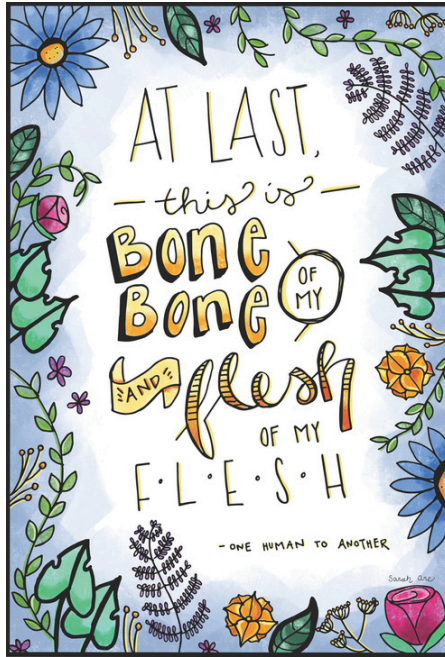


**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Faces of our Faith: Adam & Eve**



*At Last* by Sarah Are, colored by Lauren Wright Pittman  
Ink on Paper with Graphic Coloring,  
Inspired by Genesis 2:4b-25

## **Faith Lutheran Church**

### *Mission Statement*

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

#### **MINISTERS**

**SENIOR PASTOR**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

**Every Member**

**Derek Harkins**

**Sylvia Bull**

1402 E Ave C Bismarck, ND 58501

Pastoral Care Emergency Number: 701-595-0223

[faithbismarck.com](http://faithbismarck.com)

701-223-2236

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 641 "All Are Welcome" \***

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ACS "10,000 Reasons" \***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Word: God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching and song.*

**READING:** see next page

**RESPONSE TO READING: ACS "O God, Who Gives Us Life" \***

**CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 649 "Behold, How Pleasant" \***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING MOMENT**

*Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**ELW 556 "Morning Has Broken" \***

**ELW 732 "Borning Cry" \***

*Sending: God blesses us and sends us into the world to love and serve our neighbors.*

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 731 "Earth and All Stars" \***

**DISMISSAL**

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

## GOING DEEPER

- What is on your heart as you come to worship today?
- What connected with you in the sermon today?
- What challenged you?
- What prayers are on your heart today?
- What nourishment do you need from Jesus for the days ahead?
- What will you carry with you from worship this week?

## READING(S)

### **First Reading:** *Genesis 2:4b-25*

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there the LORD God put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then God took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man the LORD God made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

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

## **DWELLING IN THE WORD**

- What words or phrases catch your attention in the reading(s)? What surprises you?
- What questions do you have?
- What might God be saying to you, or to us as a community, through the reading(s)?

## ARTIST STATEMENT

Each week, we will be focusing on different individuals in scripture that are often overlooked, taken from the “Faces of Our Faith” series by A Sanctified Art. Below is a reflection on the artwork found on the front of the bulletin from the artist that created the piece.

### ***At Last by Sarah Are, colored by Lauren Wright Pittman***

Ink on Paper with Graphic Coloring, Inspired by Genesis 2:4b-25

I love this story of Adam and Eve.

For generations people have abused this story, trying to imply that women are less than men because Eve came second, but that is not the point of this story. The power of this story is not in the order. The power of this story is in a God that saw how humans need one another, and in Adam’s first testimony of belonging.

Before Eve, Adam was alone—truly alone—and you and I both know that we as humans need one another. It’s the way we’re wired!

God sees Adam’s isolation and responds. God transforms that deep human loneliness into deep human belonging through new creation.

What amazes me most about this story is Adam’s response. It would be so human of Adam to focus on their differences, to be hesitant in his welcome, or to act superior for being made first. However, instead of focusing on their differences, Adam immediately celebrates their connection. It’s as if Adam says, “At last! I have been waiting for someone to belong to, and even though we look different, we are made from the same God, so you and I, we belong together.”

Can’t you just hear Adam’s sigh of relief? Can’t you imagine how deeply his heart must have ached in his own human isolation, and how quickly that must have changed at the sight of her face?

I wonder just how different this world would be if we saw strangers and friends like Adam sees Eve. You the refugee, you the convict; you who is black or white, old or young, gay or straight—you are bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. You and I, we belong together. May we never forget it.



**Thank you** for your offering of **\$7,398.63** for the week of **June 15!**

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

Please join us for Coffee Hour, after service, **today** to celebrate the **birthdays of Wayne and Margene Granfor** who will soon both be turning 90!

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

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](http://www.faithbismarck.com/forms) and email the completed form and a current transcript to the office [faith.bisfaith@gmail.com](mailto:faith.bisfaith@gmail.com) by July 15.

Please join us **on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> (at MSLCC North Campus), and more throughout the year!

Thank you to all our NC Mission Trip Sponsors! As of last week, we have **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 **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: Pastor Sylvia Bull**

**Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins**

**Music: Judy Kubischta & Warren Granfor**

**Worship Assistants:**

**Team 6: Matthew Nygard, Dina Nygard, Micah Nygard, Pat Groce, Amy Groce, Anna Groce, Troy Olson, Roberta Modin**

## CALENDAR

### Monday, June 23

7:00 AA

### Tuesday, June 24

9:00 Quilting

6:00 Compass Group

7:00 Executive Committee

7:00 Scouts

### Wednesday, June 25

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

### Thursday, June 26

6:00 Knit & Crochet Group

### Friday, June 27

8:00 NA

### Saturday, June 28

2:00 Mayer 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

### Sunday, June 29

9:30 Worship

3:00 NC Trip Meeting

# 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*

