

Faith Lutheran Church

July 12, 2026

10:10 a.m. at Library Square
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation

The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music:

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.

Who You Say I Am (CCLI #7102401)

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me;
Oh, his love for me.

Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes, I am.

Free at last He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2: In my Father's house there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, Yes, I am.

I am chosen not forsaken, I am who you say I am.
You are for me not against me
I am who you say I am.

Repeat, Chorus 1 & 2

Greeting and Announcements

Great Are You Lord (CCLI #6460220)

**You give life, You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.**

***Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only. Repeat verse and chorus***

**And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing, great are You Lord. Repeat then chorus x2**

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 and ever-living God, in the face of your overwhelming power and the mysteries of your will, send your Holy Spirit to free us from futile self-reliance and drive us instead to the cross of Christ, where the promise of your gracious love for sinners is fully revealed and accomplished; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Semon Text: Genesis 32:3-12, 22-32; 33:1-4, 12-14; 35:1-4

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Se'ir, the country of Edom, instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now; and I have oxen, asses, flocks, menservants, and maidservants; and I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'"

And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men with him." Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies, thinking, "If Esau comes to the one company and destroys it, then the company which is left will escape."

And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who didst say to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good,' I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness which thou hast shown to thy servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, lest he come and slay us all, the mothers with the children. But thou didst say, 'I will do you good, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peni'el, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penu'el, limping because of his thigh. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the sinew of the hip which is upon the hollow of the thigh, because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh on the sinew of the hip.

And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. And he put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

Then Esau said, “Let us journey on our way, and I will go before you.” But Jacob said to him, “My lord knows that the children are frail, and that the flocks and herds giving suck are a care to me; and if they are overdriven for one day, all the flocks will die. Let my lord pass on before his servant, and I will lead on slowly, according to the pace of the cattle which are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Se’ir.”

God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there; and make there an altar to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.” So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments; then let us arise and go up to Bethel, that I may make there an altar to the God who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.” So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was near Shechem.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Pastor Scott Grorud

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 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “God’s Power vs. God’s Promise” Pastor Scott Grorud

King of My Heart (CCLI #7046145)

**Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart
be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life. Oh, He is my song.**

Chorus: You are good, good, oh. (repeat 4x)

**Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart
be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days. Oh, He is my song. Chorus**

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat 4x) Chorus

When the night is holding on to me God is holding on. (repeat)

Service of Holy Baptism: **Wrenley Ann Schmidt**

daughter of Matthew and Taylor Schmidt

Sponsors: Brittany Geib and Breanna Buboltz

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.

Welcome for the Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive her with love and rejoice with her at her entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering

God Is So Good (You Are Worthy) (CCLI #7100964)

**No height or depth can separate Your steadfast love who can escape
Your faithfulness an endless sea so full of grace and mercy.**

***Chorus:* We sing God is so good, God is so good
God is so good. He's so good to me.**

**Haunted by the past no more, My innocence has been restored.
Forgiveness flows from Your veins,
Your kindness shown in all Your ways. *Chorus***

**Oh there's never been anyone like You; Never been anyone like You.
You are worthy You are worthy. *Repeat***

**Hope is rising like the sun, the old is gone the new has come
I fix my eyes on Christ alone. My Rock my Shield my Cornerstone. *Chorus***

**God You are good. God You are good. God You're so good. You're so
good to me. God You're so good always good to me. God is so good,
He's so good to me. God You're so good, You're so good to 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

Words of Institution

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.**

Communion Distribution

It Is Well (CCLI #7021972)

**Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice.
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.**

***Chorus:* Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You.**

**Through it all, through it all it is well. Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You and it is well with me.**

**Far be it from me to not believe even when my eyes can't see and this
mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea. *Chorus***

***Bridge:* So let go my soul and trust in Him.**

The waves and wind still know His name. *Repeat*

It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul. *Bridge, Chorus*

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You and it is well with me.

Lord I Need You (CCLI #5925687)

**Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart,**

***Chorus:* Lord I need You, oh I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.**

My one defense. my righteousness, oh, God how I need You.

**Where sin runs deep Your grace is more. Where grace is found is
where You are. And where You are Lord I am free.**

**Holiness is Christ in me. Where You are Lord I am free. Holiness is
Christ in me. *Chorus***

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

**And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You. Jesus You're my hope
and stay. And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.**

Jesus You're my hope and stay.

Chorus

Post-Communion Blessing

Benediction

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 x2 / Repeat verse 1***

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

1. What was the ultimate source of Jacob's deep distress in Genesis 32?
2. On what did Jacob base his prayer for God's deliverance from Esau?
3. What is so disturbing about the attack Jacob experienced that night?
4. What central and essential truth does this text proclaim to Christians today?

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