

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 1, 2026*  
*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Welcome** Visitors - Please fill out the Visitor Card and put it in the giving box in the Narthex

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**

**Opening Song: "Overcome"** - CCLI # 5064359

**V1** Seated above, enthroned in the Father's love  
Destined to die, poured out for all mankind  
God's only Son, perfect and spotless One  
He never sinned, but suffered as if He did

**V2** Power in hand, speaking the Father's plan  
You're sending us out, light in this broken land

**Pre-Chorus** All authority Every victory is Yours

**Chorus** Savior worthy of honor and glory  
Worthy of all our praise, You overcame  
Jesus awesome in power forever  
Awesome and great is Your name, You overcame

**Bridge** We will overcome By the blood of the Lamb  
And the word of our testimony Everyone overcome

**Confession and Forgiveness (From 1 John & Psalm 32)**

Pastor: God is light

**Congregation: in him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

**C: and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection and confession)

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord

**C: And he forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Song "Before You"** - CCLI # 2678164

**V1** Is there any forgiveness  
For the things I've done  
Is there pardon for sinners  
I know that I'm one  
Before You before You

**V2** Would You take this heart of foulness  
Make it clean again  
Would You pour on me Your mercy  
As I confess my sin  
Before You before You

**Chorus** Point my feet  
In the way they should go  
Place Your Holy Spirit in me  
Lead me in the ways everlasting  
I long to have a heart that's pure  
I need to have a heart that's pure  
Before You before You

**Bridge**

Oh Lord forgive me I need Your mercy  
Oh Lord forgive me I need Your mercy

**Song “Unfailing”** - CCLI # 4659301

**V1** We wait in hope for You, our shelter and our truth  
For You are always faithful to Your word  
Consume our hearts and mind, be the author of life  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done

**Bridge** In these times of doubt and sorrow  
People need a hope to cling to  
Your love is an anchor  
in the storms of life forever faithful

**Chorus** Unfailing love, You never let us down,  
Your promise is alive

**Bridge 2**

When colored dreams fade to gray, unfailing love  
When the night crowds out the day, unfailing love  
When there's no words left to say  
God's love remains

**Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**

***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***

**Old Testament Readings:** Leviticus 19:15, Proverbs 11:12 (NIV)

Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

Whoever derides their neighbor has no sense,  
but the one who has understanding holds their tongue.

**New Testament Readings:** Romans 14:4A,10,13A; James 4:11-12 (NIV)

Who are you to judge someone else's servant?

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another.

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 7:1-6 (NIV)

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

*P: The Word of God for the people of God*

***C: Thanks be to God***

**Message:** “Do Not Judge” - Pastor Al Alexander

## **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**

## **Song: "Love Came Down" - CCLI # 5148938**

**V1** *If my heart is overwhelmed  
And I cannot hear Your voice  
I'll hold on to what is true though I cannot see  
If the storms of life they come  
And the road ahead gets steep  
I will lift these hands in faith I will believe*

**V2** *When my heart is filled with hope  
And every promise comes my way  
When I feel Your hands of grace rest upon me  
Staying desperate for You God  
Staying humbled at Your feet  
I will lift these hands and praise I will believe*

### **Bridge**

*I am Yours I am Yours  
For all my days Jesus I am Yours  
I am Yours I am Yours  
All my days Jesus I am Yours  
I am Yours I am Yours*

### **Pre-Chorus**

*I'll remind myself of all that You've done  
And the life I have because of Your Son*

### **Chorus**

*Love came down and rescued me  
Love came down and set me free  
I am Yours I am forever Yours  
Mountain high or valley low  
I sing out and remind my soul  
I am Yours I am forever Yours*

### **Ending**

*All my days Jesus I am Yours  
I am yours, I am yours forever  
I am yours, I am yours forever  
I am yours, I am yours forever Lord  
I am yours, I am yours forever  
I am yours, I am yours forever  
I am yours, I am yours forever Lord*

## **Announcements**

- February Mission: Wycliffe International - See poster in Narthex
- Community Bible Study
  - Tuesdays at 3:00 pm at Zoar or Zoom (contact lmsalexand@gmail.com)
  - NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK
- Soup Supper - Every Wednesday serving 5:15-6:00 pm
- Zoar is looking for
  - A Sunday School teacher for one or two Sundays a month
  - Contact Linda at 612 817 8045
- Please pray through the Zoar prayer list every day
- Sign up to pray for one of our young people
- Leadership Team Meeting - Today, after service
- All Church Sunday - 2/8/26
- Pick up a copy of Our Daily Bread devotional in the Narthex
- To get on the prayer chain - email or call Pastor Al or the church.
- Prayer Requests - Form in seat back; box in Narthex or email Pastor Al
- Sign up for after church treats
  - Signup Genius on Zoar Facebook page and website
- Puzzle exchange - downstairs in the fellowship hall. Lots of new puzzles!
- Billy Peterson book - See Pastor Al
- Giving: Box in Narthex, online through our webpage or send a check to the church.

## **Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace

## **Bell**

## **Sending**

*Pastor Al: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

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

## **Dismiss**

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