

CHRIST THE KING

November 22, 2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stratford, Ontario

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Laura Burton	**Organist**
Éric Charbonneau	**Pianist**

Christ the King **November 22, 2026**

GATHERING

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Hymn 855: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

> **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95: 1-7a
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

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Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/live/JtSJbSni43c?si=o6C3VxSYz3Bu5_BV

Hymn 431: "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"

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Choir Anthem: "Lord, We Beseech Thee" Adrian Batten

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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 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: Ralph, Barbara, Jochen, Elfrieda, Jean, Heather, Beth, Liz, Peter, Isabelle, David, 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. Nov. 23	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour 6:30-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Choir in Chapel
Tues. Nov. 24	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Decorate for Advent 4:00-6:30 PM Huron Perth Centre in Parlour
Wed. Nov. 25	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour
Thurs. Nov. 26	12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour 4:15 PM Confirmation in Parlour
Sun. Nov. 29	*** ADVENT 1 *** 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School Cook Family Christmas in Fellowship Hall

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Tom & Joanne Cosstick
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerdt
Altar: Shirley Whittaker
Reader: Linda Faulhafer
Counting Captain: Irene Ehgoetz
House of Blessing: Jan Bennewitz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECORATING FOR ADVENT: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
The church year is coming to an end. Our hearts are beginning to turn to the season of Advent. This year **Advent** will begin on **Sunday, November 29th.** This means that help is needed to decorate Zion's worship space for Advent. **Decorating** will be done on **Tuesday, November 24th at 10:30 AM** Tasks to be completed include placing decorations on the Christmas trees, hanging garland on the balcony and doorways and placing decorative candles throughout the sanctuary. Volunteers are invited to come and help. Many hands make for light work.

WOMEN OF FAITH: The next Women of Faith meeting will be on **Saturday, December 5th at 9:30 AM in the Church Parlour**. We will be packing the Christmas ***"Care Bags"*** and delivering them when finished. At noon we will gather at **Swiss Chalet Restaurant** for our Christmas luncheon. All Zion ladies are welcome to attend.

Please call Darlene Illman (519-271-0996) or Wendy Hansen (519-271-4664) by **Tuesday, December 1st** if you can join us.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas season!

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:



Donations are now being accepted until the middle of December so the Women of Faith can purchase flowers to decorate the church for our Christmas celebrations. If you wish to donate, please put **"Christmas Flowers" and your name on a separate envelope** and place it on an offering plate located at the back of the Sanctuary or at the ramp entrance; drop it off in the locked mailbox, or bring it to the church office. Thank you for your gift!

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.

JAZZ VESPERS REMINDER: This afternoon, Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
41 Mornington Street, Stratford

Featuring

THE MICHAEL WOOD TRIO
Michael Wood (Vibraphone)
Ralf Bushmeyer (Guitar)
Clark Johnston (Bass)

ALL ARE WELCOME
TO THIS INFORMAL EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

(FREE WILL OFFERING)

HOUSE OF BLESSING FOOD DRIVE: The House of Blessing "Christmas Food Drive" will take place on **Saturday, November 28th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Food Basics, No Frills and Zehrs.**

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: St. James Lutheran Church, Perth East celebrates with their **29th Traditional "Journey To Bethlehem" on Saturday, November 28th**. See the enclosed insert for more information and a map to get there.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS: Prepare your heart to the coming of Christ with an afternoon of prayer, hymns and Scripture!

Sunday, November 29th at 4:00 PM
Holy Trinity Anglican Church Stratford

CAROLFEST: Saturday, November 28th at 7:00 PM
Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave. 519-271-7946

Featuring: Storyteller Keith Reynolds
Special Guest, singer Heather McGuigan;
The Carolfest Choir & Stratford Concert Band

A free will offering will be collected for the House of Blessing

GIFTS FROM THE HEART: When you are looking for a gift for the "hard to buy for" people on your Christmas list, consider purchasing from "Gifts from the Heart". This way you will be helping those less fortunate while giving a meaningful gift. Catalogues are available at each of the entrances. Please see the insert for more information.

UPCOMING BLOOD DONATION EVENTS:

Stratford Rotary Complex

353 McCarthy Road, Stratford

Tuesday, December 1st 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Tuesday, December 29th 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

VELVET & IVORY presents ***"A Vintage Holiday Special"*** featuring ***Beverley Maranger*** on vocals and ***Tim Elliott*** on piano ***and musical friends!***

Friday, December 4th at 7:00 PM
Stratford Perth Museum

Tickets are $35 + tax and can be obtained by calling the Stratford Perth Museum at 519-393-5311 or visiting www.stratfordmuseum.ca.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 PM
Avondale United Church

Hosted by Eddie Matthews

Musicians: Laura Burton, David Keeley & friends

Readers: Marion Adler
Jonathan Church
Kelly McIntosh
Judy Maddren
Keith Reynolds
Scott Wentworth

Tickets: $50.00 each. Purchase online at rotaryhospice.ca or call 519-508-4900.

TO STRATFORD WITH LOVE BANQUET: The 38th annual "To Stratford With Love Banquet" will be held
on Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM
at the Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

Complimentary tickets are available starting November 12th. Pick up a ticket at one of the following locations: House of Blessing, Salvation Army, City Hall and The Local Community Food Centre.

Visit tostratfordwithlove.ca to register online or 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. 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! ♥

STRATFORD
House of Blessing

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 **Side dishes (KD, Sidekicks, Hamburger Helper, stuffing, instant potatoes, etc.) 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.



IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS BULLETIN BOARD,
DO NOT FEEL LEFT OUT!

YOU MAY GIVE US YOUR CONFIRMATION VERSE BY
EMAIL, GIVING IT TO SISTER JEAN OR DROPPING IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

WE WOULD BE THRILLED TO HAVE YOUR VERSE
INCLUDED IN THE NEXT DISPLAY!

St. James Lutheran Church, Perth East
celebrates with their

29TH TRADITIONAL

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Celebrate with us – Christ is the Gift

A nativity re-creation with live farm animals
at

BETHLEHEM STABLE

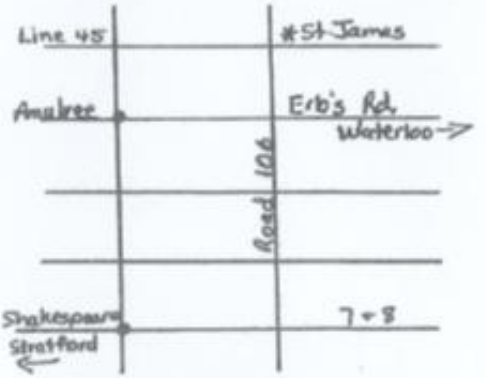
(Church's Red Shed – Remember to dress warmly and bring a blanket!)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH 2026, 4:00PM & 7:00PM

Cost: Priceless

Refreshments to follow the program.

For more details, please call
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carolh@cwisp.ca



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ALL WELCOME!



This Christmas, choose Gifts from the Heart to share God's love and make a meaningful difference for people around the world!

clwr.org/gfth

Canadian Lutheran World Relief