

All Saints Sunday, November 1, 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: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" - CCLI # 117947

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 the 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.

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 "How Great is Our God" - CCLI # 4348399

V1 The splendor of the King

Clothed in majesty;

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus How great is our God!

Sing with me:

How great is our God!

And all will see

How great, how great is our God!

V2 And age to age He stands,

And time is in His hands;

Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End

The Godhead, three in one,

Father, Spirit, Son

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Bridge Name above all names,

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing:

How great is our God!

Song “Firm Foundation” - CCLI # 7188203

V1 Christ is my firm foundation,
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken,
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus,
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations,
So why would He fail now

Pre-chorus He won't, He won't

Bridge Rain came and wind blew,
My house was built on You
I'm safe with You, I'm gonna make it through

V2 I've still got joy in chaos,
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under,
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
And He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season,
So why would He fail now

Chorus He won't, He won't,
He won't fail, He won't fail

Tag I'm gonna make it through,
'Cause I'm standing strong on You
I'm gonna make it through,
'Cause my house is built on You

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

Remembering Those Who Have Passed

Old Testament Readings: Job 1:7, Isaiah 56:5 (NIV)

The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”

to them I will give within my temple and its walls
a memorial and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that will endure forever.

Epistle Readings: 1 Peter 5:8, 2 Peter 2:20, Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

Gospel Reading: Matthew 12:43-50 (NIV)

“When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.” While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

P: The Word of God for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God

Message: “Fill Your Life with Jesus” - 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

Song: “I Will Trust You” - CCLI # 4397649

Verse *In my weakness, would You come
Help me stand up, help me run
To the shadow of Your wings
And the comfort that it brings*

Pre-Chorus *And I’ll wait, and be still
And I’ll know You are God, You are God*

Chorus *I will love You, and adore You
I will trust You, God
I will sing in times of trouble
I will trust You, God*

Announcements

- November Mission: Samaritan's Purse - See poster in Narthex
- Fall programs
 - Community Bible Study, Mondays 3:00-4:00, Ephesians
 - Led by Linda, at Zoar or Zoom (contact lmsalexand@gmail.com)
 - Bible Club at Birch Grove, Led by Richard and Roxana, Wednesdays, 3:15-4:30
 - Soup Suppers, Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00
 - Confirmation Classes, Led by Pastor Al and Linda, after Soup Suppers starting 11/18
- Annual Fishcake and Ham Dinner - Saturday, 11/14/26, 5:00-7:00.
 - Please spread the word and invite
- Please pray through the Zoar prayer list every day
- See Pastor Al if you would like to become a member of Zoar
- Thanks to all who are praying for our young people
- 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.
- Please invite and like us on FaceBook

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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