

Faith Lutheran Church

August 16, 2026

10:10 a.m. at Library Square

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation

The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music:

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.

Blessings (CCLI #5897818)

We pray for blessings, We pray for peace comfort for family
Protection while we sleep. We pray for healing for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering and all the while
You hear each spoken need, Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things.

Chorus: 'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears, and what if a thousand
sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise.

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear. We cry in anger when we cannot
feel You near. We doubt Your goodness. We doubt Your love. As if ev'ry
promise from Your Word is not enough and all the while You hear each
desperate plea and long that we'd have faith to believe.

When friends betray us; When darkness seems to win, ee know that pain
reminds this heart that this is not this is not our home. It's not our home.

Chorus: 'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears, and what if a thousand
sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life
Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life; The rain the storms the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise.

Greeting and Announcements

Come, Now is the Time to Worship (CCLI #24309848)

**Come, now is the time to worship, Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship, Come, just as you are before your God
Come,**

**Chorus: One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly worship now. Verse, 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 eternal God, in the face of unbelief, rebellion and sin, you worked genuine forgiveness and reconciliation at the cost of your Son's suffering and death. For Jesus' sake, continue each day to do that costly work of forgiveness in our hearts and lives, that we may be fully reconciled to you and to one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (CCLI #4768151)

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood
His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Chorus**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.**

Sermon Text: Genesis 42:1-25, 29-38

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you keep looking at one another? I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.” So ten of Joseph’s brothers went to buy grain in Egypt. But Jacob did not send his brother Benjamin with them, for he feared that harm might come to him. Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.

Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people. His brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. When Joseph saw them, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Joseph also remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them. He said to them, “You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land!” They said to him, “No, my lord; your servants have come to buy food. We are all sons of one man; we are honest men; your servants have never been spies.” But he said to them, “No, you have come to see the nakedness of the land!” They said, “We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more.” But Joseph said to them, “It is just as I have said to you; you are spies! Here is how you shall be tested: as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here! Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you remain in prison, so that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you; or else, as Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies.” And he put them all together in prison for three days.

On the third day Joseph said to them, “Do this and you will live, for I fear God: if you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned.

The rest of you shall go and carry grain to feed your households, and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall not die.” They agreed to do so. They said to one another, “Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us.” Then Reuben answered, “Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.” They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an interpreter. He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. He picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes. Joseph then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man’s money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey.

When they came to Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, “The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly to us, and charged us with spying on the land. But we said to him, “We are honest men, we are not spies. We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in the land of Canaan.” Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, “By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. Bring your youngest brother to me, and I shall know that you are not spies but honest men. Then I will release your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.””

As they were emptying their sacks, there in each one’s sack was his bag of money. When they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed. Jacob said to them, “I am the one you have bereaved of children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has happened to me!” Then Reuben said to his father, “You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you.” But he said, “My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should come to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Laura Stowman

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 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Family Disunion” Pastor Scott Grorud

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (CCLI #7278681)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

**Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Chorus***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Chorus***

Service of Holy Baptism: Brooks Hawkins Boike
son of Evan and Jessica Boike
Sponsors: Jon and Rachel Kamrath

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 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

No Longer Slaves (CCLI #7030123)

**You unravel me with a melody. You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies Till all my fears are gone**

***Chorus:* I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God**

**From my Mother's womb You have chosen me, Love has called my name,
I've been born again into Your family, Your blood flows through my veins**
Chorus

**You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.**

You rescued me so I could stand and sing, I am a child of God.

Repeat Chorus

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

Go With God

**Farther the lands you have ever imagined, deeper than even the oceans of blue
An open horizon is waiting like morning waking the dreamer who's living in you. So now...**

***Chorus:* Go with the wind at your back and the sun on your face
With a song in your heart and the promise of grace
Go in peace and in truth and let love lead your way
Go with God. Go with God.**

**Stronger than will in the soul of a fighter, higher than hope in the heart of a child
There is longing, a yearning inside us; It's reaching for heaven and won't be denied. If you...**
Chorus

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

1. When Joseph recognized his brothers, why do you think he chose not to tell them who he was?
2. What does Joseph's decision reveal about the nature of forgiveness?
3. What does the brothers' reaction to Joseph reveal about the nature of guilt?
4. Why is it a blessing for us if God stirs up guilt and fear as the brothers felt?

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