

Faith Lutheran Church
335 Main Street South - Hutchinson, MN 55350

August 30, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:10 a.m. Service Order

Gospel Music Sunday
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation
The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music:

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder (Public Domain)

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more, and the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair; When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Chorus: When the roll, is called up yonder, when the roll, is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder
I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, and the glory of His resurrection share; When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. *Chorus*

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. *Chorus x2*

In The Garden (Public Domain)

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Chorus: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. *Chorus*

I'd stay in the garden with Him tho the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go—thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. *Chorus*

Greeting and Announcements

Are You Washed in the Blood (Public Domain)

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Chorus: Are you washed, in the blood: In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless are they white as snow:
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Lay aside your garments that are stained with sin and be washed in the blood of the Lamb. There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
Oh, be washed in the blood of the Lamb. *Chorus*

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each moment in the crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? *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

O Lord, our God, grant us such faith in you that we may fully trust your wisdom and your ways. Keep us from pursuing worldly agendas rather than the way of the cross, so that we might follow faithfully wherever Christ Jesus leads us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Swing Low Sweet Chariot (Public Domain)

Chorus: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home?

A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. Chorus

I'll Fly Away (CCLI #26399)

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's Celestial shore, I'll fly away.**

**Chorus: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. Chorus**

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. Chorus**

Sermon Text: Excerpts from Genesis chapters 45-47

(When Judah finished speaking,) Joseph could no longer control himself, and cried out, "Send everyone away." So no one stayed with him when he made himself known to his brothers. He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh's household heard it. He said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But they could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then he said, "Come closer to me. I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. Do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land two years; and five more years will see neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his house and ruler over all of Egypt. Hurry to my father and say, 'Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and be near me, you, your children and grandchildren, as well as your flocks, herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there so that you will not come to poverty." ' Your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring him here.'" Then he fell upon Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. He kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

When it was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," he and his servants were pleased. He said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, "Load your animals and go back to Canaan. Take your father and your households and come to me, so that you may enjoy the fat of the land.'" Then Joseph sent them on their way and said, "Do not quarrel along the way." They came to their father and told him, "Joseph is still alive! He is even ruler over all the land of Egypt." He was stunned; he could not believe them. But when they told him all that Joseph had said, and saw the wagons Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob revived. He said, "Enough! My son Joseph is still alive. I must go and see him before I die."

Then Jacob set out from Beer-sheba; his sons carried him, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons Pharaoh had sent. They took their livestock and the goods they had acquired in Canaan, and came into Egypt. Jacob sent Judah ahead to Joseph to lead the way into Goshen. Joseph made ready his chariot and went to meet his father. He fell on his neck, and wept a good while. Israel said to Joseph, “I can die now, having seen for myself that you are still alive.”

Joseph told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all they possess, have come from Canaan.” He took five of his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh. He said, “What is your occupation?” They said, “Your servants are shepherds, as our ancestors were. We have come to reside as aliens in the land; for there is no pasture for our flocks because the famine is severe in Canaan. Now, we ask you, let your servants settle in Goshen.” Pharaoh said to Joseph, “The land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land; let them live in Goshen; and if you know there are capable men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

Then Joseph brought in his father and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed him. Pharaoh said, “How many are the years of your life?” He said, “The years of my earthly sojourn are one hundred thirty; few and hard have been the years of my life. They do not compare with the years of the life of my ancestors during their long sojourn.” Then he blessed Pharaoh, and went out from his presence.

Joseph settled his father and his brothers, and granted them a holding in the best part of the land, as Pharaoh had instructed. And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father’s household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

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 “How Great Thou Art” (Chorus) (CCLI #14181)
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art!
How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28
From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon “Happily Ever After?” Pastor Scott Grorud

Sweet By and By (Public Domain)
There's a land that is fairer than day and by faith we can see it afar
For the Father waits over the way To prepare us a dwelling place there
Chorus: In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore
We shall sing on that beautiful shore, The melodious songs of the blest
And our spirits shall sorrow no more not a sigh for the blessing of rest
Chorus
To our bountiful Father above we will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love and the blessings that hallow our days
Chorus

Service of Holy Baptism (10:10 a.m.) **Cal Thomas Lambert**
son of Thomas and Natasha Lambert

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 (10:10 a.m.)

Pastor: God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive him with love and rejoice with him at his 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

Blessed Assurance (Public Domain)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

***Chorus:* This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Chorus

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Chorus

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (LBW #565)

**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

I Saw the Light (CCLI #56064)

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin;
I wouldn't ask my dear Saviour in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!**

***Chorus:* I saw the light, I saw the light. No more darkness;
no more night. Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!**

**Just like a blind man I wandered alone, Worries and fears I claimed
for my own. Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light! *Chorus***

**I was a fool to wander astray, for straight is the gate and narrow
is the way. Now I have traded the wrong for the right;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!**

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

1. Why does this part of Joseph's story seem like "happily ever after"?
2. What clues in the text suggest that all might not be well?
3. How does Peter's rebuke of Jesus reflect the situation of Jacob's family at this point?
4. What is the challenge and the solution to both of these texts?

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