

Faith Lutheran Church

July 5, 2026

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



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation

The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (CCLI #7121852)

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give, He is my joy my righteousness and freedom. My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken. For by my side the Savior he will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing. For in my need his power is displayed. To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven. The future sure the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea; oh, the chains are released I can sing I am free. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him. When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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God of Wonders (CCLI #3118757)

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky. The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on High. God of wonders beyond our galaxy – You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your majesty – You are holy, holy.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light. When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night. God of wonders beyond our galaxy – You are holy, holy. The universe declares Your majesty – You are holy, holy. Lord of heaven and earth – Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. *Repeat 3 times*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy – You are holy, holy. Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me – Father holy, holy. The universe declares Your majesty – You are holy, holy.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. *Repeat 3 times*

Greeting and Announcements

This Is Amazing Grace (CCLI #6333821)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder, and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory the King above all kings.

Chorus: **This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love.**

That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life that I would be set free.

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order. Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory the King above all kings. *Chorus*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. *(Repeat 3x)*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy, worthy. *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

Gracious God, in a world of strife and competition, where we are often pitted against one another, unite us under the gentle and lowly rule of your Son. May we find rest and restoration from a cruel world under his easy yoke, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Goodness of God (CCLI 7117726)

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: **All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.**

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me. *Repeat, Chorus*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

Sermon Text Genesis 30:25-43, 31:3-7, 14-35, 43-44, 53b-55

When Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know the service which I have given you." But Laban said to him, "If you will allow me to say so, I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed me because of you; name your wages, and I will give it." Jacob said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and how your cattle have fared with me. For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly; and the Lord has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me

anything; if you will do this for me, I will again feed your flock and keep it: let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and such shall be my wages. So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen.” Laban said, “Good! Let it be as you have said.” But that day Laban removed the he-goats that were striped and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in charge of his sons; and he set a distance of three days’ journey between himself and Jacob; and Jacob fed the rest of Laban’s flock.

Then Jacob took fresh rods of poplar and almond and plane, and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white of the rods. He set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the runnels, that is, the watering troughs, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, the flocks bred in front of the rods and so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban; and he put his own droves apart, and did not put them with Laban’s flock. Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding Jacob laid the rods in the runnels before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the rods, but for the feebler of the flock he did not lay them there; so the feebler were Laban’s, and the stronger Jacob’s. Thus the man grew exceedingly rich, and had large flocks, maidservants and menservants, and camels and asses.

Then the Lord said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you.” So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field where his flock was, and said to them, “I see that your father does not regard me with favor as he did before. But the God of my father has been with me. You know that I have served your father with all my strength; yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not permit him to harm me.

Then Rachel and Leah answered him, “Is there any portion or inheritance left to us in our father’s house? Are we not regarded by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and he has been using up the money given for us. All the property which God has taken away from our father belongs to us and to our children; now then, whatever God has said to you, do.”

So Jacob arose, and set his sons and his wives on camels; and he drove away all his cattle, all his livestock which he had gained, the cattle in his possession which he had acquired in Paddan-aram, to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac. Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father’s household gods. And Jacob outwitted Laban the Arame’an, in that he did not tell him that he intended to flee. He fled with all that he had, and arose and crossed the Euphra’tes, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him for seven days and followed close after him into the hill country of Gilead. But God came to Laban the Arame’an in a dream by night, and said to him, “Take heed that you say not a word to Jacob, either good or bad.”

And Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen encamped in the hill country of Gilead. And Laban said to Jacob, “What have you done, that you have cheated me, and carried away my daughters like captives of the sword? Why did you flee secretly, and cheat me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with mirth and songs, with tambourine and lyre? And why did you not permit me to kiss my sons and my daughters farewell? Now you have done foolishly. It is in my power to do you harm; but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ‘Take heed that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.’ And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father’s house, but why did you steal my gods?” Jacob answered Laban, “Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force. Anyone with whom you find your gods shall not live. In the presence of our kinsmen point out what I have that is yours, and take it.” Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

So Laban went into Jacob’s tent, and into Leah’s tent, and into the tent of the two maidservants, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah’s tent, and entered Rachel’s. Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel’s saddle, and sat upon them. Laban felt all about the tent, but did not find them. And she said to her father, “Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is upon me.” So he searched, but did not find the household gods.

Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, “The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne? Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me.”

So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, and Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain and called his kinsmen to eat bread; and they ate bread and tarried all night on the mountain.

Early in the morning Laban arose, and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them; then he departed and returned home.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds Isabelle Dressen
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 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will. All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Under God” Pastor Dave Wollan

Abide (CCLI #7168160)

**For my waking breath; For my daily bread I depend on You. I depend on You
for the sun to rise. For my sleep at night. I depend on You. I depend on You.**

***Chorus:* You’re the way the truth and the life, You’re the well that never runs dry.
I’m the branch and You are the vine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.**

**Where the Spirit leads as I’m following I depend on You. I depend on You.
For the victories still in front of me I depend on You. I depend on You.**

***Chorus:* You’re the way the truth and the life, You’re the well that never runs dry.
I’m the branch and You are the vine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.
Be my strength my song in the night. Be my all my treasure my prize.
I am Yours forever You're mine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.**

**When I pass through death, as I enter rest I depend on You. I depend on You.
For eternal life. To be raised with Christ I depend on You. I depend on You.
Oh would you teach me; Would You teach me to abide. I depend on You.
I depend on You.**

Mission Trip Commissioning

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

What A Beautiful Name (CCLI #7068424)

**You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is; What a beautiful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this; What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us; So Jesus You brought heaven down.
My sin was great Your love was greater; What could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is; What a wonderful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this; What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus;
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You; The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of
sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory for You are
raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.**

**What a powerful Name it is; What a powerful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is.
Nothing can stand against, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**What a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

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 Songs

Open The Eyes Of My Heart (CCLI #2298355)

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You. I want to see You.**

**To see You high and lifted up shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy holy holy.**

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Nicaea) (CCLI Song #1156)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song
shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden
crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down
before thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinful
man Thy glory may not see, Only thou art Holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Benediction

Stand In Your Love (CCLI #7107821)

**When darkness tries to roll over my bones, When sorrow comes to steal
the joy I own. When brokenness and pain is all I know, I won't be shaken
I won't be shaken.**

***Chorus:* My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love. (Repeat)**

**Shame no longer has a place to hide, I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind, I won't be shaken I won't be shaken.**

**There's power that can break off every chain. There's power that can empty
out a grave. There's resurrection power that can save. There's power in
Your name power in Your name. Standing in Your love.**

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

1. How did God work to accomplish his purpose amid the strife in Jacob's family?
2. How has God worked to accomplish his purpose amid the strife of our country's history?
3. How is God working amid the strife of your life?

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