." - Matthew 25:35