

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 21, 2026*  
*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Call to Worship** “I’ll Fly Away” - Alan Jackson

**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** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” - Reclaim # 4

**Refrain**

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

**V1**

Each little flow’r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings.

**V2**

The purple-headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

**V3**

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them ev’ry one.

**V4**

God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

## **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 Can't, But God Can" - The Kevin Walker Family**

### **V1**

*I can't calm a raging storm, but God can  
Nor renew the freshness of the morn, but God can  
And I can't cause the birds to sing  
Or make the flowers bloom, when it comes spring  
Or mend the sparrow's broken wing, but God can*

### **V2**

*The children God has trusted into my hands  
Their future my eyes may not see, but God can  
Tomorrow's dawn, He'll still be there  
So I'll just leave them in His care  
Knowing He will hear my prayer, and God can*

**Refrain** *It's good to know the one who hung the stars in bright array  
And its good to know he sees the hurt I feel from day to day  
No I can't part the mighty sea and I can't make the demons flee  
But I can fall down on my knees and God can*

### **Ending**

*No I can't part the mighty sea,  
And I can't make the demons flee  
But I can fall down on my knees and God can  
I can fall down on my knees and God can*

## **Old Testament Readings:** Deuteronomy 15:7-8, Amos 7:14-15 (NIV)

If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need.

Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

## **New Testament Readings:** 1 Corinthians 9:14, 2 Corinthians 4:7, Romans 10:15 (NIV)

In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10:7-15 (NIV)

As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

"Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

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

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Message: "Jesus Sends" (Part 2) - 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: Holy and merciful God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.*

**C: Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to his, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*P: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever,*

**C: Amen**

## **Closing Hymn: "Shout to the Lord"** - Reclaim # 24

*My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love.*

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth; Let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of your name.*

*My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship you.*

*I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

## **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)
  - Tomorrow: The 10 Commandments
- Church on the Rocks Sundays at 8:00 am near Fr. Baraga's Cross in Schroeder.
- Kids trip to Vermillion Soudan Mine - This Saturday 6/27
  - Meet at the church at 8:30 am; drop off around 5 pm
- 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
- North Shore Living - Next week 6/28/26, at 2:00 pm
- Leadership Team Meeting - Next Sunday 6/28/26 after church.
- Please pray through the Zoar prayer list every day
- Thanks for those praying for 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: “Every Move I Make” - CCLI # 1595726**

**V1**

Every move I make, I make in You  
You make me move, Jesus  
Every breath I take I breathe in You  
Every step I take, I take in You  
You are my way, Jesus  
Every breath I take, I breathe in You

**Chorus**

Waves of mercy  
Waves of grace  
Everywhere I look  
I see Your face  
Your love has captured me  
O my God, this love  
How can it be?

**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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