

Faith Lutheran Church

July 19, 2026

10:10 a.m. at Library Square

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation

The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music:

Holy Spirit (CCLI #6087919)

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
Nothing can compare, You're our living hope, Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves, where my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone, in Your Presence Lord

Chorus: Holy Spirit You are welcome here, come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere. Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord. Your Presence Lord. Your Presence
Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Lord.

Sing a New Song (CCLI #1620402)

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy; oh come before the Lord,
And praise the Lord on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
The Lord has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. *Refrain*

Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives. *Refrain*

Greeting and Announcements

Here I Am To Worship (CCLI #3266032)

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You. Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God. And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above. *Chorus*
Humbly You came To the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross *(repeat 2x)*

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 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.

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (CCLI #1352)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.**

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**

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.
Chorus

Sermon Text: Genesis 37:2-36

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers, a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." But when he told it to his father, he rebuked him, and said, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I, your mother and brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am."

He said, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me."

Joseph came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields and asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and they conspired to kill him. “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life. Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way down to Egypt. Then Judah said, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?” Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” He recognized it, and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and said, “No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father bewailed him. Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Middle of Nowhere” Pastor Scott Grorud

Cornerstone (CCLI #6158927)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (Repeat)**

Chorus: Christ alone, cornerstone, weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm. He is Lord, Lord of all.

**When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.**

He is Lord, Lord of all.

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne. *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

Shout To The Lord (CCLI #1406918)

**My Jesus my Savior, Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing. Power and majesty,
Praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You.**
(Verse, Chorus x2)

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

May You Run and Not Be Weary

**May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy.
And may the road you travel always lead you home.**

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

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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