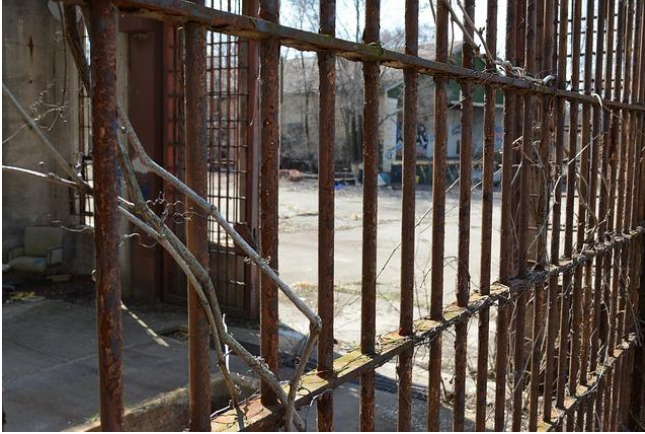


Zion Lutheran Church  
September 25, 2022



**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Confession and Forgiveness**

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P: Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

*Silence*

P: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world

**C: In the name of Jesus, God forgives you, Christ renews you,  
and the Spirit empowers you to grow in love.**

P: Amen.

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**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      **ELW 631**

**Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**C: And also with you**

## **Kyrie (spoken)**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

### **C: Lord have mercy**

P: For the reign of God, for peace throughout the world, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord

### **C: Lord have mercy**

P: For your people here who have to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, Let us pray to the Lord

### **C: Lord have mercy**

P: Help, save, and defend us O God

### **C: Amen**

**Hymn of Praise**     *This is My Father's World*     **ELW 824 vv 1 and 3**

### **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.**

## **Narrative Reading: Genesis 39:1-23**

**39** 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.

### **Accompanying Gospel – Matthew 5:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**ELW 733**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Exchange of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all

**R: And also with you.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**ELW**

**Offertory Prayer**

Merciful God, Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Traditional**

**Benediction**

**Sending hymn**

*Arise Your Light Has Come*

**ELW 314**

**Announcements**

**Bethlehem Potato Bake** – Today from 5 to 7 pm

**October 2** – Adult Education salon. 4 to 5:30 at the NRD building at Lake Wanahoo in Wahoo. The topic will be vocation – how do we live as Christians in everyday life? This will lay important groundwork for other topics over the year.

**Confirmation and Wednesday school are off this week.** Next session Wednesday October 5 at 7 pm for both

**Council** – October 9 at 8 am