



THEY SAW WHAT
SEEMED TO BE
TONGUES
OF FIRE

THAT SEPARATED
AND CAME TO REST
ON EACH OF THEM.

ACTS 2:3, NIV

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24 2026

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Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

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Hymn 627: “O Day Full of Grace”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Celtic Alleluia



Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/live/LBiycBrhtpI?si=nV_XbNRk2xhP9d6-

Hymn 800: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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Choir Anthem: “O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

Melchior Franck

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Dismissal

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Postlude

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: Audrey, Beth, Liz, Gertha, Peter, Marilyn, Isabelle, David, Carol, Bev, Jim, Wayne, Matthew, Marjorie, Bill, Marie, Jamie, Marleen, Nancy, Gwen, Jim, Jack, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Paul, Wendy, Devon, Hollice, Maria, Tom, Marian, Leanne, Al, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;

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

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. May 25</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour 7:00 PM Choir in Chapel
<u>Tues. May 26</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 7:00-9:00 PM CFUW in Boardroom
<u>Wed. May 27</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour
<u>Thurs. May 28</u>	12 Noon Bible Study in Parlour SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Friday, May 29</u>	SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Saturday, May 30</u>	2:00-4:00 PM Bruce Fetter Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall 4:00 PM MMM Concert in Sanctuary SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Sun. May 31</u>	* THE HOLY TRINITY * 10:00 AM Worship 2:00-4:30 PM MIKE & SUE WEBER & FRIENDS IN CONCERT SISTER JEAN AWAY

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Gerald & Isabel Cook
Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick
Altar: Ellen Wolfe

Reader: Murray Scholl
Counting Captain: Janet Chandler
House of Blessing: Gerry Rehberg



ANNOUNCEMENTS



A *special welcome* to all who worship with us on this *Confirmation Day* at Zion Church. You bless us with your presence on this very special day in the life of our community of faith.

Our confirmands affirming their baptism today are: *Sophie Jean Berry, Declan Garrett Bessey, Abigail Grace Anne Boersen and Carl Brian Daly.*

Following today's worship service, the confirmands will gather at the altar with Pastor Jeff for pictures.

FLOWERS BY THE ALTAR: The bouquet of flowers in the church is in celebration of Abigail (Abby) Boersen's Confirmation from G-ma and Papa (Heather and Rob Broadfoot).

Abby, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:16

HOLY TRINITY VARIETY SALE: 41 Mornington Street, Stratford

SHOPPING HOURS

Thursday, May 28

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Friday, May 29

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Half Price!

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Fill a Tote for \$2!

ONRUSH MUSIC FESTIVAL PRESENTS: "THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON"

Live at Avondale, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford

Featuring the Eclipse Players

Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Visit onrushfestival.ca for tickets

In support of

United Way Perth-Huron / United Housing

COMPOSERS IN CONCERT – MMMM 2026: Composers Michael R. Dobinson, Doug Peterman and Marco Burak together with their guests, Emily MacSween and Susan Laustsen, invite you to their concert on **Saturday, May 30th, 2026 at 4:00 PM** in the Sanctuary here at Zion Lutheran Church, 202 Erie Street, Stratford. Admission is by donation!

For more information visit facebook.com/mmmmconcerts.

PERTH COUNTY FLYING CLUB'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST:

Sunday, June 7th 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Stratford Municipal Airport
Rain or Shine

Food, flying and fun for the whole family!

Fly-in or drive-in to the Stratford Municipal Airport for the Perth County Flying Club's annual breakfast.

By donation, enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, peameal bacon, local maple syrup with coffee, tea or juice. Weather permitting you'll also have a chance to witness a few flights – including some arrivals and departures of attendees from around South Western Ontario!

The Volunteers of Stratford General Hospital will also be in attendance selling their Christmas in July Raffle tickets!

JAZZ VESPER

Sunday, June 7th, 2026 at 4 pm
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
41 Mornington Street, Stratford

Featuring:

TIM ELLIOTT & OUR LITTLE BAND

All welcome
To this informal
Evening Worship Service
(Free Will Offering)

12TH ANNUAL HIKE FOR HOSPICE: There's something special about coming together for this day, walking in memory, in honour, and in support of compassionate hospice care in our community. Whether you join on Hike Day or make it your own and Hike on Your Site, every step counts.

Whether you hike in honour of a loved one, in gratitude for the care you or someone close to you received, or simply to give back, **every step helps** ensure that individuals and families have access to comfort, dignity and support when it matters most.

Gather your friends, family, colleagues, or group members and be part of something meaningful on **June 14th**.

BETHEL KIDS 2026 SUMMER CAMPS

July 6th-10th
July 13th – 17th
July 27th – 31st
August 10th – 14th

- Ocean Explorers Camp
- Around the World Camp
- Colour Wars Camp
- Camp Carnival

\$200 per week
\$175 per additional child registered

Register at mybethel.ca

L'ARCHE STRATFORD'S 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & AFTER PARTY:

Registration is open for the 6th Annual Golf Tournament & After Party at the Stratford Municipal Golf Course on **Thursday, August 13th**

Lunch is served at 12:00 P.M.

Shotgun starts at 1:00 P.M.

with the After Party happening at 4:00 P.M.

Contact Wendy admin@larchestratford.ca for more information

CREATION CARE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Trinity Luthern Church, New Hamburg

August 17 – 21 Full Day! 9 am-4 pm

Ages 5 – 11 as of December 31, 2026

Outdoor activities * crafts * science * music * and more!

Register online at telc.ca

(Registration closes June 30th)

Financial assistance available.

Please contact Pastor Tanya Varner (varner@telc.ca) prior to registration.

STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE: Below is an updated “Needs List”:

- Single serve snacks
- Basic socks
- Laundry soap/pods
- Coffee & sugar (always)
- Bus tickets
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Razors

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday between 12-4:30 pm.

Please contact them if an alternative drop off time is necessary at 519-271-6819 ext 405 or by email connectioncentre@cmhahuronperth.com.

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

Thank you for continuing to support the Connection Centre so they can support our vulnerable neighbours! ❤️



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 **rice or baked beans** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.



ONE WEEK AWAY TO OUR CONCERT SUNDAY, MAY 31ST HERE AT ZION

**MIKE & SUE WEBER
& FRIENDS**
Perform Classic Country Music



SUNDAY MAY 31ST

(2:00 – 4:30 pm)

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

202 Erie Street, Stratford

A FUND RAISER FOR ONGOING MAINTENANCE FEES OF CHAIR LIFTS

Tickets: \$35.00

CALL: 519-271-8527

Refreshments Available

**JUST ONE
WEEK AWAY
TO OUR FUND
RAISER
CONCERT!
DON'T MISS
OUT! GET
YOUR TICKETS
NOW!**

**CALL THE
CHURCH
OFFICE AT 519-
271-8527
WEEKDAY
MORNINGS
FROM 8:00 A.M.
TO 1:00 P.M.**

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**PURCHASE
TODAY AND
NEXT SUNDAY
MORNING AT
THE BACK OF
THE
SANCTUARY
BEFORE OR
AFTER
WORSHIP.**

**YOUR TICKET
IS WAITING
FOR YOU!**

NEED A BIRTHDAY GIFT OR PERHAPS A TREAT FOR A FRIEND? BUY A TICKET!

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE AND HEAR SOME GREAT
CLASSIC COUNTRY MUSIC!**

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! THANK YOU!