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Thanksgiving

October 11, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

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Hymn 693: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem: “Cantate Domino”

Guiseppe Ottavio Pitoni

WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm: 65

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/SC9qUV0Aipw?si=vpaXXwuqiytSkI2L>

Hymn 689: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

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Choir Anthem: “A Song of Thanksgiving”

Sue Farrar

MEAL

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Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns: 679, 733

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Postlude: Nun Danket Alle Gott (or in English “Now Thank We All Our God”)

Setting by Sigfrid Karg- Elert.

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: Elfrieda, Jean, Edith, Heather, Beth, Liz, Peter, Isabelle, David, Carol, Bev, Jim, Wayne, Marjorie, Jamie, Marleen, Nancy, Gwen, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Wendy, Hollice, Leanne, Al, Brian, Nya, and Cathy;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. Oct. 12

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Tues. Oct. 13

7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM Greenwood Worship
3:00 PM CFUW in Boardroom
4:00-6:30 PM Huron Perth Centre in Parlour

Wed. Oct. 14

9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour
2:00 PM McCarthy Place Worship
5:00 PM Bethel Community Meal
5-6 Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room

Thurs. Oct. 15

12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour
2:00 PM Knollcrest Worship
4:15 Confirmation in Parlour
5-7:30 Playmakers in Shuffleboard & SS Rooms

Sat. Oct. 17

10:00 AM Special Congregational Council Meeting in Parlour

Sun. Oct. 18

*** PENTECIST 21 ***

10:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School

COFFEE HOUR

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Tom & Joanne Cosstick

Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick

Altar: Carmen Beck

Reader: Mary-Lou Drown

Counting Captain: Isaac Whittaker

House of Blessing: Jan Bennewitz



ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

As in the past, the “Thanksgiving” offering envelopes for this year will be apportioned one-half to the House of Blessing & one-half to our Current Fund.

“Thanksgiving” offering envelopes are available on the tables at each of the entrances & on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

Offerings for Thanksgiving may be made up to & including

Sunday, November 1st.

Thank you for your continued support.



COFFEE HOUR: Next Sunday, October 18th there will be a *Coffee Hour* immediately following Worship hosted by Judy Stanley. All are welcome! Please drop into the Fellowship Hall and support Judy and your Congregational Life Committee while enjoying a delicious cup of coffee, tea or punch. There will, of course, be treats to satisfy your sweet tooth. See you there!

E-TRANSFER OFFERINGS:

A reminder that we are officially setup, once again, for “e-Transfer auto deposits”.

However, we have had to create a new email address for our e-Transfers that is linked directly to our CIBC account.

For future e-Transfers please use zion202offerings@execulink.com.

A security question will not be required using this email address and funds will be automatically deposited to our account.

We want to “thank you” for your patience and understanding during the process to remedy the auto deposit procedure.



ZION’S 80 & OVER SENIORS’ BIRTHDAY PARTY is being held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 23rd, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Personal invitation calls will be coming soon.

MMMM COMPOSERS IN CONCERT: Former Zion organist, Marco Burak, and friends including renowned composer Christopher Norton, present an eclectic concert of new music: ranging from Ukrainian folk song arrangements to out-of-this-world abstract soundscapes featuring voices, viola, clarinet and electronics.

Saturday, October 24th, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
202 Erie Street, Stratford

(Admission by Donation)

Featuring:

Composers:

Marco Burak
Doug Peterman
Michael R. Dobinson

Guest Composers:

Wendy Edwards Beardall-Norton
Christopher Norton
Britton Theurer

JAZZ VESPER:

Sunday, October 18th, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
41 Mornington Street, Stratford

Featuring:

THE TYSON KIPFER TRIO

Tyson Kipfer (Piano)
Eric Trimmer (Bass)
Kevin Lower (Drums)

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

STRATFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Viva España! Experience the passion, colour, and artistry of Spain in an intimate chamber concert featuring an exceptional ensemble of Canadian and Spanish artists. Mezzo-soprano *Lorena Valero* joins Stratford Symphony Orchestra clarinetist *Kaye Royer*, pianists *Alexander Panizza* and *David Murray*, and guest conductor *Cristóbal Soler* for an evening of vibrant Spanish music. From the fiery melodies of Bizet's *Carmen* and expressive songs of Manuel de Falla and Joaquín Turina to works by *Albéniz*, *Granados* and Canadian composer, *Ronald Royer*, this program celebrates the rich musical traditions and dramatic spirit of Spain. *Cristóbal Soler* will also share brief reflections on the program, offering audiences a special glimpse into the music and its cultural heritage.

