

*Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021*  
*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Gathering Hymn:** “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” - Reclaim # 30

**V1:** Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

**V2:** My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of your name.

**V4:** He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris’ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me

**Welcome and Announcements**

May Mission: **Lutheran Indian Ministries**

**Confession & Forgiveness** *From With One Voice*

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit*

**Congregation: Amen**

*P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.*

*(Silence for Prayer and Contemplation)*

*Gracious God,*

**C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.*

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** “Healer of Our Every Ill” - With One Voice # 738

**Refrain:** Healer of our ev’ry ill,  
Light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear,  
And hope beyond our sorrow.

**V1:** You who know our fears and sadness,  
Grace us with your peace and gladness  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts

**V2:** In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
Give us all your vision, God of love

**V3:** Give us strength to love each other,  
ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

### **Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:22-25, 31-33 (NIV)**

*Because of the Lord's great love  
we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."*

*The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;  
For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.  
Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,  
so great is his unfailing love.  
For he does not willingly bring affliction  
or grief to anyone.*

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-13 (NIV)**

*Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 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. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

### **Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 (NIV)**

*When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.*

*A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.*

*At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"*

*"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"*

*But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."*

*While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"*

*Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."*

He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Message:** "Jesus Meets Us in Our Desperation" - Guest Pastor Deborah Lunde

### **Prayers**

*Petitions for peace, justice, and healing for the world, the church, our communities, our neighbors, medical workers, police, first responders, members of the armed forces, and victims of forest fires and floods.*

### **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.***

### **Words of Institution & Communion**

*A deacon of the congregation will offer a cup of prepackaged, sealed grape juice with a wafer for communion. If you are joining us at home, please use your own bread or crackers and wine or juice.*

### **Communion Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"** - With One Voice # 731

**V1:** Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**V2:** When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

**V3:** When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home!

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Benediction and Sending**

*Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

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

## **Sending Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" - Reclaim # 54**

**V1:** Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness

**V2:** Thanks we give and adoration  
For your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To your truth may we be found.

**V3:** Savior, when your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with you in endless day.

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