



**Whoever**  
finds their life  
will lose it,  
—— and ——  
**Whoever**  
loses their life  
for my sake  
**will find it.**

**MATTHEW 10:39, NIV**

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June 21, 2026

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# **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **Ministers**

Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2026

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## **GATHERING**

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**Hymn 876: “Let the Whole Creation Cry”**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm: 69:7-10, 16-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/MR0lqIZcY7g?si=coMc62On-DCZNGk8>

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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 wine, which may be found in the inner circle in each communion tray. 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: Linda, Heather, 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 22

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00-9:00 PM Shelterlink AGM in Fellowship Hall

6:30-9:00 PM Éric in Sanctuary

Tues. June 23

7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

6:30-8:00 PM Perth Standard Condominium in Fellowship Hall

Thurs. June 25

12 Noon Bible Study in Parlour

Saturday, June 27

Black Corner Studio using Gravel Parking Lot (Weather Permitting)

**Sun. June 28**

**\* PENTECOST 5 \***

10:00 AM Worship

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Ron & Nancy Hesas

**Usher Captain:** Tom Cosstick

**Altar:** Ellen Wolfe

**Reader:** Isabel Cook

**Counting Captain:** Irene Ehgoetz

**House of Blessing:** Jan Bennewitz



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this morning are placed in loving memory of our dear parents, John and Catherine Baker and Harry and Anny Terhaerd, by the Baker and Terhaerd families.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 AM service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the Congregational Council's recommendation for the installation of a new asphalt parking lot around our church building.

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

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

For more information visit [www.stratfordsymphony.ca](http://www.stratfordsymphony.ca) or call 519-271-0990.

**STRATFORD SUMMER MUSIC:** July 9<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>

**A Multi-Venue Summer Event!**

**Tickets available at [www.stratfordsummermusic.ca](http://www.stratfordsummermusic.ca)**

**Programs are available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary**

## **BETHEL KIDS 2026 SUMMER CAMPS**

July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

August 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

- Ocean Explorers Camp

- Around the World Camp

- Colour Wars Camp

- Camp Carnival

\$200 per week

\$175 per additional child registered

Register at [mybethel.ca](http://mybethel.ca)

## **L'ARCHE STRATFORD'S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & AFTER PARTY:**

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

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](mailto: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](http://telc.ca)

(Registration closes June 30<sup>th</sup>)

Financial assistance available.

Please contact Pastor Tanya Varner ([varner@telc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 vegetables and fruit or tooth brushes and toothpaste** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.





# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Start children off on the way they should go, and  
even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6, NIV