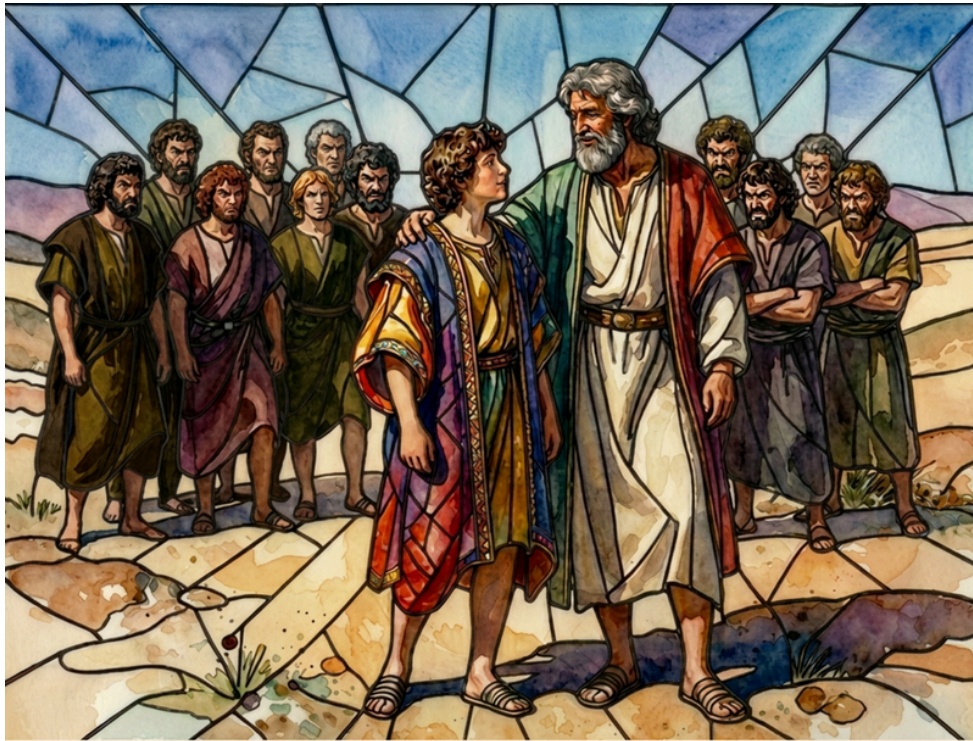


Faith Lutheran Church
335 Main Street South - Hutchinson, MN 55350

August 23, 2026
9:00 a.m. Service at the McLeod County Fair
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation
The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music:

He Reigns (CCLI #4026635)

It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire. It's every tribe
every tongue, every nation, a love song born of a grateful choir. *Chorus*

It's all God's children singing glory glory hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns. It's all God's children singing
Glory glory hallelujah. He reigns, He reigns.

Let it rise above the four winds caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful
gathered underground. Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
Some were meant to persist of all the bells rung from a
thousand steeples none rings truer than this.

And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word.

House of the Lord (CCLI #7168995)

We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be. He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea. My God He holds the victory yeah.

Chorus: There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house
of the Lord today. And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your
praise. There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely
in this place and we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way 'Cause He hung up on
that cross, Then He rose up from that grave. My God's still rolling
stones away. *Chorus*

'Cause we were the beggars, Now we're royalty. We were the prisoners
Now we're running free. We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His
grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise. *Repeat Chorus*

Greeting and Announcements

Holy, Holy, Holy (LBW #165)

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! 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!

Rising Sun (CCLI #6364759)

Praise Him all you sinners, sing, oh sing, you weary.
Oh praise Him all you children of God.

We lift high His glory shown throughout our stories.
We praise Him as the children of God.

***Chorus:* Our great Redeemer, glorious Savior, Your Name is higher**
than the rising sun. Light of the morning, You shine forever.
Your Name is higher than the rising sun.
Your Name is higher than the rising sun.

Praise His Name forever, speak it loud and clear now.
Oh praise Him all you children of God. *Chorus*

Hallelujah name above all, Simply to speak Your Name is praise.
Hallelujah now and always, forever we lift Your Name in praise.
Hallelujah our God You reign, Simply to speak Your Name is praise. *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.

