

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

2nd Week after Pentecost

Faces of our Faith: Adam & Eve



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, 4, 1) *

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING (see below)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 814 "Take, O, Take Me As I Am" *

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 celebrated you for who you are. 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

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

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

READING

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 a human being from the dust of the ground, and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life; and the person became a living being.

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there the LORD God put the person whom God 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 person, “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 person should be alone; I will make them a helper as their 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 person to see what they would call them; and whatever the person called every living creature, that was its name. The person gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the person there was not found a helper as their partner.

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the person, and they slept; then God took one of their ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the person 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 (*ish-ah*), for out of Man (*ish*) 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!**

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 1 Kings 19: 1-15a

Reflection Questions

- In the Season after Pentecost, we listen to stories of people learning to follow God's Spirit in their lives. The passage opens with Elijah feeling sad, afraid, and discouraged, fleeing into the wilderness. What moments do you remember from this story?
- Fearing for his life, Elijah goes off by himself, but an angel appears and tends to his physical needs by giving him food and water. Why was it important to help Elijah's body before the next part of his journey?
- Elijah is balancing many thoughts and feelings throughout this passage, so he travels 40 days to find a place to rest and think. Where do you like to go when you need to feel calm?
- Elijah is told, "The Lord is about to pass by." He experiences a powerful wind, an earthquake, and a fire. However, God was in the gentle silence that followed. What makes quiet special or powerful?
- Sometimes life feels loud. What can you do this week to find a quiet moment with God?

Prayer

Gentle God, you created us to need stillness and silence, yet much of our world is big and loud. When we feel overwhelmed or overstimulated, remind us to slow down and rest, knowing that you meet us in the quiet. Amen.

Activity

Today's story reminds us that God's voice did not appear in the powerful elements seen in the story, but rather in the stillness. Encourage the children in your life to act out parts of Elijah's experience, exploring how we move from noise to stillness to listening in the quiet. Begin by teaching the children a sound and motion for each of the four elements Elijah experienced:

- Wind: Make a loud whooshing sound while waving their arms around as if being blown around. For some extra messy fun, grab supplies like paper or other soft objects to toss around and create a whirlwind effect.
- Earthquake: Make rumbling noises and shake your body in place, keeping an eye on your surroundings and each other's safety.
- Fire: Make fire crackling sounds while wiggling their fingers in the air like dancing flames.
- Silence: Freeze in place, keeping as still and quiet as possible.

Call out the four words—wind, earthquake, fire, silence—in a random order, encouraging them to respond with the matching motion and sound. Do this for several minutes. Then, pause and ask what helped them get quiet when it was time for silence? Once you've done a few rounds, invite the children to take turns to lead the calling out of the elements.

When finished, invite everyone to share what it was like to try and get quiet after being loud and wild. Remind everyone that today's story challenges our understanding of where we can experience God's presence. God met Elijah in the middle of stillness and quiet, and God can meet us there, too.



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PRACTICE**

**What sounds help you feel the
presence of God? Sounds of nature?
Music? People?**

**Identify what sounds or
silences help you feel
connected to the Holy Spirit.
As you listen, pay attention to
what your mind wants to think
about.**

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

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Sue Anderson, in honor of Dave's birthday. **Thank you!**

All middle school and high school youth are invited to an **Outdoor Movie and S'mores Night** this Friday, June 20th starting at 8pm at Pastor Sylvia's house. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/yUdPTNrRuCRTC6PSA>

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.

Please join us **tomorrow, June 19th 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 Faith Lutheran, 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 July 17th (at McCabe) and August 14th (at MSLCC North Campus)!

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.

Please join us for Coffee Hour, after service, **on Sunday, June 22**, to celebrate the **birthdays of Wayne and Margene Granfor** who will soon both be turning 90!

Come on out to the **Prairie Lake Festival on Saturday, June 21st at Camp of the Cross in Garrison!** This is a great opportunity to support our mission partner's yearly fundraiser, and to bid on a quilt! **Viewing starts at 9:30am in the Fellowship Center at camp, with live auction starting around 11am.** There will also be a silent auction and concessions. Hope to see you there!

Message and Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull

Music: Colleen Reinhardt

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 19

5:00 Scripture Circle

Friday, June 20

8:00 Youth Movie Night (Pastor
Sylvia's House)

8:00 NA

Saturday, June 21

9:30 Prairie Lake Festival

Sunday, June 22

9:30 Worship

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

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