



Joseph in Prison

Sunday, September 23, 2018

9:00 a.m.

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~Welcome Visitors!~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW cranberry hymnal), and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.

Sunday, September 23, 2018

*18th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three*

PRAISE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,**

**act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,
God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* ELW 314

***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**

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***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray. God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph
when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit.
Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live
faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

CHOIR *I Will Praise Him*

RESPONSIVE READING: Matthew 5:11-12

A: ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account

C: ¹²**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for
in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you.**

BRINDGING GOD'S STORY

READING: Genesis 39:1-23

L: A reading from the 39th chapter of Genesis.

¹Now 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. ²The LORD was with

Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So 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. ⁵From 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. ⁶So 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. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But 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. ⁹He 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?" ¹⁰And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹²she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. ¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴she 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; ¹⁵and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." ¹⁶Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; ¹⁸but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside."

¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰And 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. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The 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. ²³The 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

*APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious God, you gather congregations together by the power of your word. Bless leaders with the gifts of wisdom and discernment as they seek to make your church the community for which you long...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: ...Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW 583 Verse 3**

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. ***Refrain***

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. God of life,
you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

C: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

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***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.

HOLY COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participating this gift of life. Are you wondering what to expect?

- *To read about what Lutherans believe about communion, please read "The Sacrament of the Altar" from the Small Catechism, which you will find in the back of the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship on p. 1166.*
- *When you are ushered forward, please kneel or stand at the railing. When you are given bread, you may eat it. Wine and grape juice are served in trays with cups. Wine is purple; grape juice is yellow. Take a small cup and drink.*
- *Please let the server know if you need a gluten free option.*
- *You may receive a blessing without communion; please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*
- *If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please let the ushers know. We will come to you.*

COMMUNION SONG *Praise You in This Storm* by Casting Crowns

I was sure by now, God you would have reached down

And wiped our tears away,

Stepped in and saved the day.

But once again, I say amen

That it's still raining

As the thunder rolls

I barely hear your whisper through the rain

I'm with you

And as your mercy falls

I raise my hands and praise

The God who gives and takes away

And I'll praise you in this storm

And I will lift my hands

That you are who you are

No matter where I am

And every tear I've cried

You hold in your hand

You never left my side

And though my heart is torn

I will praise you in this storm

I remember when I stumbled in the wind

You heard my cry you raised me up again

My strength is almost gone how can I carry on

If I can't find you

As the thunder rolls

I barely hear you whisper through the rain

**I'm with you
And as your mercy falls
I raise my hands and praise
The God who gives and takes away
And I'll praise you in this storm
And I will lift my hands
That you are who you are
No matter where I am
And every tear I've cried
You hold in your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise you in this storm
I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
The maker of heaven and earth
I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
The maker of heaven and earth
And I'll praise you in this storm
And I will lift my hands
That you are who you are
No matter where I am
And every tear I've cried
You hold in your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
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COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Loves Me!*

ELW 595

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate ELW 722

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick, Pastor

Assisting Minister ~ Karen Hayes **Lector** ~ Carroll Ehrke

Acolytes ~ Alyssa Woodley & Teagan Welcher

Greeter ~ Bonnie Ehrke

Ushers ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel

Communion Assistants ~ Kristen Lien and Ken Rockney

Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen

Church Lock up ~ Judy Rusch

Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Joy Graffin

Audio Ministry ~ Karen Hayes

Coffee Hour ~ Steadfast Circle

During worship, the nursery is a place for children who are 0 to 3 years old. There is an attendant available for the nursery, listed in the Worship Leaders. You are welcome to take your little one to the nursery and return to the sanctuary, knowing that your child is in a safe place. Please let the attendant know where you are sitting in the sanctuary so you can be located if needed. We welcome Sunday school age children (3 years and older) to participate in the worship service and only use the nursery if absolutely necessary. (If you would like to be a nursery attendant, please talk to Debbie Wethal or Pastor Brenda about it.) Thank you!

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. **If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office.** Thank you.

*Denotes new/changed request.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of John and Amy Lindstrom.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Bryan Porter -Kevin Porter -Justin Bloomer
-Lowell Severson -Lyle Walheim -Erica Lien
-Sara Depies -JoAnn Zimmerman -Harriet Eikland
-Lois Zerkle -Trish Hjort -Lucy Nottestad
-The grieving family of Ruby Bouma*

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Leif Hareid, being deployed to Dubai.
-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty.)

~Sunday Attendance Report~

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u> <u>PreK-9th grade</u>
September 16:	110	39
September 9:	131	38 Rally Sunday
September 2:	66	
August 26:	85	

~Calendar~

Sunday, September 23, 2018

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:30am Stewardship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours
- 1:00pm Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

- 1:30pm Clergy Meeting at McFarland Lutheran
- 6:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 27, 2018

- 9:00am Newsletter Assembly

Friday, September 28, 2018

- Office Closed
- Pastor's Day Off
- 12:00pm Area Senior Dining @ Amundson Center, Cambridge

Sunday, September 30, 2018

- 9:00am Worship at Upper Church
- 10:00am Sunday School and Confirmation
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 4:00pm - 7:00pm Synod Youth Gathering Evaluation
at Lake Edge Lutheran, Madison

~Announcements~

EKLC Committees, Any budget requests/changes for the EKLC 2019 Budget need to be submitted to the church office by **October 11, 2018.** Thank you. -EKLC Church Council

Sign up to be on the 175th Anniversary Committee! We need a committee to help in planning the celebration of the 175th anniversary of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church. If you are interested please sign up in the church narthex.

Church Directory sign up today in Narthex. You can also sign up for your photo session on line (Monday—Thursday) by going to **www.apl.lifetouch.com**

The Altar Guild is looking for Communion Set up and Take down help. Please contact Marge Stach or Marilyn Gunderson if you're interested. Thank you!

Would you like to provide Altar Flowers for a Sunday? The sign up is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

TIME FOR CHOIR Join the church choir! All practices are held at 8 A.M. the second and fourth Sunday of each month. In order to keep the tradition of choral music at EKLC, we need more members to sing praises during worship and special times. Please consider joining us and encourage your friends and family to come as well. The next practice will be on October 14, and sing in church at 9am. Any questions, call Vicki Schuh, 423-4006.

EKLC is seeking an individual to fill the Financial Secretary position The financial secretary would accurately process the financial information for EKLC. This is a year-round position. If you are interested in this position and want to learn more about it, please contact the Church Office for a job description and application or visit our website at: **www.eastkoshkonong.org**

The Education Committee is seeking a Superintendent for the growing Sunday School Program at EKLC. The Superintendent works with the Youth Director to support the Sunday School program. To volunteer please speak with an Education Committee Member: Chris Frodel, Gloria Fruit, Jamie Lewellin, Ann Nottestad, Sabra Jacobson or Debbie Wethal.