



ZION
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA

TRINITY SUNDAY
May 26, 2024
9:00 a.m.

*Without memory, there is no culture.
Without memory, there would be no civilization,
no society, no future.
Elie Wiesel*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

Remember

Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faded photographs, distant memories^[SEP]

Of waiting for loved ones to come home,^[SEP]

And grieving for those who will not return.

Our nation remembers them today and always.^[SEP]

Surrounded by blessings given by God,^[SEP]

We are given reason to pray:

That we will remember our liberty has come with a price.

We are given reason to sing:

That God has promised peace to the nations who seek Him.

And we are given reason to hope: That God's truth and justice will triumph at last, in this world and the next.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Insert

+CONFESSION

God of all nations, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. Indeed, we take our freedom and quality of life for granted. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies.

Forgive us, God of mercy, for our failure to live up to your commandments. Inspire and empower us to work for your Kingdom in *this* world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the *next*. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+GLORIA PATRI

+SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 33:12-22

Reader: Cindy Braun

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.

¹³ From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all humanity;

¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸ But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

¹⁹ to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

²² May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

May God add a blessing to the reading and hearing of the word.

Amen.

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love one another.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Liberating Strife

Pastor Jan

REFLECTION

Memorial Day Quotes

Shift Worship

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you, O Lord, for the bounty that is ours and for the freedom we have to worship as we choose. Let these gifts be a sign of our gratitude and faith, and the hope that Your goodness will be known throughout the earth; through Christ, who is the Prince of Peace we pray:

+BENEDICTION

+HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Insert

+RESPONSE

May the Lord Always be With You

+POSTLUDE

+You are invited to rise, as you are able.