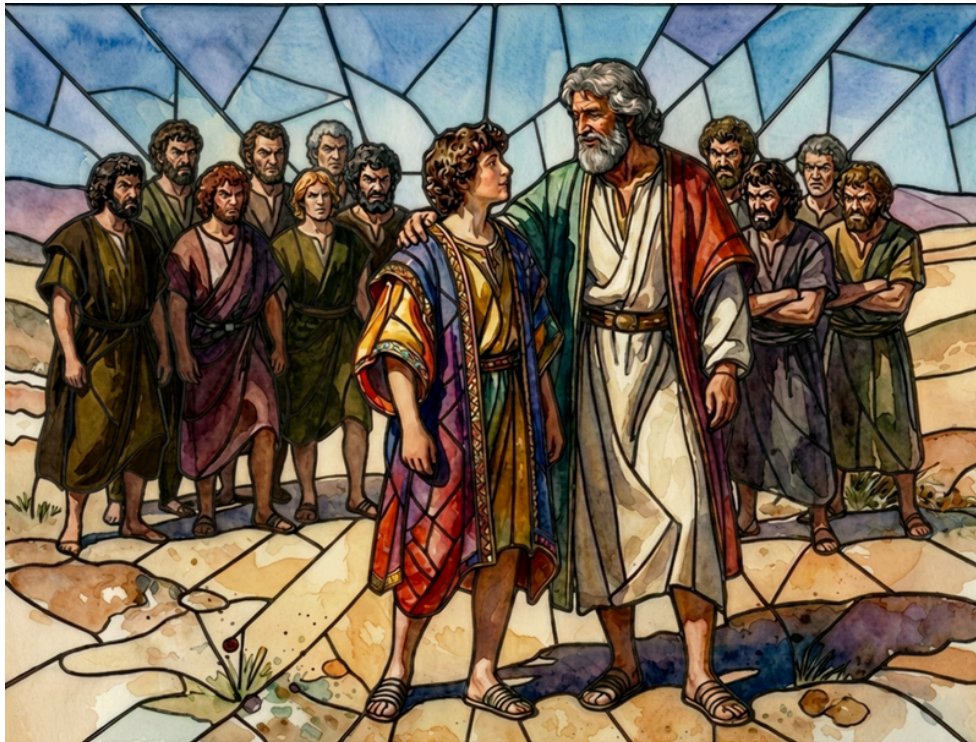


Faith Lutheran Church

September 6, 2026

10:10 a.m. at Library Square

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Scoundrels, Scandals & Salvation

The Lives of Jacob and Joseph



2026 Summer Preaching Series

Gathering Music:

King of My Heart (CCLI #7046145)

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart
be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life. Oh, He is my song.

Chorus: You are good, good, oh. (repeat 4x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves. Oh, He is my song. Let the King of my heart
be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days. Oh, He is my song. *Chorus*

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat 4x) *Chorus*

When the night is holding on to me God is holding on. (repeat)

Egypt (CCLI #7133348)

I won't forget the wonder of how You brought deliverance.
The exodus of my heart.

Chorus: You found me, You freed me, held back the waters for my release
Oh Yahweh 'Cause You're the God who fights for me. Lord of
every victory. Hallelujah, hallelujah. You have torn apart the sea,
You have led me through the deep. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

A cloud by day is a sign that You are with me,
The fire by night is the guiding light to my feet. *Chorus*

'Cause You stepped into my Egypt and You took me by the hand
And You marched me out in freedom straight into the promised land.
And now I will not forget You God, I'll sing of all You've done.
Death is swallowed up forever by the fury of Your love. *Repeat / Chorus*

Greeting and Announcements

O Worship The King (CCLI #4255664)

O worship the King, All glorious above, And gratefully sing
His wonderful love: Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, And girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light,
and canopy space. His chariots of wrath, The deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path On the wings of the storm.

Chorus: You alone are the matchless King To you alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders What tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air You shine in the light

O measureless might, ineffable love While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender How firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. *Chorus x2 / Repeat verse 1*

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, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your Glory * Nothing But the Blood (CCLI #5881068 and 21332)

**My life is yours and my hope is in You only. And my heart You hold
‘Cause You made this sinner holy, and holy, holy.**

**Chorus: ‘Cause Your glory is so beautiful I fall onto my knees in awe
And the heartbeat of my life is to worship in Your light
‘Cause Your glory is so beautiful. ‘Cause Your glory is so beautiful.**
Repeat

Glory, glory, hallelujah, Jesus you are good

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Semon Text: Genesis 47:27-48:21

Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the region of Goshen; and they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied exceedingly. Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were one hundred forty-seven years. When the time of Israel's death drew near, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "If I have found favor with you, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal loyally and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt. When I lie down with my ancestors, carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." He answered, "I will do as you have said." And he said, "Swear to me"; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself on the head of his bed.

After this Joseph was told, "Your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. When Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to you," he summoned his strength and sat up in bed. And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and he blessed me, and said to me, "I am going to make you fruitful and increase your numbers; I will make of you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your offspring after you for a perpetual holding.' Therefore your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are now mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are. As for the offspring born to you after them, they shall be yours. They shall be recorded under the names of their brothers with regard to their inheritance. For when I came from Paddan, Rachel, alas, died in the land of Canaan on the way, while there was still some distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath" (that is, Bethlehem). When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, and he could not see well. So Joseph brought them near him; and he kissed them and embraced them. 11 Israel said to Joseph, "I did not expect to see your face; and here God has let me see your children also." Then Joseph removed them from his father's knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them near him. But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn. He blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys; and in them let my name be perpetuated, and the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude on the earth." When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father! Since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." But his father refused, and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will invoke blessings, saying, "God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.' " So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. Then Israel said to Joseph, "I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors.

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

Faith Seeds Pastor Dave Wollan
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 18:1-14
At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes! "If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire. "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

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

Sermon “In Pursuit of the Promise” Pastor Dave Wollan

Better Is One Day (CCLI #1097451)
How lovely is Your dwelling place O Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You, for here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.
Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere
One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. Chorus
My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me, I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You.
Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere
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
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***

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 Distribution

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.**

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.**

Post-Communion Blessing

Benediction

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

What Does This Mean?

Questions about today's worship theme.

1. What promise are you pursuing?
2. How can you relate to Joseph's "Egyptianization"?
3. How is the promise pursuing you?

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