

*Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 14, 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**

**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 prayer and reflection)**

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** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" - Family of God # 601 v. 1 & 2

**V1** Savior, like a Shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
For our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

**V2** We are Thine; do Thou befriend us;  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock; from sin defend us;  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,  
Hear Thy children when they pray;  
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**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: “I, The Lord of Sea and Sky” - With One Voice # 752**

**V1** “I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?”

**V2** “I the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?”

**V3** “I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will give life to them.  
Whom shall I send?”

**Refrain**  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**Old Testament Readings:** Exodus 24:4. Jeremiah 50:6 (NIV)

Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

My people have been lost sheep;  
their shepherds have led them astray  
and caused them to roam on the mountains.  
They wandered over mountain and hill  
and forgot their own resting place.

**New Testament Readings:** Acts 13:2, Philippians 2:13, 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10:1-6 (NIV)

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

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

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Closing Hymn: “Holy Spirit of God” - Marsha Hansen**

*Holy Spirit of God, please take me and use my life.  
By Your filling, please make me willing to lose my life.  
In myself I have no courage to face the coming hour.  
Holy Spirit of God, come and fill me with power*

**Announcements**

- June Mission: Lutheran Indian Ministries - See poster in Narthex
- Community Bible Study
  - Monday's 6:00-7:00 pm at Zoar or Zoom (contact [lmsalexand@gmail.com](mailto:lmsalexand@gmail.com))
  - This week: Galatians 3:25-28
- Kids trip to Vermillion Soudan Mine - Saturday 6/27
  - Meet at the church at 8:30 am; drop off around 5 pm
  - Need one more adult to accompany us
- 4th of July food booth
  - Need volunteers - See Ken or John
  - No evening meal
- Priscilla Revier's Memorial Service - 8/22/26
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Tues, Wed, Thur; July 7-9; 6:00-7:30 pm
- Interested in becoming a member of Zoar - See Pastor Al
- Please pray through the Zoar prayer list every day
- Bible camp scholarships are available - See Pastor Al or one of the leadership team
- Thank you for those who are praying for our young people
- Pick up a copy of Our Daily Bread devotional in the Narthex
- 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: “Pass It On”- Family of God # 641**

**V1** *It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on.*

**V2** *What a wondrous time is spring - when all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.*

**V3** *I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*

**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***

**Dismiss**

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***Al Alexander, Pastor • Music provided this morning by Marsha Hansen***

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