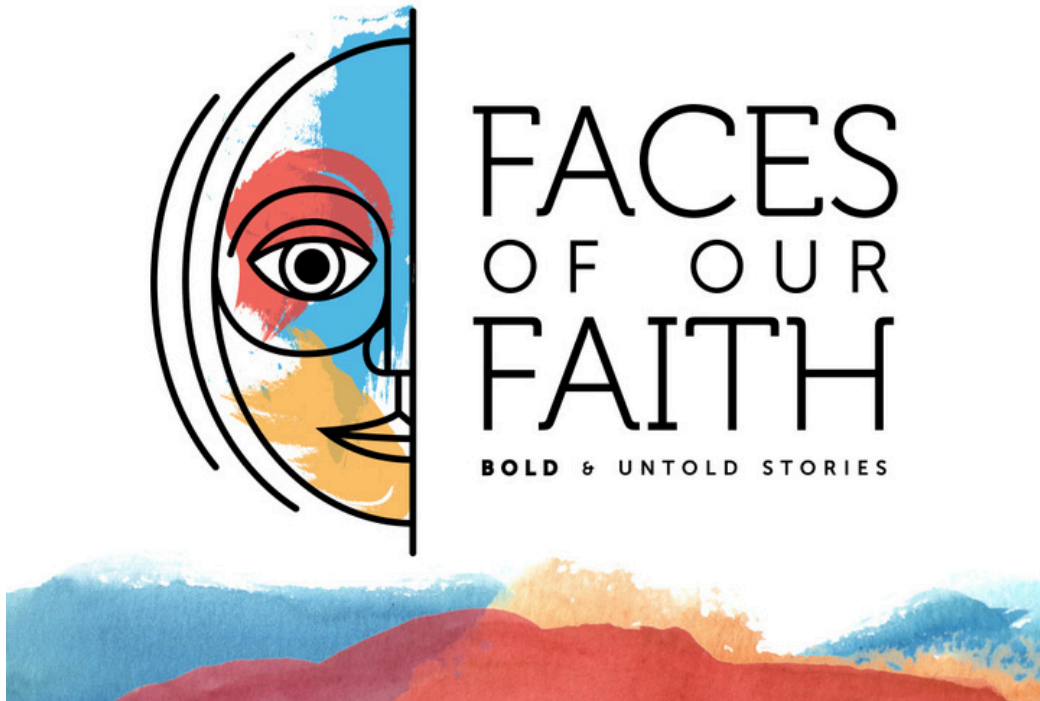


Wednesday, August 6, 2025
9th Week after Pentecost
Faces of our Faith: Mary Magdalene



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING (see next page)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 525 "You Are Holy" *

OFFERING

During the offering moment, we invite you to reflect on one of your Faces of Faith. This week, bring to mind a woman who shared the good news of Jesus with you. Write her 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 woman 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: *Mark 16:1-11*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

[Now after [Jesus] rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.]

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 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reflection Questions

- We are in the Season of Pentecost, when we learn how to have faith in God. How does today's scripture describe faith?

- Think about some things you are sure will happen, like the sun rising. How sure are you that if you fall, someone next to you will catch you? How is trusting God similar?
- Who do you trust to catch you, listen to you, or walk with you? What helps you trust someone will catch you?
- Abraham and Sarah had to move somewhere new. Abraham and Sarah said yes to something they didn't yet understand. This is faith! When have you had to do something new? How did it feel?
- God didn't promise Abraham and Sarah everything would be easy, but God did promise to be with them. Who reminds you God is with you?
- What are some qualities of God that help us trust God, even in new situations?

Prayer

God of our ancestors, you weave us into a web of faith, connecting us to lives and stories—past and present—that reveal who you are. When it's hard to be sure of what we can't know, remind us we can count on you. Amen.



Activity

Just as Abraham and Sarah trusted God's promises, we too are going to take steps of faith—each one moving us closer to a truth about God we can hold onto. Even if we don't know exactly where we're going, we trust God is already there.

Use tape to mark a starting line and hang the Promise Cards at the end. A group leader will call out different uncertain situations: "starting a new school," "feeling nervous before a game," "trying something hard."

After calling out a situation, ask, "What could help us take a step of faith?" One at a time, participants may share a trusted truth about God (either their own or one from the Promise Cards), followed by taking one step forward for each situation they name a truth for. Continue with new situations and truths until everyone reaches the Promise Cards. End by saying, "We move ahead by faith, not always knowing what's ahead. Still, we trust God's promises to help us keep going."



Thank you for your offering of **\$9,288.00** for the week of **August 3!**

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Marv and Diane Alveshere, in honor of their 60th Anniversary.

Thank you!

The **August newsletter** is in the mail and available online! Paper copies are available on the table across from the Avenue C entrance.

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

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 join us in the sanctuary on **Saturday, August 9th 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 the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in Christ's church! Adam whas been called to serve at First Lutheran Church of Mandan.

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 11th, 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!

Please join us **on Thursday, August 14th 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 11th (at Lord of Life, 1143 N 26th Street, Bismarck) and October 9th (at Trinity Lutheran, 502 N 4th St, Bismarck)!

Make sure to be here for **Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 17th**! We will be **serving our famous Rice Pudding** for everyone, and **sign-ups to volunteer** for the Downtown Street Fair on Friday, September 12th and Saturday, September 13th will be available. We need volunteers to cook, work at the booth, and drive between the church and the fair. Many hands make light work, so please consider signing up! Free Will Offering for Coffee Hour will go to buying supplies for the Rice Pudding booth.

Join us on **Wednesday, August 28th for a Hymn Sing Service** featuring Sounds of Faith and Colleen Reinhardt. Enjoy **special music, starting at 6:30pm**, before service begins. Hope to see you there!

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

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

Message and Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Music: Colleen Reinhardt

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 7

9:00 Esther Circle

Friday, August 8

8:00 NA

Saturday, August 9

11:30 Interfaith Potluck (LDS)

2:00 Adam Barden Ordination

Sunday, August 10

Newsletter Deadline

9:30 Worship

Monday, August 11

**Church Office Closed (Staff
Retreat)**

4:15 Worship & Music

7:00 Livestrong Presentation

7:00 AA

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

6:00 Elementary Committee

Wednesday, August 13

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

MISSION Focus

AUGUST: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Throughout the year, our Quilters collect items to put in Personal Care, School and Baby Kits, sent to people in need around the world through Lutheran World Relief. Full lists are available on the Concierge Table and under our Serve tab on our website, but they are currently running low on shirts and t-shirts for boy and girls, size 6 month to 24 months, notebooks, pens, rulers, crayons and scissors.

Thank you for your generosity!

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you... you should open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Deut. 15:7-8

