



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Le Sueur, Minnesota
 The Rev. Janet Crissinger, Pastor
 The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

August 4, 2024

9:00 a.m.

We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

Rise.

Shift Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.

Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

Psalm 25

**Guide our every move, Holy One,
 that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.**

Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

Together, let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

NCH #27

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Just and gracious God, we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ GLORIA PATRI
 SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
 THREE-FOLD AMEN

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Reader: Delores Loewe

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

Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

“Whatever...It Takes”

Pastor Jan

THE OFFERING
 RESPONSE

Let Us Break Bread Together

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*All who know Jesus Christ to be their Savior
 are welcome at the Table.*

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You *are* holy, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom You sent to save us. He came with healing in His touch and yet was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in His voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in His heart and met with violence and death. By Your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at His command the gates of hell were opened. To the amazement and joy of His followers, Jesus greeted them on the third day. He also shared the journey of those returning to Emmaus, appearing to them as a Stranger.

Holy One: as Your risen Son Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread, be revealed to us this day. We praise You for His living presence among us today and therefore, with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth we worship You and sing with joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

Lord, send Your Holy Spirit, that we and Your entire church may be called out and made whole through the receiving of the bread and cup. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of Your Son may be united as one in Him. May we all remain faithful in love and hope until we feast with your saints at table with Christ in heaven.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

**Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment,
for the bread and the cup, and for these people around us,
We rededicate ourselves to You.
Let us depart from this place as changed people,
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**

Restore to us our vision and passion for serving You.

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us.**

**So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of the earth and citizens of
heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Insert

+BENEDICTION

+HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

NCH #400

+SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

May the Lord Be Always With You

+POSTLUDE

◀.....▶
Be Thankful † Be Grateful † Be Blessed
◀.....▶

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*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 a visiting Zion today, please sign the guest card so that we can personally greet you.