

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 19, 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: "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

Bridge: It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown **(Repeat)**

Chorus
And together we sing, ev'ryone sing
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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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 "You are God Alone" - CCLI# 4243463

Verse 1: You are not a god created
by human hands
You are not a god dependent
on any mortal man.
You are not a god in need of
anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is.

Verse 2: You're the only God Whose power
none can contend
You're the only God Whose name and praise
will never end.
You're the only God Who's worthy
of everything we can give
You are God and that's just the way it is.

Chorus
You are God alone from before time began,
You were on Your throne, You are God alone!
And right now in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne, You are God alone.

Bridge
Unchangeable, unshakable, unstoppable, that's what
You are!

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: Job: 38:1-7,31,34-36, Genesis 2:7&15 (NIV)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: "Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, That an abundance of water may cover you? Can you send out lightning, that it may flash and say to you, 'Here I am!?' Who has put wisdom in the mind of men and who has given understanding to the heart?

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being... Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Epistle Readings: Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Gospel Readings: Matthew 22:34-40, John 14:7 (NIV)

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

P: The Word of God for the people of God C: Thanks be to God

Message: ***"Credo: I Believe in God the Father"*** - Pastor Emeritus Daren Blanck

Song: "This I Believe" - CCLI # 7018338

Our Father everlasting,
The all creating One, God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender,
Suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You, I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One

This I believe in the Name of Jesus

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: "Gratitude" - CCLI # 7158417

V1 All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

V2 I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

V3 I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

Chorus

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Bridge

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Announcements

- July Mission: Star Fish Fund - See poster in Narthex
- Pastor Daren will be preaching 7/19, 7/16 and 8/2. Pastor Al and Linda will be on vacation
- Community Bible Study
 - Monday's 6:00-7:00 pm at Zoar or Zoom (contact lmsalexand@gmail.com)
 - Galatians 4:8-23
- Church on the Rocks Sundays at 8:00 am near Fr. Baraga's Cross in Schroeder.
- New address for Sophia as she has recently started Coast Guard School: Swab Sophia Blanck, US Coast Guard Academy, 15 Mohegan Avenue, Chase Hall Box 7063, New London, CT 06320-8112
- Teen Challenge Choir will be at the EV Free church in Grand Marais
 - Sunday 7/26/26 at 6:00 pm
- Please pray through the Zoar prayer list every day
- Sign up for after church treats in the Narthex
- 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
- 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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