Great Are You Lord (CCLI #6460220)

You give life, You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.

***Chorus:* It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,**
We pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only. *Repeat verse and chorus*

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing, great are You Lord. *Repeat then chorus x2*

Trust In God (CCLI #7206001)

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine. He's been my fourth man in the fire
Time after time. Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough.

***Chorus:* I trust in God My Savior the One who will never fail.**
He will never fail.

Perfect submission all is at rest. I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps. So this is my story and this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long. *Chorus*

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered *(Repeat 3x's)*
That's why I trust Him. That's why I trust Him. *Chorus*

Prayer of the Day

Good and Gracious God, in your Son, Jesus, you revealed the lengths you would go to save sinners like us. For he willingly came to lay his life down for us, that we might be turned from our wicked ways, and live in your mercy and grace. So lead us in paths of love and reconciliation, for Jesus' sake, and in his name. Amen.

Sermon Text: Excerpts from Genesis 43 and 44

Now the famine was severe in the land. And when they had eaten up the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little more food." But Judah said to him, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.' If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food; but if you will not send him, we will not go down." "

Then Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the boy with me, and let us be on our way, so that we may live and not die—you and we and also our little ones. I myself will be surety for him; you can hold me accountable for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever." Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry them down as a present to the man.

Take your brother also, and be on your way again to the man; may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, so that he may send back your other brother and Benjamin. As for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved." So the men took the present, and they took double the money with them, as well as Benjamin. Then they went on their way down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon."

Now the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of the money, replaced in our sacks the first time, that we have been brought in, so that he may have an opportunity to fall upon us, to make slaves of us and take our donkeys." So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the entrance to the house. They said, "Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food; and when we came to the lodging place we opened our sacks, and there was each one's money in the top of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it back with us. Moreover we have brought down with us additional money to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks." He replied, "Rest assured, do not be afraid; your God and the God of your father must have put treasure in your sacks for you; I received your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

When Joseph came home, they brought him the present that they had carried into the house, and bowed to the ground before him. He inquired about their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and did obeisance. Then he looked up and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!" With that, Joseph hurried out, because he was overcome with affection for his brother, and he was about to weep. So he went into a private room and wept there. Then he washed his face and came out; and controlling himself he said, "Serve the meal." When they were seated before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, the men looked at one another in amazement. Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the top of his sack. Put my cup, the silver cup, in the top of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. When they had gone only a short distance from the city, Joseph said to his steward, "Go, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you returned evil for good? Why have you stolen my silver cup? Is it not from this that my lord drinks? Does he not indeed use it for divination? You have done wrong in doing this.' " When he overtook them, he repeated these words to them. The brothers said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these?

Should it be found with any one of your servants, let him die; moreover the rest of us will become my lord's slaves." The servant said, "Even so; in accordance with your words, let it be: he with whom it is found shall become my slave, but the rest of you shall go free." Then each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack. He searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. At this they tore their clothes. Then each one loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city. Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house while he was still there; and they fell to the ground before him. Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one such as I can practice divination?" And Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my lord's slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found." But Joseph said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the one in whose possession the cup was found shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father." Then Judah stepped up to him and said, "O my lord, let your servant please speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not be angry with your servant; for you are like Pharaoh himself. My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'

And we said to my lord, "We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead; he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' Then you said to your servants, "Bring him down to me, so that I may set my eyes on him.' We said to my lord, "The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' Then you said to your servants, "Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more.' When we went back to your servant my father we told him the words of my lord. And when our father said, "Go again, buy us a little food,' we said, "We cannot go down. Only if our youngest brother goes with us, will we go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' Then your servant my father said to us, "You know that my wife bore me two sons; one left me, and I said, Surely he has been torn to pieces; and I have never seen him since. If you take this one also from me, and harm comes to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in sorrow to Sheol.' Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy's life, when he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die. For your servant became surety for the boy to my father, saying, "If I do not bring him back to you, then I will bear the blame in the sight of my father all my life.' Now therefore, please let your servant remain as a slave to my lord in place of the boy; and let the boy go back with his brothers. For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the suffering that would come upon my father."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Faith Lutheran Puppets

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 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Fair Game, Fair Trade?” Pastor Dave Wollan

How Great Thou Art (LBW #532)

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: 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!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,

Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

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

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.

