

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

V3 Jesus, be my vision

Be my path, be my guide, Jesus

V2 Jesus, be the center

Be my hope, be my song, 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

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

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Bridge

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