Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his brothers, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him.” They said, “Let us sell him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Liturgy of the Word

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson

Genesis 37:14, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the
boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON
The Rev. Lauren Banks

PRESENTATION HYMN 424
For the fruit of all creation
East Acklam

COMMUNION HYMN 671
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
New Britain

SENDING FORTH OF LAY Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
All We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

CLOSING HYMN 636
How firm a foundation
Foundation

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN
In honor of the 51st anniversary of Sally and Charlie Chadbourn
In honor of the anniversary of Margaret Chadbourn and Dave Clarke
In honor of the anniversary of Sally E. Chadbourn and Andrew M. Page
In memory of E. Ballard Baker and Billy Jane Crosby Baker
In memory of Howard E. Camp, Jr. & Janice Draper Camp

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF
Blair Maya McIntyre, daughter of Matt & Joanna McIntyre, granddaughter of Martha Wilcox & Bob McIntyre

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED
Jean Pham Kimberlin, Carol Lascaris

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS
Kathryn McNamara, Kate Ballard, Sean Doherty, the Nelson family

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH
Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, William Groft & family, Lori & family, Colleen Nelson, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, Jim Murphy, Willie Banks, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, Darlene Freeman, Heather Cable, Martha & Frank Cammarata, Russell Davis, Peggi Jo, Priscilla Shows, Barbara Morris, John Bauserman, Weona Chambers, Maureen Pelosi, Anna Flaten, Margo Fitch, Tony Robson, Steve Ditmeyer, John Iler, Margot Rood

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