

Faith Lutheran Church

June 28, 2026

10:10 a.m. at Library Square

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation

The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music:

Christ Be Magnified (CCLI #7139866)

Were creation suddenly articulate with a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west we'd hear Christ be magnified.

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence His name would burst from
sea and sky. From rivers to the mountain tops we'd hear Christ be
magnified.

Chorus: O Christ be magnified, let His praise arise.

Christ be magnified in me. O Christ be magnified
from the altar of my life. Christ be magnified in me.

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody and ev'ry human heart its
native cry, O then in one enraptured hymn of praise we'll sing Christ be
magnified. *Chorus*

I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with You
You can hang me there with You.

'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life
If I join You in Your sufferings then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same. *Chorus*

Trust In God (CCLI #7206001)

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine. He's been my fourth man in the fire
Time after time. Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough.

Chorus: I trust in God My Savior the One who will never fail.
He will never fail.

Perfect submission all is at rest. I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps. So this is my story and this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long. *Chorus*

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered *(Repeat 3x's)*
That's why I trust Him. That's why I trust Him. *Chorus*

Greeting and Announcements

O Worship The King (CCLI #4255664)

**O worship the King, All glorious above, and gratefully sing
His wonderful love: Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light,
and canopy space. His chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**

**Chorus: You alone are the matchless King; To you alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light**

**O measureless might, ineffable love, while angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. *Chorus & Verse 1***

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

**Almighty God, you have promised to “look far down (and) raise the poor
from the dust.” We thank you for assuring us that you know the smallest
details of our lives and pursue your will in even the lowliest of daily activities.
Yet still, you have prepared joys beyond all understanding for all who love
and trust you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above
all things, we may receive your gifts which exceed all that we can desire;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Rising Sun (CCLI #6364759)

**Praise Him all you sinners, sing, oh sing, you weary.
Oh praise Him all you children of God.**

**We lift high His glory shown throughout our stories.
We praise Him as the children of God.**

**Chorus: Our great Redeemer, glorious Savior, Your Name is higher
than the rising sun. Light of the morning, You shine forever.
Your Name is higher than the rising sun.
Your Name is higher than the rising sun.**

**Praise His Name forever, speak it loud and clear now.
Oh praise Him all you children of God.**

Chorus

**Hallelujah name above all, Simply to speak Your Name is praise.
Hallelujah now and always, forever we lift Your Name in praise.
Hallelujah our God You reign, Simply to speak Your Name is praise. *Chorus***

Reckless Love (CCLI #7089641)

**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me,
You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath,
You breathed your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.**

**Chorus: Oh, the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
Leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn't earn it;
I don't deserve it; still You give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never ending reckless love of God.**

**When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me,
You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me. *Chorus***

**There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up,
coming after me. There's no wall You won't kick down,
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me. *Repeat x3 ~ Chorus***

Sermon Text: Genesis 29:1-30

Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. He saw a well in the field and three flocks of sheep lying there beside it; for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place.

Jacob said, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran." He said, "Do you know Laban son of Nahor?" They said, "We do." He said to them, "Is it well with him?" "Yes," they replied, "and here is his daughter Rachel, coming with the sheep." He said, "Look, it is still broad daylight; it is not time for the animals to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them." But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

While he was still speaking, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. Now when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of his mother's brother Laban, and the sheep of Laban, Jacob went up and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock. Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud. Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father. When Laban heard the news about his sister's son Jacob, he ran to meet him; he embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, and Laban said, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month.

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were dull, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. (Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He served Laban for another seven years.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith SeedsLaura Stowman

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 10:34-42

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "God Is in the Details" Pastor Scott Grorud

Better Is One Day (CCLI #1097451)

How lovely is Your dwelling place O Lord Almighty

For my soul longs and even faints for You, for here my heart is satisfied

Within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house

Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty

To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Chorus

My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God

Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen

Come once again to me, I will draw near to You

I will draw near to You to You.

Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere

Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (CCLI #7278681)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

***Chorus:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Chorus***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Chorus***

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me**

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 Lion and The Lamb (CCLI #7038281)

**He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?**

***Chorus:* Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah. He's roaring with power and fighting our battles and every knee will bow before Him. Our God is the Lamb, The Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains and every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.**

**So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings. The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free for who can stop the Lord Almighty? *Chorus*
Who can stop the Lord Almighty *(Repeat)* *Chorus***

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

1. What in Genesis 29 was surprising for Martin Luther and his readers?
2. Though never named, how was God at work in all the details of this text?
3. How was God's wisdom and blessing at work in the messy details of Jacob's marriage?
4. What promise does this ancient text proclaim to us today?

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