



• JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000. •

AND ALL ATE AND WERE
FILLED AND THEY TOOK
UP WHAT WAS LEFT OVER
OF THE BROKEN PIECES
TWELVE BASKETS FULL.

MATTHEW 14:20, NRSV



August 2, 2026

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

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Hymn 658: “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm: 145:8-9, 14-21

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/EBAhBHpVHQc?si=CA8kJ2kYf58GGuw>

Hymn 712: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

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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, 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: Edith, Heather, Audrey, Beth, Liz, Gertha, Peter, Marilyn, Isabelle, David, Carol, Bev, Jim, Wayne, Matthew, Marjorie, Bill, Marie, Jamie, Marleen, Nancy, Gwen, Jim, 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. Aug. 3

OFFICE CLOSED FOR CIVIC HOLIDAY

Tues. Aug. 4

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Greenwood Court Worship

Fri. Aug. 7

SISTER JEAN AWAY

Sun. August 9

*** PENTECOST 11 ***

10:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Nithview Terrace Worship

SISTER JEAN AWAY

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Audrey Miller & Mervyn Dietz

Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaardt

Altar: Shirley Whittaker

Reader: Mary-Lou Drown

Counting Captain: Laurie Snow

House of Blessing: Gerry Rehberg



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER SHAWL REMINDER: A reminder to all that the Prayer Shawl group are not meeting tomorrow, AUGUST 3rd due to the Civic Holiday. Thank you!



E-TRANSFER OFFERINGS: If you have previously sent your offering via e-Transfer, please be advised that we are having an issue with our auto deposits. The bank is working with us to resolve the situation. If you wish to send an e-Transfer in the meantime, you will be required to complete a security question. Please keep the question simple; the answer could be put in the “Message” section. We will advise of further details when they become available. Thank you for your patience!

MEMBER DOWNSIZING: A member has notified us that he is moving and having to downsize from a two bedroom to a one bedroom apartment. He has supplied us with items he is giving away which he will not have room for in his new apartment. Please contact Jane in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings for more information.

PROVIDE RELIEF IN VENEZUELA: Venezuela earthquake response – CLWR and the ELCIC are calling on Lutherans in Canada to pray for the people of Venezuela and to donate today to provide life-saving relief in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation.

Donations may be made by placing your gift in a plain envelope; be sure to put your envelope number, your name and “Venezuela Appeal” on the front of your envelope. You can put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning; drop it off at the office on weekday mornings or place it in the lock box. Thank you for your support!

MUSIC CONCERT with CAPE BRETON DUO Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen:

Monday, August 10, 2026

Avondale United Church

194 Avondale Ave., Stratford 519-271-7946

Tickets \$20.00 through Ticket Scene or the church office

All proceeds support the Avondale United Food Shelf

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

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 12:00 PM-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 soup, stew and chili or Bar Soap and Body Wash** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

