

Then he said to his disciples,

"THE HARVEST
IS PLENTIFUL BUT

THE
WORKERS

ARE FEW.

ASK THE LORD
OF THE HARVEST.

THEREFORE, TO SEND OUT
WORKERS INTO
HIS HARVEST FIELD."

MATTHEW
9:37-38, NIV

June 14, 2026

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Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

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Hymn 883: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm: 100

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:23

Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/live/qYkE9lC80P0?si=_MvRfAZqu2jvzUm7

Hymn 661: “I Love to Tell the Story”

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Postlude: “Nachspiel”

by Anton Bruckner

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:

Mon. June 15

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:30-9:00 PM Éric in Sanctuary

SISTER JEAN RETURNS

Tues. June 16

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

Wed. June 17

9:30 AM Nith Valley in Fellowship Hall

6:00-9:30 PM Éric in Sanctuary

7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting in Parlour

Thurs. June 18

12 Noon Bible Study in Parlour

2:15 PM Knollcrest Worship

Friday, June 19

9:00 AM WOF making sandwiches in kitchen

Saturday, June 20

1:00-3:00 PM Playmakers in Fellowship Hall & Court Yard

Sun. June 21

*** PENTECOST 4 ***

10:00 AM Worship

3:00-5:30 PM Coda Piano Studio Concert in Sanctuary

4:00-8:00 PM Jesus Is Lord Church in Parlour

“HAPPY FATHERS’ DAY”

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Wayne & Linda Faulhafer

Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker

Altar: Sister Jean

Reader: Murray Scholl

Counting Captain: Shirley Whittaker

House of Blessing: Mary Mueller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAM & STRAWBERRY SUPPER: Avondale United Church
194 Avondale Ave., Stratford
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
Eat in & Take-Out from: 4:30-6:30 pm

Menu: Ham, pasta salad, carrot salad, coleslaw, bun, strawberries, cake (takeout),
Ice cream (eat in)

Tickets will be on sale for \$25.00 each and are available weekdays at the Church Office from:
May 20-June 15 (519-271-7946; 9 am-3 pm Monday-Thursday, 9 am-12 pm Friday)

Ticket sales are limited, so be sure to get yours early!
All proceeds support Avondale Ministries.

WOMEN OF FAITH MEETING: The next meeting of the Women of Faith will be a Luncheon
format at the Arden Park Hotel on June 22nd at 12:30 PM. All ladies of Zion are welcome.

If you can attend, please call or text Darlene Illman 519-271-0997 (Home) 519-301-1259 (Cell) or
Wendy Hansen 519-271-4664 (Home) 519-949-3787 (Cell) by June 15th, 2026.

Hope to see you there!

TASTE OF STYLE: Enjoy an evening of style, fashion inspiration and fun!

Wednesday, June 24th @ 6:30 PM

Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford

Style Pass: Minimum donation of \$10.00

All proceeds will be donated to *Family Services Perth-Huron*

Reserve your Style Pass today by calling 519-273-1020

COWS & CLASSICS GARDEN PARTY: Your hosts, Stratford Symphony Orchestra” invite
you to their “Cows & Classics Garden Party” on Sunday June 28th, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

For more information visit www.stratfordsymphony.ca or call 519-271-0990.

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 Lutheran 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 **canned fish – tuna and salmon or toilet paper** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.





THE
SAME GOD

*who made
the wind*

KNOWS
YOUR NAME.