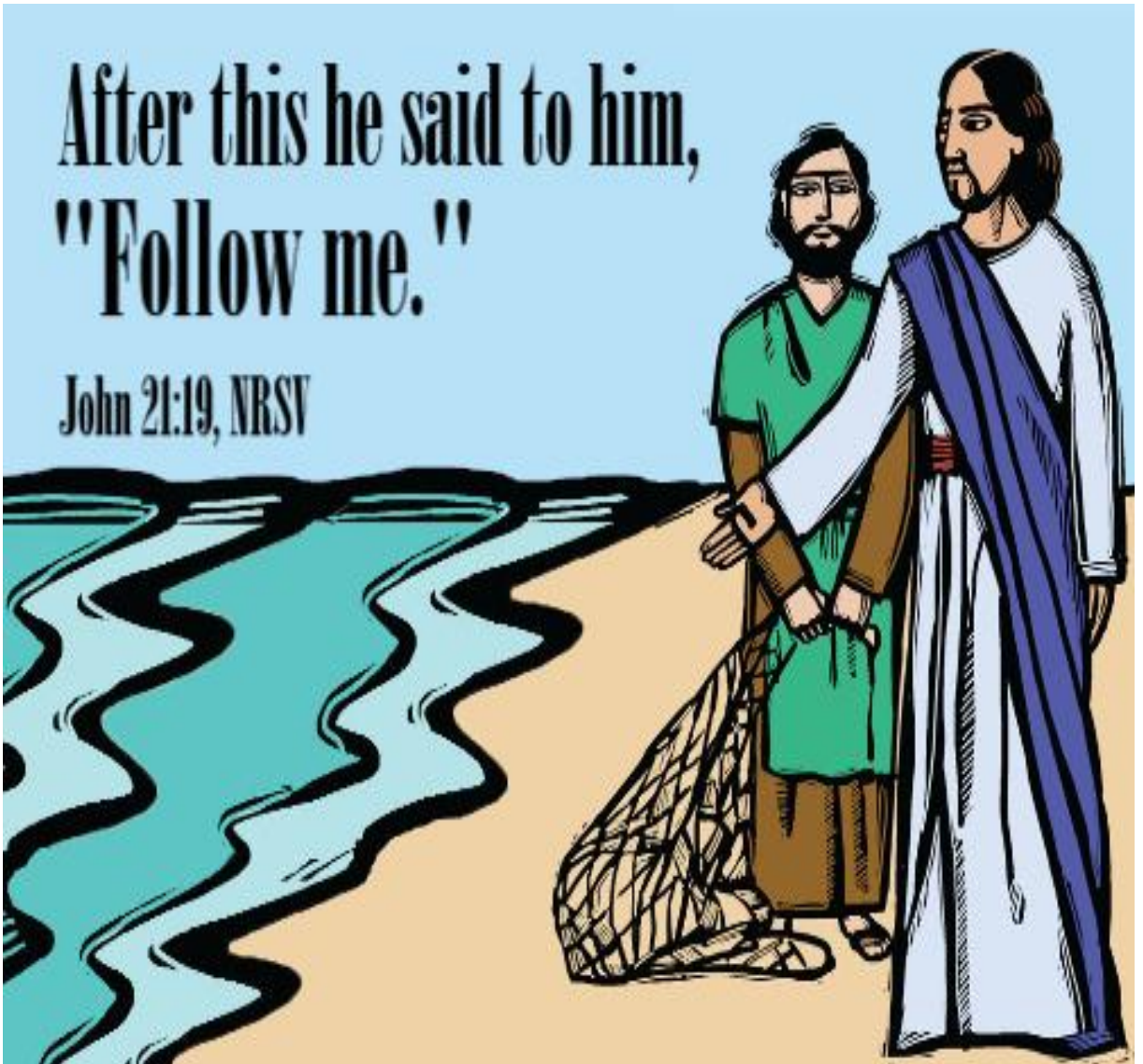


After this he said to him,
"Follow me."

John 21:19, NRSV



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Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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: Jamie, Gertha, 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:

Mon. June 30 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
Pastor Jeff on Vacation

Tues. July 1 **OFFICE CLOSED FOR CANADA DAY**
9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
Pastor Jeff on Vacation

Wed. July 2 Pastor Jeff on Vacation

Thurs. July 3 Pastor Jeff on Vacation

Fri. July 4 WOF making sandwiches in Kitchen
Pastor Jeff on Vacation

Sun. July 6 * Pentecost 4 *
10:00 AM Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 6th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Darrell & Judy Renecker
Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker
Altar: Shirley Whittaker

Reader: Linda Faulhafer
Counting Captain: Laurie Snow
House of Blessing: Gerry Rehberg



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME: We are pleased to welcome back Pastor Tim Elliott who is our officiant for today's worship.

"Thank You Pastor Tim" for leading us in worship this morning! It is always so nice to have you with us!

We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**

WELCOME: This morning we welcome back our guest pianist, *Mia Masui*. It has been a while since Mia was here, so, to refresh your memory...Mia is a pianist from Osaka, Japan and is currently based in Stratford, ON and active all around Southwestern Ontario. She holds a Bachelor of Music from Mount Allison University (Sackville, NB) and a Master of Music in piano performance and literature from Western University (London, ON). She enjoys not only playing solo piano pieces; but, also enjoys making music with others and teaching piano to her students. Aside from playing piano, she spends time with her cocker spaniel puppy!

"Thank You" for joining us this morning Mia and sharing your amazing talent! It is nice to have you back!

WATER BOTTLES: We are looking for empty 4 Litre bottles to fill with the water from our dehumidifiers as this is used for the humidifier for the grand piano. Our goal is to have a good supply on hand to save us from having to buy distilled water through the winter. If you have any empty 4 Litre bottles to donate, kindly drop them off at the church office any weekday morning between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. or you can place them under the table at the back of the church on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

ALTAR GUILD MEETING: The Altar Guild will be meeting on Saturday, July 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parlour.

Topics to be discussed are as follows:

1. Communion Preparation
2. Communion Elements and Supplies
3. Altarware
4. Altar Linens
5. Paraments and Banners
6. Flowers

All volunteers involved in the above areas are asked to attend. Anyone who is interested in the Altar Guild please call Ellen Wolfe at 519-749-5341.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY DISCUSSION SERIES:

Alzheimer Society
HURON PERTH



Let's Talk About...

Types of Dementia

Join us on ZOOM for our Summer discussion series!

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm on ZOOM

July 2	Alzheimer's disease
July 9	Vascular dementia
July 16	Lewy Body Dementia
July 23	Frontal Temporal Dementias
July 30	Young Onset Dementia

**Register at: www.alzheimer.ca/huronperth
or bit.ly/ASHPEducationHour
1-800-561-5012 or info@alzhp.ca**



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 **Hot and cold cereal or canned fish (tuna and salmon)** 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: Please see the list below for the latest “**much needed**” items that has been posted for June, 2025. 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.
Thank You!**



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
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**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!



CONGRATULATIONS to all students for achieving another year of wisdom!
Wishing you a SAFE summer with LOTS of FUN!!!