

April 20, 2025

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The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn 365 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Greeting

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Canticle of Praise “Glory to God”

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Prayer of the Day:

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/tu1gdNdKGIU?si=H74-eVIDO5sRCkQa>

Hymn 361: “The Day of Resurrection”

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Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns: 495, 379, 391

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Zion Lutheran Church welcomes our **visitors and guests**. We are pleased that you have come to join us in the worship of our God of grace and love. May you be strengthened and uplifted in our time together. *Please sign our guest register and make yourself known to Pastor Jeff.* We hope that you will plan to be with us, again, at your earliest opportunity.

All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This morning, we will be distributing the Lord’s Supper in a continuous fashion. Trays holding individual cups of wine are on stands at either side of Pastor Jeff for those wishing to receive wine. **We are making available a small number of individual glasses filled with non-alcoholic white wine. These are for those not wishing to partake in the red wine containing alcohol.** The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the center aisle.

Please note that masks are now “optional or personal preference”. Disposable masks remain at all entrances for those wishing to continue to wear one.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Elizabeth, Marg, Doris, Marleen, Linda, Bonnie, Elaine, Garry, Glenn, Joy, Todd, Gwen, Jim, Dan, Mike, Jack, Cindy, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Katie, Paul, Wendy, Joan, Devon, Hollice, Joyce, Maria, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Isabelle, Al, Melinda, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;

>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. April 21

OFFICE CLOSED

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 PM Pathfinders in Parlour

7-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall

Tues. April 22

7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall

Wed. April 23

9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour

1:30 PM Communion Service in Chapel followed by

Coffee in Parlour

Thurs. April 24

9:30-11:30 AM Alzheimers in Parlour & Chapel

12:00 NOON Bible Study in Parlour

4:30 PM Confirmation in Parlour

7:00 PM Choir in Chapel

Fri. April 25

2:00 -3:00 PM Marek in Sanctuary

Sun. April 27

*** Easter 2 ***

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Ron & Nancy Hesas

Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker

Altar: Carmen Beck

Reader: Stephen Fischer

Counting Captain: Janet Chandler

House of Blessing: Jan Bennewitz



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK: We are pleased to welcome back **Franklin Famme** who will share his musical talents with us this morning. Thank you Franklin for joining us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING

EASTER FLOWERS: ***"THANK YOU"*** to the following donators who have contributed to the purchase of the flowers used to decorate the Sanctuary for our Easter celebration: Robert & Bev Keutsch, Ellen Wolfe, Tom Waschkowski & Marian Sherk, Wayne & Linda Faulhafer, Irene Ehgoetz, Fred & Robin Riehl, Tim & Darlene Gropp, Pauline Schade, Jean Weir, Elfrieda Zimmerman, Ron & Nancy Hesas, Brian & Barb Gropp.

"THANK YOU" to the Women of Faith for organizing the collection of the funds, and to Dianne Mann for purchasing the beautiful flowers and decorating the Sanctuary for our Easter celebration this morning.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING: The "Special Easter Offering" this year will be divided equally between Canadian Lutheran World Relief and our Current Fund. These offerings may be made up to and including Sunday, April 27th, 2025. Thank you for your support!

WORSHIP
with us

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL: has resumed on the **FOURTH (4TH) WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** at 1:30 PM.

**THE NEXT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IS THIS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd**

You are invited to the parlour following worship for coffee and/or tea and cookies.

We look forward to seeing you!!!

SAFE FOOD HANDLING COURSES: Huron Perth Public Health is offering two in-person food safety courses this spring:

Stratford Location

Date: **Thursday, April 24, 2025**

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: HPPH Stratford Office – 653 West Gore Street, Stratford

Cost: \$45 per person

WOMEN OF FAITH will be starting a sandwich program for the Connection Centre on **April 25th**.

We are looking for volunteers to help make this outreach a success. All sandwiches will be made in our kitchen and delivered to St. Paul's Church for distribution on a bi-weekly (Friday) schedule. If you would like to join a team and give one hour a month of your time on a Friday morning please call Jan 519-271-6073. Thank you!

UPCOMING STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT:

Saturday, April 26th 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

By appointment. Book now by calling 1-888-236-6283 or at www.blood.ca/GiveBlood App

JAZZ VESPER: **Sunday, April 27th, 2025 at 4:00 PM**
St. James Anglican Church
41 Mornington Street, Stratford

Musicians: **THE JAZZ COMBO FROM:**
St. Michael's Catholic Secondary School

*** ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS INFORMAL EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE ***

(Free Will Offering)

STRATFORD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SPRING RECITAL:

**SPRING
RECITAL**

Soloist
Matthew Olsen

Guest Artist
Flight Children's Choir

Conductor
Eric Charbonneau

 **Monday, April 28th**
7:30 PM

**ADMISSION BY
DONATION**

Avondale United Church
stratfordsymphony.ca/ssyo
The SSYO is generously supported by Christine Teeple

The Stratford Symphony Youth Orchestra is a growing community of young musicians, developing their talent through mentorship, rehearsals, and performances.

Led by our very own Éric Charbonneau, Music Director, SSYO provides a space where new talent thrives, creativity flourishes, and a love for orchestral music is shared.

If you can, come out and support these talented young musicians and our very own Éric Charbonneau at Avondale United Church on Monday, April 28th at 7:30 PM.

MEMORY & AGING PROGRAM: hosted by the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth

- What kinds of memory changes should I expect as I grow older?
- What changes are normal and which ones are not?
- Can I improve my memory?

Find answers at this 4 week course!

