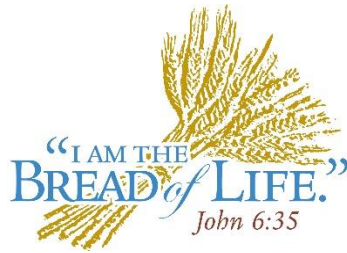


Welcome to Zion United Church of Christ

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.
If you are visiting Zion today, please sign the guest card so that we can personally greet you.*



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Draw near to the Lord,
for he has heard your complaining.

Exodus 16:9

Zion United Church of Christ
Le Sueur, Minnesota

The Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost
August 11, 2024 9:00 a.m.

*The pessimist complains about the wind;
The optimist expects it to change;
The realist adjusts the sails.*

William Arthur Ward



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

A Psalm of Love
New Centerline Media

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 5

Through the abundance of your steadfast love, I will enter your house, O Lord.

I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.
Lead us, O LORD, in your righteousness make your way straight before us.

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over us, so those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O LORD; You cover them with favor as with a shield.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

NCH #307

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, how hard it is to love as You desire us to love. It is so easy to love You with all our hearts, until You ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, O God.

As You took a risk in creating us, help us to risk loving others as You love us; to love ourselves genuinely; and, above all, to love You as completely as You have loved us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

+SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Reader: Sue Felmlee

Exodus 16:2-15

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

Amen.

GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Are We There Yet?”

Pastor Jan

OFFERING

+DOXOLOGY

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we humbly admit that we search so often for bread that perishes, rather than the bread of eternal life. We foolishly think that happiness and fulfillment can be attained from our own hands, rather than from your hands. We offer these gifts with the promise that you have already given us the bread of heaven. You are the Bread of Life. We come seeking to never be hungry or thirsty again. Amen. John 6:24-35

+SENDING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal
NCH #573

+BENEDICTION

+RESPONSE

May the Lord Be Always With You

+POSTLUDE

