

*Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 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: "Alpha Omega" - CCLI # 5151619**

Alpha Omega, Beginning and End  
I need a savior I need a friend  
I need to know You beyond what I've known  
I need a father To welcome me home

Where the blind will finally see Your face  
Where the mute will finally sing Your praise  
Where the lost will finally know Your ways  
Where tomorrow becomes today

Alpha Omega, Beginning and End  
You are my savior You are my friend  
I need to know You beyond what I've known  
You are my father You welcome me home

Alpha Omega, Beginning and End  
Do all that You've promised  
Do all that You've said  
Fill me with passion Fill me with flame  
To go where You send me  
To go in Your Name

Break the darkness and its hold on me  
Holy Spirit set the captives free  
Let Your Kingdom speak and touch through me  
Holy Spirit set the captives free

**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 "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" - Worship & Praise # 90**

Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life.  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way  
From earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high

**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

**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: Isaiah 26:19 (NIV)**

But your dead will live, Lord;  
their bodies will rise—  
let those who dwell in the dust  
wake up and shout for joy—  
your dew is like the dew of the morning;  
the earth will give birth to her dead.

**Epistle Readings: Romans 8:11, Galatians 3:26-28 (NIV)**

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26 (NIV)**

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.” Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

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

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Message: “Jesus Raises Jairus’ Daughter” - 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: "As For Me and My Home" - CCLI # 7260199

### V1

*Of all the things I've prayed  
What matters most to me  
Is that those I love will love the Lord  
That every branch and leaf  
Upon this family tree  
Will find You of their own accord*

### V2

*My kids are Yours to claim  
They're Your kids anyway  
But I'll train them up as they should go  
Lord help them find their way  
To not live on borrowed faith  
That one day this song would be their own*

### Chorus

*As for me and my home  
We will serve the Lord  
As for me and my home  
We believe in God  
While on this side of the dirt  
There's just one name we put first  
Jesus alone  
As for me and my home  
As for me and my home*

### Bridge

*Oh I just can't wait to see the day  
A line of saints with my last name  
The legacy the prize of faith  
To greet my kids at heaven's gates  
There'll be mothers daughters fathers sons  
A bloodline covered by Your blood  
And just like we did on earth below  
We'll sing forevermore*

## Announcements

- May Mission: Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge - See poster in Narthex
- Community Bible Study
  - Monday's 6:00-7:00 pm at Zoar or Zoom (contact lmsalexand@gmail.com)
  - This week – Galatians 2:17-3:5
- Interested in becoming a member of Zoar? See Pastor Al
- Church on the Rocks starts 5/31/26
- Please pray through the Zoar prayer list every day
- Bible camp scholarships are available. See Pastor Al or one of the Leadership Team members.
- Sign up to pray for one of our young people. Thanks to those who are praying
- New Our Daily Bread devotional available 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 list in Narthex.
- Puzzle exchange - downstairs in the fellowship hall. Lots of 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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