



"Here is the
Lamb of God who
takes away the
sin of the world!"

John 1:29, NRSV

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Second Sunday After Epiphany

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Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm: 40:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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Children's Message

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/reF0sc1V5Io?si=puhBhETG2EN-Ss2>

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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: Bev, Jim, Wayne, Doris, Matthew, Marjorie, Bill, Marie, Jamie, Marleen, Nancy, Gwen, Jim, Jack, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Paul, Wendy, Devon, Hollice, 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. January 19</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour 6:00-8:00 PM Girl Guides in Parlour 7:00-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall 7:15 PM Choir in Chapel
<u>Tues. January 20</u>	9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. January 21</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 2:00 PM McCarthy Place Worship 4:30-7:00 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room 7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting in Parlour
<u>Thurs. January 22</u>	12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour 4:30 PM Confirmation in Parlour 5:00-7:00 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room 6:30-8:00 PM Girl Guides in Fellowship Hall
<u>Sun. January 25</u>	* EPIPHANY 3* 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Brad & Sherri Beattie
Usher Captain: Brian Coe
Altar: Sister Jean

Reader: Carmen Beck
Counting Captain: Mary-Lou Drown
House of Blessing: Wayne Faulhafer



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME: This morning we would like to extend a warm Zion welcome to Pastor Keith Reynolds of Avondale United Church who will be preaching and leading worship as part of our observance of the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity” (January 18-25).

We also welcome our friend Pastor Tim Elliott who will be assisting Pastor Keith in worship this morning.

Our reader this morning will be Margaret DeLaat, also from Avondale.

We are delighted to have you both join in our celebration.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY: It is time to renew your Eternity For Today subscription. If you are interested in renewing or if you want to register to receive this daily reflection book, please contact Jane in the office at 519-271-8527.

“INTO THE WARMTH” Words and Music featuring Judy Maddren, readings and Tim Elliott on piano.

Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. at St. James Anglican Church, 41 Mornington Street, Stratford in the Upper Parish Hall.

Free Will Offering.

This is a benefit concert for the Warming Centre at Stratford Connection Centre located at St. Paul’s Anglican Church.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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 rice** 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: The “urgent needs” list includes razors, toothbrushes, basic t-shirts (medium), ground coffee, packaged grab & go snacks and deodorant. 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.

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

Thank You!

