

**Faith Lutheran (LCMC)  
Hutchinson, MN  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
July 19, 2026  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**What Does This Mean?**

1. What is your initial impression of Joseph as he is depicted in Genesis 37?
2. Why were Joseph's dreams so scandalous and irritating?
3. What may have ultimately motivated Joseph's brothers to get rid of him?
4. How does Genesis 37 show that sin's "only destination is the middle of nowhere"?

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**Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation**  
The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn .. “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (vs. 1-3, 6)  
LBW #429

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77

Kyrie ..... LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” LBW #520

Prayer of the Day

**O Lord, our God, do not leave us to our own devices, so that, in pursuit of our own sinful wills, we fail to satisfy our deepest needs and create new problems in the process. Draw us day by day to repent of our sin, guide us by the Holy Spirit, and grant that your gracious will be done for us and all people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sermon Text ..... Genesis 37:2-36  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

Gospel Acclamation

**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

Announcement of the Gospel ..... **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel ..... Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Response after the Gospel ..... **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon ..... “The Middle of Nowhere” ..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Song ..... “In Adam We Have All Been One” ..... LBW #372

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

Offertory Response

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Doxology

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn .. “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” ...  
LBW #453