Saturday, November 7th at 2:00 PM
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
41 Mornington Street
Stratford

For tickets and information please visit
stratfordconcertchoir.org
Or Blowes Stationery, 34 Wellington Street

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

For convenience, you may drop off donations here at Zion in the bins located 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, 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 Toothbrushes & toothpaste** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

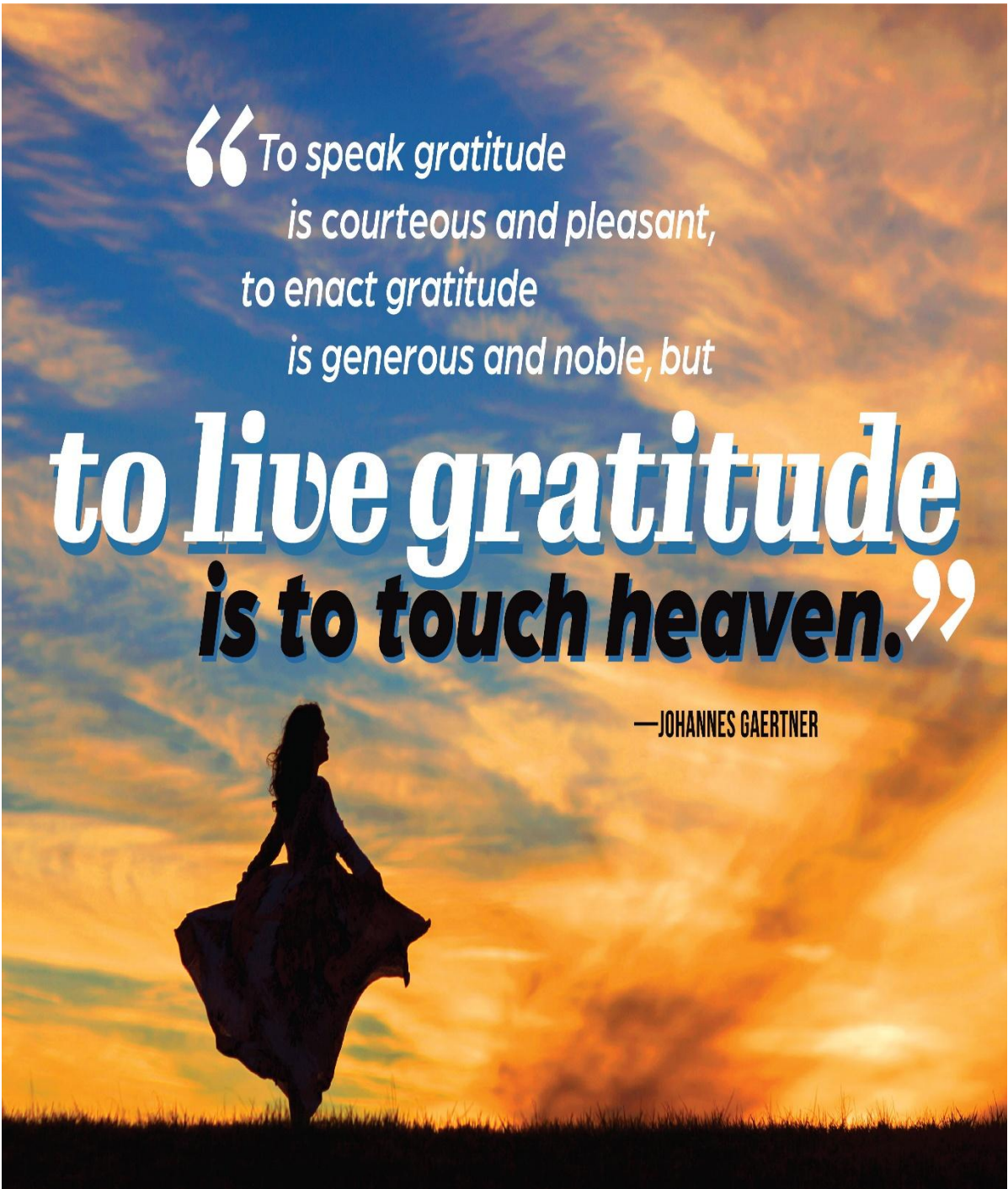


HERE AT ZION



**WISHING EVERYONE A
HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**



A woman in a long, flowing dress stands on a grassy field, her back to the camera, looking out at a vibrant sunset. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. The woman's dress is caught in the wind, creating a graceful silhouette. Overlaid on the sky is a large, white quote with a blue shadow effect.

“To speak gratitude
is courteous and pleasant,
to enact gratitude
is generous and noble, but

**to live gratitude
is to touch heaven.”**

—JOHANNES GAERTNER