

*Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 15, 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: "Rising"** - CCLI # 4662460

**V1** We've gathered to worship  
Becoming a choir to sing Your praise  
Lifting our voices  
Joining our hearts in this house today  
People of God in the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God we sing

**V2** We're gathered to go out  
To cities and towns  
We'll take Your Name into the nations  
Shining Your light in the darkest place  
People of God in the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God we live

**Chorus**

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised  
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised  
From the sky to the depths  
From the east to the west  
We give You praise

**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 "Be the Center"** - CCLI # 2650429

**V1** Jesus, be the center  
Be my source, be my light, Jesus

**V2** Jesus, be the center  
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus

**V3** Jesus, be my vision  
Be my path, be my guide, Jesus

**Chorus**

Be the fire in my heart,  
be the wind in these sails  
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus

**Song “Holy is the Lord” - CCLI #4158039**

**Verse**

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He

**Pre-Chorus**

And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing

**Chorus**

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

**Bridge**

It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
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It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

**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 Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NIV)

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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

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

**Message: "The Narrow Gate" - 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: "I Will Rise" - CCLI # 5183450**

**V1** There's a peace I've come to know  
Though my heart and flesh may fail  
There's an anchor for my soul  
I can say it is well  
Jesus has overcome  
And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won  
He is risen from the dead

**V2** There's a day that's drawing near  
When this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear  
And my faith shall be my eyes  
Jesus has overcome  
And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won  
He is risen from the dead

**Chorus**

And I will rise when He calls my name  
No more sorrow no more pain  
I will rise on eagle's wings  
Before my God fall on my knees  
And rise I will rise

**Bridge**

And I hear the voice of many angels sing  
Worthy is the Lamb  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart  
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## **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)
  - This week - James 2
- Soup Supper - Every Wednesday serving 5:15-6:00 pm
- Craft Night, tomorrow, 2/16, starting at 6:00 pm. Bring a craft and come fellowship with other crafty people. Grilled cheese sandwiches and soup will be served.
- Ash Wednesday, 2/18/26 - Imposition of ashes following Soup Supper this Wednesday
- 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
- 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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**Pastor Al Alexander 612-308-2185 • Music provided this morning by Dave Gustafson**

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