***Chorus:* 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.**

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night. *Chorus*

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

***Chorus:* God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me. Father hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy. *Repeat***

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

You Are My Vision (WOV #776)

**You are my vision O King of my heart, nothing else satisfies, only You Lord.
You are my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Your
presence my light.**

**You are my wisdom, You are my true word. I ever with You and You with
me Lord. You're my great Father and I'm Your true son, You dwell inside
me, together we're one.**

**I don't want riches or man's empty praise, You're my inheritance now and
always. You and You only the first in my heart. High King of heaven, my
treasure You are.**

**High King of heaven when victory's won. May I reach heaven's joy O
bright heaven's Son. Heart of my own heart whatever befall. Still be my
vision O Ruler of all.**

Heart of my own heart whatever befall. Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

1. How does Joseph take after his father, Jacob?
2. What do you think of Joseph's scheming? Are the brothers fair game?
3. What do you think of Judah's proposal? Is that a fair trade?
4. How is Judah a shadow of Christ?

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Thank You's

Thank YOU for joining us for this worship service today. We pray that this time is a blessing to you as we join in worship in a new place.

Thank you to Pastor Paulus and Gladys Pilgrim for sponsoring today's radio broadcast in honor of their wedding anniversary. Faith's broadcasts can be heard on KDUZ 1260 AM Sundays at 8 a.m.

Thank you also to those serving today:

A/V: Mark Guggemos, Jeff Kruger, and Joshua Fernandez

Musicians: Austin Willhite, Kristen Durst, Hudson Maiers, and Justin Beck

Reader: Laurie Gelschus

Ushers: Zac Pederseon, Cal Wick, and Doug & Julie Renkes

Plus the many volunteers who came early to clean up and prepare this space and those who are staying after worship to help clean up.

If you would like to learn more about the mission and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church we would love to connect with you.

You can learn more about Faith at the website, Faithlc.com, on the Facebook page, [FaithLutheranHutchinson](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranHutchinson), and you can watch services on YouTube at [Faithhutch](https://www.youtube.com/Faithhutch).

If you have questions about Faith Lutheran, you can call 320-587-2093 or send an email to office@faithlc.com

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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, August 23

9 a.m. Worship at the Fair

Monday, August 24

10 a.m. Summer Faith Fellowship

Tuesday, August 25

9 a.m. Matins

9 a.m. *Faith Matters* assembly

9:15 a.m. Exercise

10 a.m. Ansgar House cleaning

11 a.m. Prayer Team

12 p.m. Lectionary

Wednesday, August 26

7 a.m. Morning Prayer

9 a.m. Matins

7 p.m. FLY Youth Night

Thursday, August 27

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible study

9 a.m. Matins

10 a.m. FACe (cancer support group)

Friday, August 28

7 a.m. Women's Bible study

12:30 p.m. Bulletin assembly

Saturday, August 29

Church offices are closed

Sunday, August 30

Gospel Music Sunday

8 a.m. First Word Service

10:10 a.m. Worship at Library Square



Beginning over the next couple of weeks:

Sunday School Kickoff:

September 13 at Library Square beginning at 9 a.m. for children 3 years old - 6th grade

Youth Ministries:

Confirmation (7th and 8th graders),

56er's (5th and 6th graders),

Kids' Music Club (2nd through 4th graders),

High School Youth Night

Adult Musical Ensembles:

Faith Singers (Choir),

Ringers of Faith (Bells)

NEW Chime Choir (for ages 10-110)

Adult Bible Studies:

The Making of a Monarchy: I & II Samuel

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.- 12 noon

Crossways Mondays from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Digging Deeper - Various adult studies

at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings

Bible studies: Men's (Thursdays 6:30 a.m.)

and Women's (Fridays at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.)

Find information and registration forms on the church website at FaithLC.com