

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024
Zoar Church, Tofte, MN

Welcome *(April Mission: MN Adult & Teen Challenge)*

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 "Rising" - CCLI # 4662460

V1 We've gathered to worship
Becoming a choir to sing Your praise
Lifting our voices
Joining our hearts in this house today
People of God in the power of God
For the Kingdom of God we sing

V2 We're gathered to go out
To cities and towns
We'll take Your Name into the nations
Shining Your light in the darkest place
People of God in the power of God
For the Kingdom of God we live

Chorus

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down
Let the Name of the Lord be praised
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down
Let the Name of the Lord be praised
From the sky to the depths
From the east to the west
We give You praise

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 prayer)

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord

C: And he forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Song “Rest Upon Us” - CCLI # 4714394

V1 My soul is weary and my cup is dry
I am so in need of you
Though my righteousness is rags
Your mercies are new
So Lord come down to me
So my heart can see
How encompassing your grace can be

Chorus
Holy Spirit rest upon us
Breath of God touch my soul
Come unfailing love of Jesus
Rest upon us rest upon us

V2 My mind is heavy and my days are long
I lift my eyes up in the night
My heart it weighs me down
But your burden is light
So Lord come walk with me
Until my heart believes
All the bounties that your grace can bring

Bridge
I will wait for you
I will wait for you
You rest upon us
Come rest upon us

Song “The Shadow of Your Love” - CCLI # 5865448

V1 I just wanna stay in the shadow of Your love
And never leave, no matter where it goes
I don't wanna lift my feet from solid ground
Or miss Your voice, forget how it sounds
I just wanna stay in the shadow of Your love

Chorus When I call don't you always rescue me
When I fall You always carry me
Into the shadow of Your love

V2 I just wanna go, where I'm supposed to go
No matter what that means, or where it leads
I just wanna see what lies in front of me
Seems that's not Your way so I must walk by faith
As long as I can stay in the shadow of Your love

V3 I don't wanna live, the way I used to live
How I couldn't see all You've done for me
Now I just wanna sing, Heaven's melodies
And lift my voice no matter what life brings
I just wanna stay in the shadow of Your love

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 Reading: Joel 2:28-29 (NIV)

“And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-13 (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

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

Message: *"The Holy Spirit" - 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

Song: "Let Me Be" - CCLI # 4859479

Lord, You are the maker of my heart
The Framer and reshaper of my soul
Master and creator, Healer and sustainer
I will put my trust in You alone
Teach me to be faithful to confess
In this way, my spirit will be blessed
Though my sins are daily,
You have loved me greatly,
Removing them as far as east from west
Let me be open, Let me be humble
Let me find the joy of my salvation in Your cross
Let me be broken, Whenever I stumble
Let me remember the great mercy of my God

Give me the full measure of Your grace
As it is reflected in the Word
Faith and reassurance mercy and endurance
I'll carry these to those who haven't heard

All I have needed is laid at Your table
All my achievements I lay at Your feet
Alive in Your Spirit I'm willing and able
You make my joy complete

Announcements

- April Mission: MN Adult & Teen Challenge
- Prayer chain - email or call Pastor Al or the church. Latest prayer list is in the Narthex.
- Bible Study – Mondays 6:00; John 13:21-38, 14:16-31, 15:12-27
- Need a ride to Sunday service or Soup Supper - Call Pastor Al
- Sign up for soup suppers and after church treats.
- Box in the Narthex; or give online through our web page or send a check to the church.
- Leadership Team Meeting after church today.
- Rev. Roger Livdahl Living Legacy Campaign. Info in Narthex
- Zoar has two canoes. Reserve through the church.
- Memorial service for Linda Morris at Schroeder Town Hall on May 4th at 1:00.
- National Day of Prayer. Thursday, May 2, noon to 1:00 on the courthouse steps.
- Worship service at North Shore Living - Today at 2:00

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Sending

Pastor Al: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

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

Bell and Dismiss

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