



*Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving*

16<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost

*Service of the Word*

September 25, 2022

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*If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to [sothlc@sothem.org](mailto:sothlc@sothem.org). We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.*

*NOTE: Bold text indicates worshippers' response, and \*' means please stand as able.*

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

\* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\* OPENING LITANY (*Please respond with **bold text***)

L: God, we find ourselves angry.

**All: The world is not fair.**

L: We have done our best.

**All: We have followed the rules.**

L: We have played fair.

**All: We have tried to live faithfully**

L: Yet challenges plague us.

**All: And we wonder where you are.**

L: Let Joseph's faithfulness be an example to us.

**All: His love for you never failed.**

L: Though he was sold as a slave,

**All: And thrown into prison for a crime he did not commit.**

L: In all things you sustained him.

**All: Just as you sustain us.**

L: Let us remain faithful to you

**All: As you are always faithful to us.**

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\* GATHERING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" PAGE 5

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY Faithful God, **you prospered the work of Joseph's hands, in good times and bad. Give us Joseph's unflinching love for you, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we might overcome whatever life throws at us. Amen**

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## GROWING

*Last week we heard how God promised to create a great nation from the children of Abraham and Sarah. They imperfectly, but faithfully, lived into this impossible promise, and brought their one and only son into the world when Sarah was 90 and Abraham was 100 years old. Today's reading is about one of their great-grandsons, Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel. Joseph is repeatedly blessed by God as he perseveres through difficult times. God ensures Joseph is prosperous in whatever he does. His story is just one of many that explained how God would bless the nations of the world through the family of Abraham. A reading of the texts from Genesis chapter 39, verses 1 to 23.*

<sup>1</sup>Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup>The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup>His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup>From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup>So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. <sup>7</sup>And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, 'Lie with me.' <sup>8</sup>But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. <sup>9</sup>He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?' <sup>10</sup>And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. <sup>11</sup>One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, <sup>12</sup>she caught hold of his garment, saying, 'Lie with me!' But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. <sup>13</sup>When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, <sup>14</sup>she called out to the members of her household and said to them, 'See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; <sup>15</sup>and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.' <sup>16</sup>Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup>and she told him the same story, saying, 'The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; <sup>18</sup>but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.' <sup>19</sup>When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, 'This is the way your servant treated me,' he became enraged. <sup>20</sup>And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. <sup>21</sup>But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. <sup>22</sup>The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. <sup>23</sup>The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

KIDS MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

Green Hymnal # 518 HYMN OF THE DAY "Beautiful Savior" Page 6

GIVING

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

**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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*Or, He descended to the dead.

\* OFFERING PRAYER **God, you have caused the work of our hands to be successful. We now honor you with the fruits of our labor. Use these gifts in the service of your justice throughout or community and far beyond its borders. Amen.\***

\* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of promise, **ALL: You hear our prayer.**)

\* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING Remembering that you are never alone on your walk through this world, feel the freedom of having the Holy Spirit within you, your Savior beside you, and your divine Father reaching out to you. Know you go into God's world blessed by God the Father, Son, and † Holy Spirit, now and forever **Amen.**

\* Green Hymnal #333 SENDING HYMN "*Take My Hand and Lead Me*" Page 7

\* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Wed. 9/28<sup>th</sup> at 10am Starting a series entitled *Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith* written by The Rev. Sara Olson Smith from Davenport, IA

Copies of Session #1 (9/28) and #2 (10/26) are available at church or can be sent to you via email if you contact Pastor Mary at [meide@luthersem.edu](mailto:meide@luthersem.edu)

A BIG THANK YOU TO...Terry Stamm, Tim Jenson, and Jim Oebser for trimming our bushes and the trees overhanging into our parking lot spaces. Thank you gentlemen for all your hard work!

AUTUMN FEST is **NEXT Sunday, OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Check out the sign-up sheets for ways you can help make this a fun and successful event. There are many ways you can make this event a success  
BASKETS due by Wed. 9/28

UNCUT BARS dropped off Fri. 9/30 (church back door open 10-Noon) or Sat. 10/1 (church back door open by 8:30am)

**NEXT MEETING WED., Sep. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm church basement.**

## SCHEDULE

**Today 8:45-9:45am - Sunday School**  
**10:00am - Worship**  
**11:00am - Fellowship in basement**  
**12-4pm Vic Jenson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House**  
**Wendy and Ryan Sterry's home, N5440 870<sup>th</sup> St., EM**

*\*Pr. Mary will be at a Synod event out of town Sun. PM through Tuesday.*

Monday 7pm - AA Meeting  
Tuesday 4-6pm - Food Pantry  
Wednesday 10am - Bible Study (come and join us!!) Copies of study at WELCOME desk  
3:20-4:30 - 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Class  
6pm - Autumn Fest meeting

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Friday: 10am-Noon - Food Pantry  
Saturday 9am - Set up of Tent at Park for Autumn Fest  
9am - Final organization at church for Autumn Fest  
SUNDAY: 7am - Load up table, chairs, silent auction/raffle items, etc and  
Bring to park  
8:45-9:45am - Sunday School  
10:00am - Communion Worship  
11am-2pm - Autumn Fest

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POP UP PANTRY begins October 4<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for individuals who will commit to assist with handing the food out to guest for 1-hour...11am-Noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month. If we get enough volunteers from within the community, this commitment may be just once a quarter. Contact Sue Suechting if you are interested 715-309-9080. NOTE: volunteers would need to be able to get on and off the truck and lift boxes or bags for guests.

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.  
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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# Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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# Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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