

Wednesday, July 2, 2025
4th Week after Pentecost
Faces of our Faith:
Daughters of Zelophehad

*Why should the **Name**
of our father be taken away from
his clan because he had no son?
Give to us a possession among
our father's brothers."
-Numbers 27:4*

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, 3, 1) *

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING (see below)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" *

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 shown you how to ask for what you need or advocate for yourself. 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: ELW 768 "Lead Me, Guide Me" *

DISMISSAL

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

READING

Reading: *Numbers 27:1-11*

Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hephher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph, a member of the Manassite clans. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and they said, "Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers." Moses brought their case before the LORD. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father's brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. You shall also say to the Israelites, "If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter. If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. It shall be for the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the LORD commanded Moses."

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 Galatians 6:1-16

Reflection Questions

- We are in the Season after Pentecost. That means we remember how the Spirit helps us grow and do what is right. Paul wrote to the people of Galatia who needed help and advice. What does Paul tell them?
- Paul writes that rules made out of love are more important than rules that leave people out. How can you tell the difference?
- Sometimes, it's hard to keep doing good things. In those moments, what or who helps you to keep doing good?
- Paul says our words are like seeds. Words can grow good things like peace and kindness, or they can grow hurt. What words grow peace, justice, and kindness? What words grow fear or harm?
- Let's think about our church. Where are we growing good things? Where are we feeling tired? How can we help each other or grow more good things?

Prayer

God of new life, the whole world is your garden! You plant seeds of hope and pluck sprouts of hatred, creating room for love and kindness to grow. Teach us to garden like you, working together, even when it's hard. Amen.



Activity

We hear messages every day—from school, online, from friends, even in our own thoughts—about who we are or who we’re supposed to be. Some messages feel kind and true. Others make us feel small, wrong, or left out. Paul told the Galatians to keep doing good, even when it’s hard. Invite the children in your life to listen to some messages and practice brave answers filled with truth and love.

Form a circle. Invite one person to read a message out loud. After each message, participants respond individually, expressing their feeling about the message: thumbs up = feels true or kind, thumbs down = feels harmful or untrue, step forward = you’ve heard it before, stand still = it doesn’t connect with me. Then, depending on the group’s expression to the statement, ask, “What could be said back that would grow love, justice, or peace?” Write the answers down on a piece of paper. Invite participants to think of these responses as mantras—short, strong phrases reminding us who we are and what we believe.

Sample messages (create more that resonate with your group, and are age appropriate):

- You have to be perfect to be loved.
- You aren’t welcome here.
- Only certain people are real Christians.
- You don’t belong unless you look or act a certain way.
- You matter.
- You’re doing your best.
- You tried a new thing, and that is brave.

Give each participant a sticky note. Invite participants to choose a mantra from the group’s list; then, write it on the sticky note. This will become their “mantra badge.” Invite the participants to place their mantra badge somewhere at home or at school where they can see it throughout the week. Finally, reflect with them on the question: “What kind of world would we have if we all used our voices like this?”



Thank you for your offering of **\$11,450.49** for the week of **June 29**.

Altar Flowers for the week are provided by Bert & Sharon Mayer, in honor of their 60th Anniversary. **Thank you!**

The **Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th** in honor of Independence Day.

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 15th**.

Join us on **Thursday, July 10th 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**. If you are interested in helping set-up, serve or clean-up from the event, **check out the sign-up sheet on the Coffee Fellowship Table!**

Please join us **on Thursday, July 17th 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 McCabe United Methodist Church (1030 N 6th 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 August 14th (at MSLCC North Campus, 4916 N Washington St, Bismarck), and more throughout the year!

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!

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 be **in prayer for our group as they travel and serve from Sunday, July 27th to Friday, August 1st.**

Message and Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull
Music: Linda Lueneburg

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 3

Friday, July 4

Independence Day
Church Office Closed
8:00 NA

Saturday, July 5

Sunday, July 6

9:30 Worship

Monday, July 7

7:00 AA

Tuesday, July 8

9:00 Quilting
2:00 Crafts

Wednesday, July 9

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