

Sunday, August 10, 2025
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Faces of our Faith: Mary Magdalene



Arisen by Hannah Garrity
Oil on Canvas, inspired by Mark 16:1-11

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 838 "Beautiful Savior" *

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF PRAISE: ACS 1091 "Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator" *

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

READING: see next page

RESPONSE TO READING: ACS 1084 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" *

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 808 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" *

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 779 "Amazing Grace" *

"In the Garden" *

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *

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?
- Bring to mind a woman who shared the good news of Jesus with you and give thanks for her.

READING(S)

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!**

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.

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Seeing is believing. Believing without seeing is a truly human failing that God asks us to overcome. It is the failing of the followers of Jesus who come to realize that Jesus, whom they betrayed days earlier, is, in fact, who he says he is. He is, in fact, who they have always believed he was.

Why are we so cynical? Is our cynicism an effort to check our sources? None of us want to be taken in by a ruse, so I understand the viewpoint of a doubting Thomas. I understand why the followers disbelieved Mary. I would have wanted proof as well, especially if I was ashamed of my behavior, as they surely were. But why did she believe?

In this image, Mary Magdalene appears surprised. She also seems wiser and more aware in this moment as she looks toward Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified two days prior. How had he rolled away the stone? This was truly a miracle! In this moment, Mary knows. Jesus must have looked like himself. She never wonders if she is dreaming. She never questions whom she saw, though

everyone she tells does not believe her.

Perhaps she simply knows deep down what is right. She has nothing to hide, she has confessed her sins. She can see clearly.



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

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by John and Jill Power, in memory of Mabel Rindy. **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.

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, III** 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** (the weekend after Labor Day).

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 available now** and Church School Handbook will be available soon at faithbismarck.com/forms!

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CALENDAR

Monday, August 11

Church Office Closed (Staff Development)

4:15 Worship and Music

7:00 Livestrong Presentation

7:00 AA

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

6:00 Elementary Committee

7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, August 13

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Worship

Thursday, August 14

9:00 Knit & Crochet Group

5:00 Scripture Circle (MSLCC North Campus)

Friday, August 15

8:00 NA

Saturday, August 16

Sunday, August 17

9:30 Worship

10:45 Rice Pudding during Coffee Hour

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