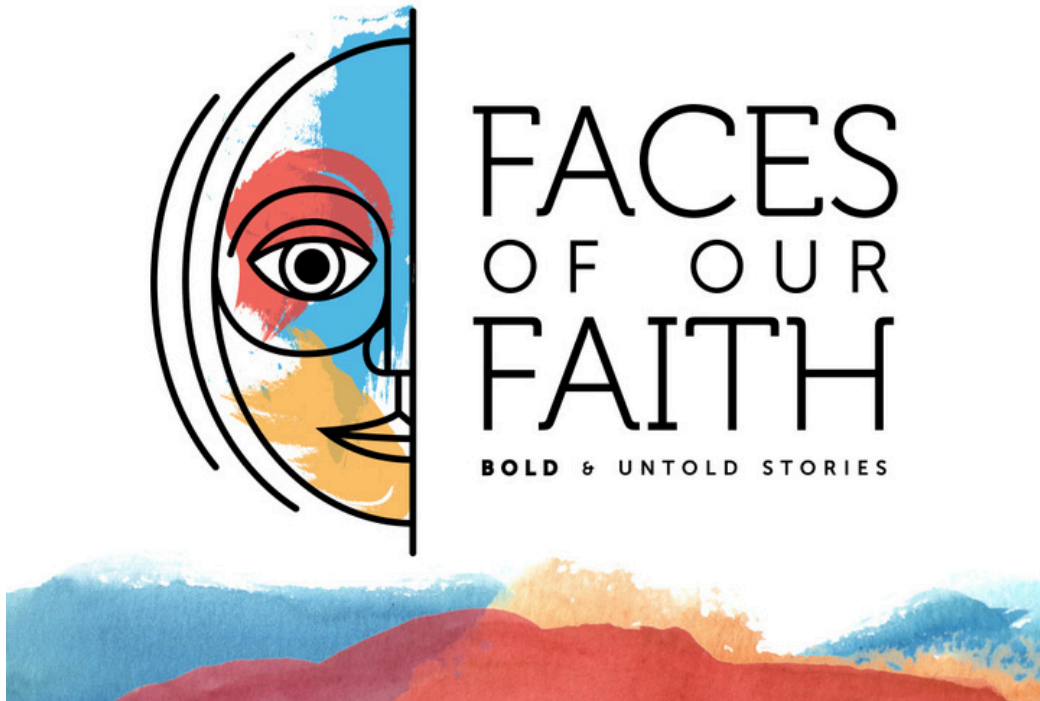


Wednesday, July 16, 2025
6th Week after Pentecost
Faces of our Faith: Judas Iscariot



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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: ELW 583 “Take My Life, That I May Be” *

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING (see next page)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Nothing Can Ever Come Between Us and the Love of God”

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 failed you or broken trust, offering their name with forgiveness and grace. Or, you might offer the name of someone who has offered that grace and forgiveness to you. 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: ACS 950 “Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In” *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Summary of Mark 14: 1-2, 10-50*

Two days before the Passover, the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus stealthily and kill him, without causing a riot among the people. Judas Iscariot approaches them and offers to betray Jesus, in exchange for money.

Jesus has some of the disciples prepare the Passover meal, and sits eating and drinking with them in the evening. Jesus announces that one of the people eating with him will betray him. All the disciples are shocked, and hope it will not be themselves. Jesus then blesses and breaks bread saying "Take; this is my body", and then takes the cup gives thanks, and says "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

After the hymn, they go to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus tells them they will all fall away from him, but he will be raised up and go to Galilee. Peter denies that he will fall away, and Jesus says he will deny him three times that night. All the disciples say they will not deny Jesus.

At Gethsemane, Jesus asks all the disciples to sit while he prays, and takes Peter, James and John with him. He becomes distressed and agitated, and asks the remaining three to stay there and stay awake. Jesus prays for the Father to pass this burden from him, but to also do what is the Father's will. He goes to pray three times, and each time he returns, the three are asleep. He asks each time for them to stay awake, but they can not keep their eyes open. Then Jesus says that it is time for the Son of Man to be betrayed into the sinners' hands.

Judas approaches Jesus with a crowd of the chief priests, scribes and elders carrying swords and clubs. Judas kisses Jesus, the secret sign to arrest him, and they move to arrest him. Someone nearby draws a sword and cuts off the ear of the slave of the high priest. Jesus chastises them, saying they could have arrested him several times when he was teaching in the temple, but the scripture will be fulfilled. All the disciples desert Jesus and flee.

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

BRINGING IT HOME

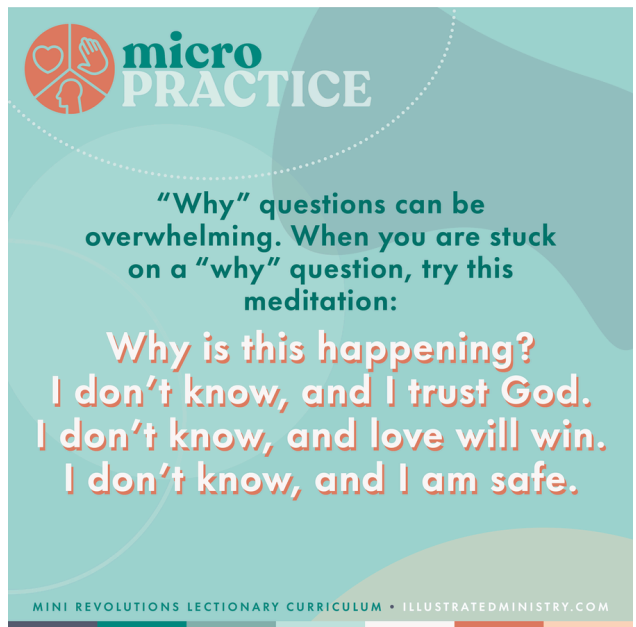
This section provides guidance on how to discuss a passage from the Revised Common Lectionary for the week as a family! The devotions for this week are for Psalm 52

