

Faith Lutheran Church

June 21, 2026

10:10 a.m. at Library Square

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation

The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music:

Voice of Truth (CCLI #4196620)

But the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me
Reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed
The waves the keep on telling me time and time again
Boy you'll never win, you'll never win. But the voice of truth tells me
a diff'rent story The voice of truth says do not be afraid.
And the voice of truth says this is for My glory. Out of all the voices
calling out to me I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth.

Oh what I would do to have the kind of faith it takes
To climb out of this boat I'm in onto the crashing waves
To step out of my comfort zone into the realm of the unknown
Where Jesus is and He's holding out His hand.

Oh what I would do to have the kind of strength it takes to stand
before a giant with just a sling and a stone surrounded by the sound
Of a thousand warriors shaking in their armor.
Wishing they'd have had the strength to stand.

But the giant's calling out my name and he laughs at me
Reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed
The giant's keeps on telling me time and time again
Boy you'll never win you'll never win. But the voice of truth tells me
a diff'rent story. The voice of truth says do not be afraid
And the voice of truth says this is for My glory
Out of all the voices calling out to me I will choose to listen and
believe the voice of truth.

But the stone was just the right size to put the giant on the ground
And the waves they don't seem so high from on top of them looking
down. I will soar with the wings of eagles when I stop and listen to
the sound of Jesus singing over me. The voice of truth tells me a
diff'rent story. The voice of truth says do not be afraid and the voice
of truth says this is for My glory. Out of all the voices calling out to
me I will choose to listen and believe. I will choose to listen and
believe the voice of truth. I will listen and believe, I will listen and
believe the voice of truth.

I will listen and believe 'Cause Jesus You are the voice of truth
And I will listen to You, You are.

He Reigns (CCLI #4026635)

**It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire. It's every tribe
every tongue, every nation, a love song born of a grateful choir. *Chorus*
It's all God's children singing glory glory hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns. It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah. He reigns, He reigns.**

**Let it rise above the four winds caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful
gathered underground. Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist of all the bells rung from a
thousand steeples none rings truer than this.**

**And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word.**

Greeting and Announcements

Blessed Be Your Name (CCLI #3798438)

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name. When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name.**

***Chorus:* Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.**

**Blessed be Your name. When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name. On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name. *Chorus***

**You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. Repeat, *Chorus***

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your Glory * Nothing But the Blood (CCLI #5881068 and 21332))

**My life is yours and my hope is in You only. And my heart You hold
'Cause You made this sinner holy, and holy, holy.**

***Chorus:* 'Cause Your glory is so beautiful I fall onto my knees in awe
And the heartbeat of my life is to worship in Your light
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful.
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful.**

Glory, glory, hallelujah, Jesus you are good (repeat)

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (CCLI #4768151)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood

His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Chorus

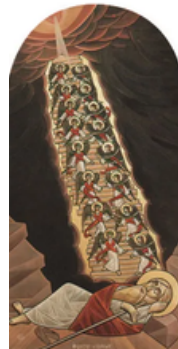
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Sermon Text: Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.



Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Shelly Kirchoff

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia to you alone.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You alone have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:21-33

Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Stairway to Heaven(?)" Pastor Dave Wollan

How He Loves (CCLI #5032549)

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane. I am a tree bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy. When all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory. I realize just how beautiful You are and how great Your affections are for me.

***Chorus:* Yeah He loves us, oh how He loves us.**

Oh how He loves us. Oh how He loves. *Repeat*

We are His portion and He is our prize drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes. If grace is an ocean we're all sinking. So heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss and my heart turns violently inside of my chest. I don't have time to maintain these regrets when I think about the way that
Chorus

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Holy Forever (CCLI #7201044)

**A thousand generations falling down in worship;
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb, and all who've gone before us
And all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.**

***Chorus:* Jesus Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest.
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions. Your name stands above them all.
And the angels cry, Holy. All creation cries, Holy.
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.**

**If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, sing the song
forever to the Lamb. If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb, we'll sing the song forever and amen.**

***Chorus:* Hear Your people sing Holy to the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.**

You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (CCLI #56204)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) (CCLI #7200544)

**Father let your kingdom come. Father let your will be done on Earth
as in Heaven right here in my heart. *Repeat***

***Chorus:* Give us this day our daily bread, Forgive us, forgive us.
As we forgive the ones who sinned against us forgive them.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.
Let Your kingdom come. *Verse 1***

**It's Yours it's Yours; All Yours all Yours
The kingdom the power the glory are Yours.**

It's Yours it's Yours; All Yours all Yours.

Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours. *Repeat Verse 1*

On Earth as in Heaven. Right here in my heart.

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

1. Why do we often go for flash instead of substance?
2. Compare God's promises with Jacob's promises. How are they significantly different?
3. How is God in this place—and you did not know it?

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