

*Day of Pentecost, May 24, 2026
Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

Call to Worship “My Jesus” - Anne Wilson

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

Confession and Forgiveness (From Psalm 51 & Romans 7)

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

Congregation: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do I keep on doing. (Silence for reflection and confession)

P: Cleanse me and I will be clean;

C: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen

Gathering Hymn “There is Power in the Blood” - CCLI # 21370

V1

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

V2

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide.
There's wonderful power in the blood.

V3

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow;
there's wonderful power in the blood.

V4

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain:

There is power, power, wonder-working power
in the blood of the Lamb;
there is power, power, wonder-working power
in the precious blood of the Lamb.

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

Opening Hymn: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" - Family of God # 416

V1 *Pass me not, O gentle Savior
Hear my humble cry!
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.*

V2 *Let me at a throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief*

V3 *Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.*

V4 *Thou the spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me!
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heaven but Thee?*

Refrain *Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry! While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.*

Old Testament Readings: Malachi 4:2, Numbers 15:38-39, Leviticus 15:25-27 (NIV)

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'Throughout the generations to come you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the Lord, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by chasing after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes.

When a woman has a discharge of blood for many days at a time other than her monthly period...she will be unclean as long as she has the discharge...Any bed she lies on while her discharge continues will be unclean...and anything she sits on will be unclean...Anyone who touches them will be unclean; they must wash their clothes and bathe with water, and they will be unclean till evening.

Epistle Readings: Hebrews 4:16, Ephesians 3:12 (NIV)

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:20-22 (NIV)

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

P: The Word of God for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God

Message: "Stop the Bleeding" - 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

Closing Hymn: "Way Maker" - CCLI # 7115744

V1 *You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You*

V2 *You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship you*

V3 *Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop Jesus*

Chorus

*You are Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are*

Bridge *That is who You are
That is who You are
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That is who You are*

Announcements

- May Mission: MN 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)
 - Galatians 3:1-24
- Church on the Rocks starts next Sunday at 8:00 am near Fr. Baraga's Cross in Schroeder.
- North Shore Living - Today, 5/24/26, at 2:00 pm
- Leadership Team Meeting - Next Sunday 5/31/26 after church.
- Please pray through the Zoar prayer list every day
- Sign up to pray for one of our young people
- Bible camp scholarships are available. See Pastor Al or one of the leadership team members
- 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 - sheet 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.

Sending Hymn: "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus" - CCLI # 7174531

V1 Are you past the point of weary?
Is your burden weighing heavy?
Is it all too much to carry?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling?
'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

V2 Who can wipe away the tears
From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear? Oh
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would
Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Chorus
He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Post-Chorus Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, amen, amen Amen

Bridge Who would take my cross to Calvary?
Pay the price for all my guilty?
Who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh

Benediction Jude 1:24-25 (NIV)

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen

Bell

Sending

Pastor Al: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

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

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Al Alexander, Pastor • Music provided this morning by Linda Alexander

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