Reflection Questions

- Psalms often tell a story in three parts. First, it talks about someone doing wrong things. Then, it says what God will do about it. Lastly, the author says they still trust God. Where do you find these three parts in this psalm?
- We are in the Season after Pentecost. It's a time when we grow in God's goodness. How does the olive tree show us God is good?
- This psalm mentions big feelings because someone had used their power in a hurtful way. What feelings did you notice in the psalm? What can we do when we feel upset because something isn't fair?
- This psalm portrays two types of individuals: one who abuses their power and causes harm, and another who speaks out against the person causing harm. How are people acting in these ways in our world right now?
- How can we be like the person in the psalm speaking out against harm?

Prayer

God of justice, we know there is hurt and destruction in our world. We also know you don't ignore harm. When leaders and rulers choose to lie and destroy, fill us with courage and compassion to stand up for what's kind. Amen.



Activity

This psalm describes the righteous as being like olive trees. Righteous means doing what is right and good. Look at images of olive trees. Notice how their leaves and branches are shaped. With the children in you life, on individual papers or as a large group mural-style, draw a line for the ground about one-third from the bottom of your paper. Then, draw an olive tree from the ground up.

An olive tree participates in its environment in many ways. It supports others, and in return, others support it. This is the tree's ecosystem. An ecosystem is how living things help each other grow and stay healthy. Our trees live in an ecosystem, and so do we! Let's add drawings and words to show how your tree and your life support and are supported by others.

- Trees have roots that hold the tree in place so wind doesn't blow them over. Draw roots. Near the roots, write or draw what helps you feel strong and steady when hard things happen.
- Tree roots feed tiny helpers in the soil by releasing carbohydrates and acids. These helpers are called microorganisms (tiny living things). In return, these helpers break down sticks, dead leaves, and other debris into food the tree can eat through its roots. This is a mutual relationship. Draw some microorganisms (you can make them up!). Then think, who do you help in your life? Who helps you? Write/draw them with your microorganisms.
- Tree branches give homes for birds, squirrels, bugs, and other animals. Draw these in your tree. How do you care for others? Who feels safe with you? Write/draw them in your tree, too.
- Olives on the tree provide food for both animals and humans. Draw olives. What do you give to others, like food, comfort, or care? Draw/write that near the olives.

Discuss how the sun provides light or how the bark protects the tree. Connect this to the righteous one in the psalm.



The offering total for the week of **July 13** will be available in next week's bulletin.

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Robin and Allen Schumacher, in memory of Matthew Watson.
Thank you!

The **July Newsletter** is now in the mail and available online! If you would like to pick up a paper copy, stop by the table in front of the Ave C entrance.

Please join us **tomorrow, 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 (1030 N 6th St, Bismarck), 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, 4916 N Washington St, Bismarck), and more throughout the year!

Looking to boost your communication skills and stretch your improvisational muscles? Join us on **Friday, July 25th, from 5:45 to 7:15 PM** in the East Room at Faith Lutheran Church for a playful, hands-on **workshop in improv comedy and drama.** We'll cover the basics of good improv and create space for laughter, creativity, and connection with others from the church and local community. **No experience needed** — just a willingness to say “yes, and!” Teenagers are welcome with adult supervision. No RSVP required, but feel free to reach out with questions at **joseph.michalka@gmail.com**

Interested in **serving the community with other women from the East Missouri WELCA Cluster?** Join us for a community project at **Missouri Slope Care Center on Sunday, July 20th from 12:30pm-3pm!** We will be bringing wheelchair residents to chapel services, and then returning them to their rooms. There are also opportunities to assist residents at Missouri Slope to play Bingo **any Tuesday in July from 1:45pm-3pm!** If you are interested, please sign up using the sheet on the back counter, or contact Connie Isaak at (701) 258-2025 (home) or (701) 391-2825 (cell).

Mark your calendars for the **next Interfaith Potluck!** Join other community members on **Saturday, August 9th from 11:30am to 1pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** (1500 Country West Road, Bismarck) for a time of great food, fellowship, and friendly conversations. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. We will also be **collecting school supplies for area non-profits**, and there will be an opportunity to learn more about family history and genealogy. Hope to see you there!

Please be in prayer for our **NC Disaster Response Trip group** as they travel to Western NC and serve those impacted by Hurricane Helene **from Sunday, July 27th to Friday, August 1st.**

Message and Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Music: Linda Lueneberg

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 17

5:00 Scripture Circle (McCabe)

Friday, July 18

8:00 NA

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, July 20

9:30 Worship

5:00 NC Trip Meeting

Monday, July 21

7:00 AA

Tuesday, July 22

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

Wednesday, July 23

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus



JUNE & JULY: 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