

Day of Pentecost, May 19, 2024
Zoar Church, Tofte, MN

Welcome

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And also with you

Opening Prayer

Bell

Confession and Forgiveness (From With One Voice)

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Breathe on Me Breath of God" - Reclaim #217

V1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

V3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Unite my soul with thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine

V2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

V4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But life with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer Family of God # 440 (Sung)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:19-23 (NIV)

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-27 (NIV)

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[a] in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

P: The Word of God for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Hymn: "Who You Say I Am" - CCLI # 7102401

V1 Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, oh His love for me

V2 Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me Yes, He died for me

Bridge I am chosen not forsaken.
I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am!

Chorus 1
Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Chorus 2 Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am!

Chorus 3 Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed
you're a child of God, Yes, you are!
In my Father's house there's a place for you!
You're a child of God, Yes, you are!

Ending You are chosen, not forsaken.
You are who He says you are!
He is for you, not against you.
You are who He says you are!

Message: "Signs of the Spirit's Presence" - Guest Pastor Paul Taintor

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Communion

Please come forward during the communion hymn and take a cup of wine or grape juice and a wafer back to your seats. If you are joining us at home, please use your own bread or crackers and wine or juice. We believe the Lord's Supper is a "means of grace" offered freely to all who seek Him. Please join us.

Words of Institution & Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

C: You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” - With One Voice # 723

V1 *The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
We go in Jesus’ name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God’s favor to proclaim*

V3 *We go to be the hands of Christ,
To scatter joy like seed
And, all our days, to cherish life,
To do the loving deed*

V2 *We go to comfort those who mourn
And set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, to share a dream
And help the blind to see*

V4 *Then let us go to serve in peace,
The Gospel to proclaim.
God’s Spirit has empower’d us;
We go in Jesus’ name.*

Announcements

- May Mission: Alianza Internacional De Ayuda
- Prayer chain - email or call Pastor Al or the church.
 - Latest prayer list is on the table in the Narthex.
- Bible Study – Mondays 6:00pm; John:17
- Need a ride to Sunday service or Bible Study - Call Pastor Al
- Sign up for after church treats.
- Box in the Narthex; or give online through our web page or send a check to the church.
- Rev. Roger Livdahl Living Legacy Campaign. Information in Narthex
- Zoar has two canoes that can be borrowed at no cost. Reserve through the church.

Sending Hymn: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” - CCLI # 5202616

Refrain *Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.*

V2 *Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain’t but one train that’s on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back.*

V1 *Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.*

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Sending

Pastor Al: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia. Amen

Bell and Dismiss

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