River Gardens Retirement Home – 10 Romeo Street North, Stratford

Thursday, May 1 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Thursday, May 8 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Thursday, May 15 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Thursday, May 22 2:00 – 4:00 pm

\$25 Workbook Fee. Registration Required. Group size limited.

To register call: 1-800-561-5012 or 519-271-1910

Email: christyb@alzhp.ca

COMPOSERS IN CONCERT MMMM 2025: will be performing their “Spring” Concert on

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 4:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church

202 Erie Street, Stratford

Admission by Donation

GRIEF SUPPORT: A Grief Support Group will be held at St. James Church. Meetings will take place in the Club Room at St. James on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. The start date is yet to be established. Resource material will be “Understanding Your Grief” by Alan Wolfelt and is available from the church office at St. James. Any one interested can contact Nancy Adams at 519-495-9492 or email to spiritworker@gmail.com.

To register, please email inspections@hp-ph.ca or call 1-888-221-2133

STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING: We have received a “most-needed items list” from the House of Blessing. To help them with their significant increase in the number of people using their services, as you are able, if you could bring **Canned Vegetables or Peanut Butter** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.



STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE: Spring is around the corner, but the nights are still cold and the needs are still high. On the next page is the latest “**much needed**” list. Whatever help you can provide is greatly appreciated!

Please drop off donations in the bins located at the back of the Sanctuary or inside the office entrance door.

DANCING IN THE RAIN: “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning how to Dance in the Rain! The Bible says, rejoice ALWAYS! Even in the storms of life, as worshipers of God, we can rejoice and dance in the rain, in the midst of the storm. We rejoice not because our circumstances are perfect. We rejoice because we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Come to beautiful Niagara Falls and join a vibrant group of women to explore our theme and Keynote Speaker (Kimberly Wardell), Worship, art, music, movement and more.”

Chaplain: Rev. Jennifer Hoover

June 20 – June 22, 2025

Mount Carmel Spiritual Retreat Centre

7020 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls

Deadline to sign up is May 10, 2025.

For more information contact the Church office at 519-271-8527. The office is open Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH is
thrilled to announce that we are
hosting our “2nd Concert” to raise
funds for our much-needed stair
lifts!

“WE THREE KINGS”

**Featuring Three (3) World-
Renowned Tribute Artists from
Three (3) Countries**

**Depicting Three (3) Decades of
the King of Rock & Roll!**

**Hugo Colin (United States) ♥
Roy LeBlanc (Canada) ♥ Oliver
Steinhoff (Germany)**

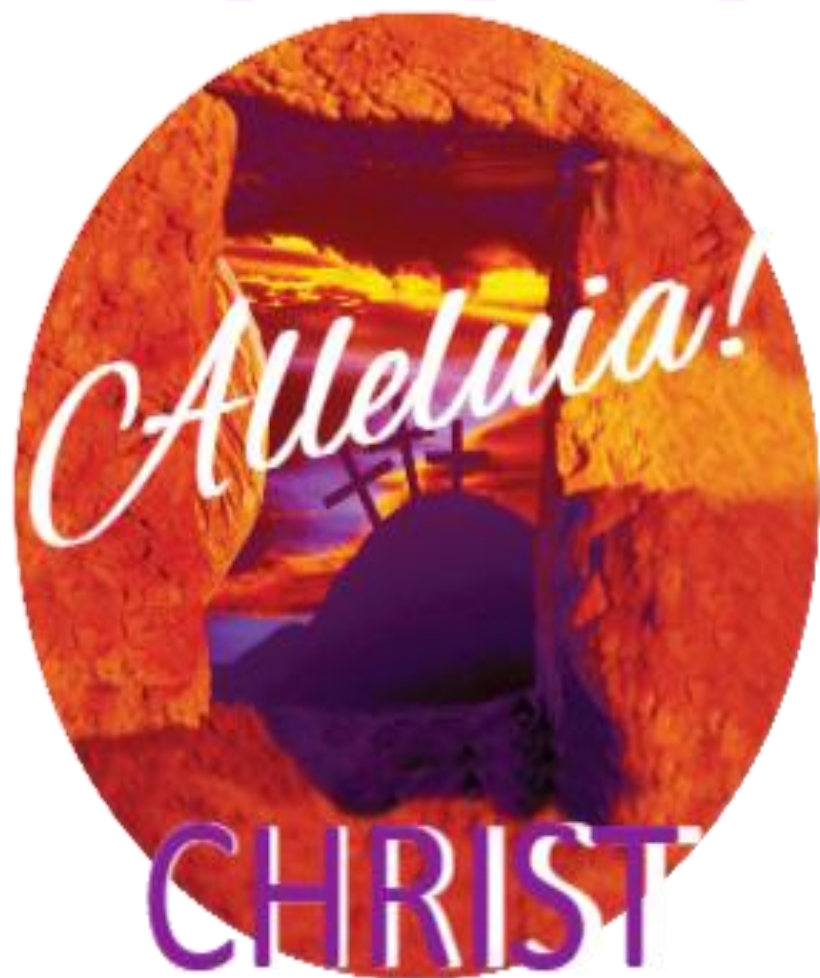
JULY 27TH @ 2:00 P.M.

**Zion Lutheran Church
202 Erie Street
Stratford, ON**

**Tickets are available through the
Church Office (519-271-8527)
Tuesday through Friday
mornings for \$40.00 each or
through Ticketscene
www.ticketscene.ca/events/50328**

Please Spread The Word!

CHRIST IS RISEN.



CHRIST
IS RISEN INDEED.