

*At once
they left their
nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20, NIV



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Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 25, 2026

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Prayer of the Day:

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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Children’s Message

Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/live/Y3D_XrN_pWA?si=UytwXvC-tuhiK2zi

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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 26</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 27</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Parlour 7:00 AM-4:00 PM Festival Hydro in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Parlour 10:30 AM Worship & Music Meeting in Parlour 4:30 PM Christian Ed Meeting in Parlour 7:00 PM Endowment Fund Meeting in Parlour
<u>Wed. January 28</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 4:30-7:00 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room
<u>Thurs. January 29</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>Fri. January 30</u>	7:00 AM-4:00 PM Festival Hydro in Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM WOF making sandwiches in kitchen
<u>Sun. February 1</u>	* EPIPHANY 4* 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Wayne & Linda Faulhafer
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd
Altar: Shirley Whittaker

Reader: Tom Waschkowski
Counting Captain: Irene Ehgoetz
House of Blessing: Mary Mueller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

JAZZ VESPERS: **Sunday, February 15th, 2026 4:00 PM**
 St. James Anglican Church
 41 Mornington Street, Stratford

Featuring:

THE HOME COOKIN’ DIXIELAND BAND

**ALL WELCOME
TO THIS INFORMAL
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
(FREE WILL OFFERING)**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: **There will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, February 15th.**



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.

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!

