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Pentecost 22

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Prayer of the Day:

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

Psalm: 17:1-9

Second Reading: 2Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Acclamation

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Children’s Message

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/F4q4hXLaKrg?si=0hCEbMbJ2eqHho0b>

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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: Judy, Marjorie, Bill, Marie, Lucy, Jamie, Marg, Marleen, Nancy, Gwen, Jim, Jack, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Paul, Wendy, Joan, Devon, Hollice, Joyce, Maria, Tom, Marian, Leanne, Isabelle, Al, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. November 10</u>	1:30-3:30 PM Alzheimers in Parlour 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00-8:00 PM Girl Guides in Parlour 7:00-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall
<u>Tues. November 11</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Greenwood Worship 3:00 PM CFUW in Boardroom 6:00-10:00 PM Sing For the Joy of It practising in Sanctuary
<u>Wed. November 12</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 5:00 PM Bethel Community Meal 5:30-7:00 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room
<u>Thurs. November 13</u>	12:00 Noon Bible Study in the Parlour 2:15 Knollcrest Worship 4:30 PM Confirmation in Parlour 5-7 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room 6:30-8:00 PM Girl Guides in Fellowship Hall
<u>Fri. November 14</u>	12:00 Noon-2:00 PM Seniors' Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
<u>Sun. November 16</u>	* PENTECOST 23* 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Wayne & Linda Faulhafer
Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker
Altar: Sister Jean

Reader: Linda Faulhafer
Counting Captain: Irene West
House of Blessing: Heather Broadfoot



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

The Sunday School children will be singing in church on Sunday, November 30th during the 10:00 AM service.

The Children's Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, December 14th during the 10:00 AM service.

Please note that the Sunday School Wing is a **"NUT FREE"** area!

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES AND FRIENDS are holding two Christmas Markets this November. Your purchase of these unique, fairly traded and handcrafted product supports employment and skill development. Come check it out at WK United Mennonite Church, Waterloo (November 13-15) and MCC Ontario, Kitchener (November 27 & 29). Details can be found on the bulletin board poster located by the offices.

NOVEMBER 15, 2025 "SITARSKI PERFORMS BARBER" at Avondale United Church,

194 Avondale Ave. – 7:30 PM

Conductor: William Rowson

Guest Artist: Stephen Sitariski, Violin

Scan the QR code below for more info and tickets:



**STRATFORD
CONNECTIONS**
URGENT NEEDS

**Volunteers for
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Razors
Toothbrushes
Basic t-shirts (medium)
Ground coffee
Packaged grab & go snacks!
Deodorant**



STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE: Please see the list for the latest “**much needed**” items. Whatever help you can provide is greatly appreciated!

Please Note: Due to limited space, Stratford Connection Centre is not able to accept donations of clothing. If you have clothing to donate, please take it to Goodwill as this is where Stratford Connection takes their homeless for clothing.

HOWEVER, donations of socks, underwear, hats, scarves and mittens (preferably water proof mittens) are needed and accepted at Stratford Connection. Thank you!

Please drop off donations in the bins 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!

OUR SENIORS' LUNCHEON on Friday, November 14th from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM will feature a speaker from the Stratford Connection Centre, Sarah McIntyre-Roy.

In support of the Stratford Connection Centre, we are asking all those who are able to please bring one (1) item from the “Urgent Needs” list with you to the luncheon. Thank you for your generosity.

A CANDLELIGHT MESSIAH by George Frederick Handel featuring Elizabeth Lepock, soprano; Jennifer Enns Modolo, mezzo-soprano; Zachary Vander Meulen, tenor; Ben Wallace, baritone; the Choir and Orchestra of Spiritus Ensemble; Kenneth Hull, conductor is being performed on

**Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church,
23 Water Street North, Kitchener**

Tickets available online or at the door

Adults \$45 / Students \$20 / 12 years & under \$10

For more information or tickets visit spiritusensemble.com

DECORATING FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: Members of Zion are invited to assist with the decorating of our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas worship services. The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th. The decorating will be done on **Tuesday, November 25th at 10:30 am.** Tasks will include decorating the Christmas trees with the chrismons, hanging garland and wreaths and setting out the decorative candles. Tasks are designed for volunteers with a wide range of skills. Your assistance in decorating is appreciated.

WOMEN OF FAITH UPDATE: The Women of Faith will be meeting in the Church Parlour on **November 29th at 9:30 AM** to package the ***WE-CARE Christmas Gift Bags***. These will be delivered within the following week (November 29th to December 6th).

After packaging the Gift Bags, they will be going to Demetre's Family Eatery at noon (November 29th) to share a Christmas Luncheon together. All ladies of Zion Church are welcome to join them. Please call Darlene (519-271-0996) or Wendy (519-271-4664) by **November 24th** to confirm you are coming.



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 soup, stew and chili 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.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025: In early twentieth century Paris, the tradition of the Salon was rich with storytelling, songs and instrumental music, from the macabre to the ridiculous. Derek Kwan, a uniquely gifted singer and actor, joined by pianist Éric Charbonneau and the INNERchamber String Quartet guides us through the Salons of Paris with Germaine Tailleferre's String Quartet, Francis Poulenc's La Dame de Monte Carlo, Oscar Wilde's The Nightingale by Laura Burton and many more. (See the insert below.) For more information: www.innerchamber.ca.

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ANDREW CHUNG - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Season 16

November 30, 2025



From the **SALONS OF PARIS**



Derek Kwan, singer and actor
Éric Charbonneau, piano

Andrew Chung, violin
Allene Chomyn, violin
Judith Davenport, viola
Ben Bolt-Martin, cello