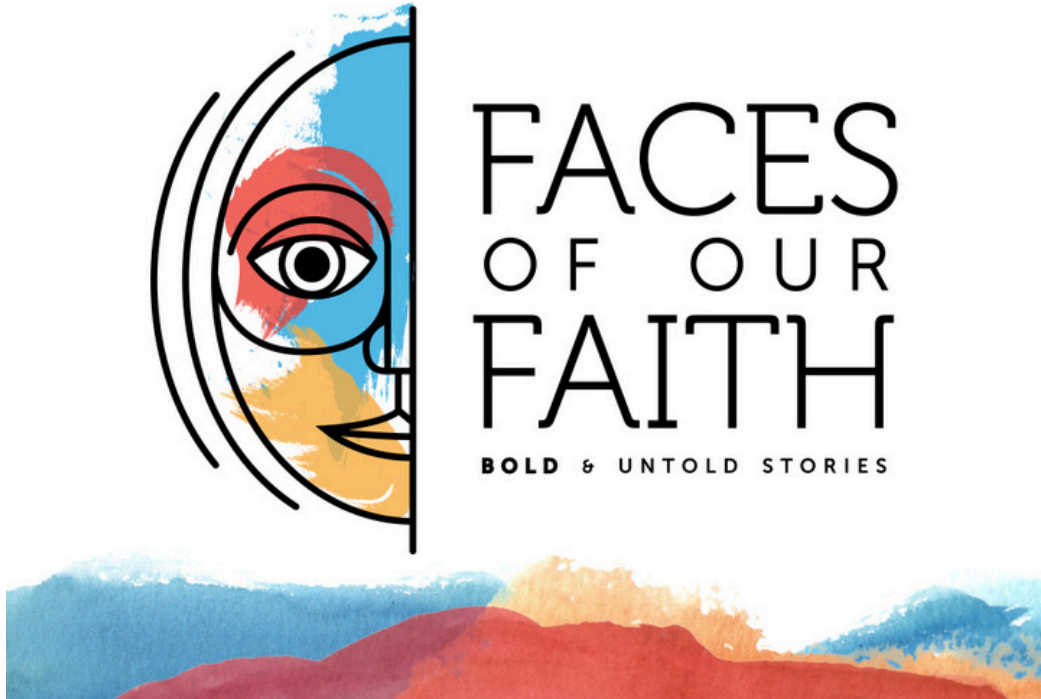


**Wednesday, July 30, 2025**  
**8th Week after Pentecost**  
**Faces of our Faith:**  
**Joseph of Arimathea**



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*Mission Statement*

*"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that  
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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: ACS 949 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"**

## **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 risked their reputation, wealth, or status to do what was 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: ACS 950 "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" \***

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## READING

**Reading:** *Luke 23:44-56*

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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 107:1-9, 43


### Reflection Questions

- In this Season after Pentecost, we remember all of the ways God's love gathers and guides us. How did God help the people in the psalm?
- Today's psalm is full of action words. Read the psalm again, and find the helping words describing God's goodness, as many as you can. Which description of God's goodness is your favorite?
- What are some basic physical (body) and emotional (heart) needs people have?
- One way of showing gratitude to God is by helping others. What are some ways our church helps care for people's physical and emotional needs?
- We practice our faith seven days a week, not only during the times we are at church. How can you notice God's care in the world this week? What might showing gratitude for God's care look like?

### Look it Up!

Did you know the phrase steadfast love appears in the NRSVue Bible translation more than 175 times and in the Psalms alone more than 100?

**Use a Bible concordance to look up other places this phrase appears.**



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PRACTICE**

**Deep breaths have the power to calm your body, and deep gratitude has the power to calm your mind. When your mind is overwhelmed with anxious thoughts, slow your breathing.**

**With each breath, name something you're grateful for:**

**(...breathe in...)**  
**"Thank you God, for \_\_\_\_."**

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## **Activity**

Gratitude is something we practice, not just feel. Consider practicing gratitude with the children in your life by creating an art display to showcase the many mighty works of God. God's care can show up in ways we expect and also in surprising ways.

What is easy to thank God for? What things are harder to notice but are still gifts? Use the ideas below to practice gratitude for all the ways God cares for us.

- Create thank you notes to God, using words or drawn pictures of gifts God has given to you.
- Offer a prayer (written or sung) of gratitude for God's steadfast love and enduring care.
- In honor of Psalm 107, come up with 107 things that all of you are thankful to God for (this could be something to add on to throughout the month).
- Write one or two verses in the style of Psalm 107 celebrating God's help.  
Example: "Some were lonely and felt forgotten; then they found a friend at the church meal. Let them give thanks to the Lord, whose love fills empty places."  
Check with your pastor or other worship leadership to see if this could be included in an upcoming service.

Record any other ideas from your group.

## **Prayer**

Thank you, God! Your love goes on forever. In good and hard times, you care for us. In excitement and confusion, you're there when we call out to you. Fill us with contagious joy so all may know how wonderful you are. Amen.



**Thank you** for your offering of **\$5,472.04** for the week of **July 27!**

**Altar Flowers** for the week are provided by Casey, KennaDee and Callie Carlson, in memory of Keith Hanson. **Thank you!**

Please join us **on Thursday, August 14<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 Missouri Slope's North Campus (4916 N Washington 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 September 11<sup>th</sup> (at Lord of Life, 1143 N 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Bismarck) and October 9<sup>th</sup> (at Trinity Lutheran, 502 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, Bismarck)!

Mark your calendars for the **next Interfaith Potluck!** Join other community members on **Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 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 join us in the sanctuary on **Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for the Ordination of Adam Barden!** There will be a time of fellowship immediately following the service. Help us celebrate Adam and his call to serve at First Lutheran Church in Mandan!

The **Church Office will be closed on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** for staff development.

Men of Faith and WELCA **invite everyone to attend a presentation about Livestrong**, a training program for Cancer Survivors, led by Jennifer Bandy, on **Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Following the presentation, Men of Faith and WELCA will meet separately to discuss business and plan events for the future. Hope to see you there!

We will be returning to our **Regular Worship Hours**, 8:30am and 11am services, on **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Mark your calendars for **Rally Day!** Join us on **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** for the start of the Church School year! Registration forms and Church School Handbook will be available soon!

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 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Message and Liturgy: Pastor Derek Harkins**  
**Music: Colleen Reinhardt**

## CALENDAR

Thursday, July 31

NC Trip

Friday, August 1

NC Trip

8:00 NA

Saturday, August 2

Sunday, August 3

9:30 Worship

Monday, August 4

7:00 AA

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

Wednesday, August 6

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*