



PEACE

PEACE I leave with you ...
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

May 25, 2025

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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Hymn 834: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Greeting

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Canticle of Praise “Glory to God”

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Prayer of the Day:

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: John 14:23-29

Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/live/6a0CEKhEgGw?si=y_Cru652r1J8m78V

Hymn 785: “When Peace, Like a River”

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Choir Anthem: “O Thou, Whose All-Redeeming Might” **Arr. David Blackwell**

MEAL

Offering Hymn 182: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Choir Anthem: “The Lord’s Prayer” **Kathy C. Bowen**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns: 499, 623

SENDING

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Postlude: “Sortie” **by Noel Rawsthorne**

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: Marg, Doris, Marleen, Nancy, 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, Leanne, Isabelle, Al, Melinda, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;

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

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. May 26</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
<u>Tues. May 27</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. May 28</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour
<u>Thurs. May 29</u>	12:00 NOON Bible Study in Parlour
<u>Fri. May 30</u>	4:00 PM Bowling Banquet in Fellowship Hall
<u>Sun. June 1</u>	* Easter 7 * 10:00 AM Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, June 1ST AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Bob & Marilyn Wells
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd
Altar: Sister Jean

Reader: Isabel Cook
Counting Captain: Irene Ehgoetz
House of Blessing: Heather Broadfoot



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS: Our Thursday Bible Study class will begin its study of Martin Luther's Small Catechism this Thursday, May 29th at 12:00 noon. If you have not studied the Catechism since Confirmation Class or have never heard Luther's inciteful explanations of the chief parts of the Christian faith, this is a perfect opportunity to become acquainted with this important aspect of our Lutheran heritage. Copies of the Catechism will be available, and all are invited to participate. Please see Pastor Jeff for further information.

GRAND RIVER OPERA PRESENTS:

NORMA and the VALKYRIE

(Excerpts from Bellini's Norma and Wagner's Die Walkure)

Sunday, May 25

Avondale United Church, Stratford

7:30 pm

Sliding Scale Tickets \$25 / \$35 / \$45

GrandRiverOpera.com

PERTH COUNTY FLYING CLUB FLY-IN, DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST

Planes, Pancakes & Plenty of Fun!

Sunday, June 1

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Stratford Municipal Airport

Breakfast by donation! Pancakes, Maple Syrup, Peameal Bacon, Juice, Coffee or Tea

New Additions to This Year's Event

- Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association – Book a flight in a Harvard aircraft! Bookings must be made in advance. Email info@harvards.com
- Edenvale Classic Aircraft Foundation – At least two World War II aircraft will be flying in for the event!

Hosted by the Perth County Flying Club, Chapter 69, Canadian Owners and Pilots Association

All proceeds support the Stratford General Hospital Foundation

SING FOR THE JOY OF IT: Roll with them and their very own rock band as they feature Rock and Motown music of the 50's, 60's and 70's from such legends as: Elvis Presley, The Beach Boys, Elton John, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, Neil Diamond and more!

June 3 & 4 at 7:30 P.M.

Avondale United Church

194 Avondale Ave., Stratford – Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

Tickets \$25.00 / Youth 17 & under \$5.00

(general admission and advance only)

Livestream Link \$20.00

Available from the Avondale Church Office (519-271-7946)

Or by emailing singforthejoyofit@gmail.com

E-transfer payment available (singforthejoyofit@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE: for Avondale United Church's Foodshelf and Stratford House of Blessing Food Bank

Saturday, June 7, 2025, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Avondale United Church Parking Lot

(194 Avondale Ave.; enter off Huntingdon Ave.)

Non-perishable food items and cash donations accepted

(Tax receipt provided for cash donations)

Hot Dogs and Pop Available by Donation

JAZZ VESPERS: The next Jazz Vespers at St. James Anglican Church on Mornington Street will be on **Sunday, June 8th at 4:00 P.M.** It will feature a quartet led by vibraphonist Michael Wood, for many decades a member of the Stratford Festival. Please join us for this informal evening worship service. A free will offering is received.

HAM & STRAWBERRY SUPPER: Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford
Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Eat in from: 5-7 pm; Take out from: 5-6:30 pm

Tickets on sale for \$25.00 each

From May 11 – June 10 (and weekdays in the office 519-271-7946)

Menu: Ham, potato salad, bean salad, coleslaw, bun, strawberries and ice cream.
For takeout – cake in place of ice cream.

All proceeds support Avondale Ministries.

ROTARY HOSPICE STRATFORD PERTH

This June 22nd, who will you be hiking for?

Family-Friendly Games & Activities

BBQ Lunch

Refreshments

Guest Speakers

Live Music

An Opportunity for Connection & Reflection

HIKE FOR HOSPICE

When: Sunday, June 22, 2025

Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where: Stratford Perth Museum

Registration is Now Open: www.rotaryhospice.ca/hike-sign-up

This year's goal is \$125,000.

For questions about the registration process, please contact Pippa Elliott, Marketing & Communications Coordinator: pippa@rotaryhospice.ca or 519-508-4900 x 702.

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.

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 **Peanut Butter or Canned Vegetables and fruit** 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. See the list for the latest "**much needed**" items. 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.

The sandwich makers for the Connection Centre would greatly appreciate donations of food gift cards from Walmart or Food Basics. Any support you are able to provide is most welcome.



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 still 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!