

*Zion Evangelical United Church
1886 ~ 2026
Empowered by God's Love
for 140 Years!*

- *The people read bold printed lines
- *CH—Celebration Hymnal—Green book
- *VU—Voices United—Red book

Our Mission Statement

*"To be a welcoming, Christ centered community,
empowered to share God's love and to make disciples for
Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, teaching,
prayer, and acts of caring."*

Trinity Sunday & Communion Worship Service

Rev. Sheldon Alley and Rev. Susan deHaan

May 31, 2026

Today's Greeters Susan Hanniman & Kevin Parvilus

Prelude Shelley Jodoin

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment Rev. Alley

As we gather together, we acknowledge that our buildings and ministries are located on the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin People who have inhabited and cared for these lands for time immemorial. We express our gratitude and respect to them and to the land for all that it has provided and will continue to provide.

Announcements Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle Rev. Alley

Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* CH—#3
VU—#315

Call to Worship

Come, give thanks to God,
who pours out abundant grace on us.

Come, give thanks to Christ,
who strengthens and appoints us.

Come, give thanks to the Holy Spirit,
who sustains our faith.

Come, let us give thanks to our God,
who is eternal, immortal, and invisible.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you are slow to anger and swift to forgive. You have shown us the depth of your love, yet we are reluctant to love others even a little. You have shown us compassion and forgiveness, and yet we walk away from one another without care. You show us the way of service, and yet we put up barriers and keep your gifts for ourselves.

Forgive us, O Lord. Create in us new hearts; give us courage to forgive one another, and even to forgive ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

God is ready to forgive. God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in unchanging love. The God of love forgives your sins, strengthens you in goodness, and gives you the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Youth Time (*Children exit for Sunday School following lesson.*)

Choir

"How Great Thou Art"

Prayer for Understanding

Lord, we long for your wisdom and truth. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen to the Scriptures. Prepare our ears to hear your Word and our hearts to receive it. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Gary McKay

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 (pg 1127)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 8

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!
From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up
to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their places,
**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,
and put all things under our feet,
all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,
the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters.**

Scripture *Matthew 28: 16-20 (pg 967)*

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God."

Message

Rev. Alley

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Set apart by your covenant, redeemed through Christ's, and renewed by your living Spirit, we come bearing our gifts, O merciful God. They are but a portion of earth's treasure you abundantly give us. With them we commit our time and energy to be Christ's faithful servants. Use all that we bring, and all that we are, to bless your Holy name. Amen.

Communion Liturgy

Rev. Susan deHaan

Communion Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

CH—#563

VU—#371

Call To Give Thanks

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth we recognize the fullness of your grace: light, life, and love, revealed in words that confront and comfort us, in teachings that challenge and change us, in compassion that heals and frees us. And now we gather at this table to remember and to be filled with such longing for your realm, that we may rise together to turn our worship into witness and to follow in your way. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song of Creation

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus, who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way, sharing our joy and sorrow, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and setting the captive free. So it is that we join the song of all creation to proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering Jesus at Table

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me." Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Remembering the Community

At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast. We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain, all who are ill or alone, all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger, for all whom the world counts as last and least. We pray for the church and its varied ministries, for nations as they strive for peace and justice, for all our families and friends.

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Prayer for Transformation

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world. In this hope and as your people, we praise you. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Amen.

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

This is the table of the risen Christ. In this feast comes the root of our joy. In this feast gleams the promise of the earth and the glory of all creation. In this feast comes the Christ, Saviour and Friend to all. The bread is broken for everyone. The juice is poured, ready for sharing, the gifts of God for all people. Let us feast together for our strengthening in the faith, and for the sake of the world.

Choir

“Long Ago And Far Away”

(During Distribution of Sacraments)

Prayer after Communion

For what we have eaten, for what we have sipped, for what we have received—bread, juice, and life, thank you, God! May this moment fill us and change us. May this moment fill and change your world. In Christ's name. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Holy God, we bless you for uniting us with each other and bringing us into communion with you.

Because of your compassion and the hope you offer your people, we pray to you, trusting in your care and guidance. **We have felt your Spirit within us. We have witnessed your Spirit among us.**

Help your church, and all the branches of the faith, to discover the unity it shares in Christ. Strengthen and equip your people in that unity, so that your Spirit leads us to work together as co-servants in building your realm, helping each other to flourish according to your ways. **We have felt your Spirit within us. We have witnessed your Spirit among us.**

Unite the human family by the love that unites us with you, our God. We pray for our nation and our communities. Where we have acted proudly let us work for justice and fairness. Where we have been blind to the pain of others, let us seek peace and reconciliation with our neighbours. **We have felt your Spirit within us. We have witnessed your Spirit among us.**

Compassionate and loving God, we pray for those in need, who suffer and experience chaos and despair, that they may experience your loving care and peace. Lift up in love those who face each new day with unrelieved and debilitating illnesses. Support with your love those who are denied dignity, who are abandoned or homeless. **We have felt your Spirit within us. We have witnessed your Spirit among us.**

God, sustain those among us who need your healing and care at this time. And for those whose needs are in our minds and our hearts today, we pray they feel your presence as we lift them up. Strengthen us in the unity of Christ's body. Keep us forever faithful in worship and in the service you call us to. Help us learn from each other so we may come to know you more deeply and be guided by your love. And now together we pray in the words Jesus taught us....saying, "Our Father..."

Hymn

The Family Of God

(Printed Below)

Chorus

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God—
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

Verse 1

*You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here—
It's because we're a family and these folks are so near;
When one has a heartache, we all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory, in this family so dear. **Chorus***

Verse 2

*From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King—
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;
From rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong,
I'm not worthy to be here, but, praise God, I belong! **Chorus***

Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. And may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Amen.

Prayer For Our Meal

Rev. Alley

Postlude

Sandra Allen

Family & Friends of Zion,

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests this morning and to everyone who came out to partake in this special Service.

Thank you so much to Rev. Alley, and Rev. Susan deHaan, our Combined Choir and our Music Directors, Sandra Allen and Shelley Jodoin for all their preparation for today's Service.

We invite everyone to stay following our Service for a luncheon in our Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please take a look at our office bulletin board for any details you are interested in for the following upcoming events:

Trinity United Church in Forester's Falls:

****Pork BBQ—June 7th from 4:30 to 6:30 at 1982 Forester's Falls Road, dinner includes pork on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, cold and hot drinks and desserts, \$20 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under, takeout is available***

Camp Lau-Ren:

****Open House—June 13th from 11:00 to 2:00 at 210 Lau-Ren Road in Laurentian Hills Township west of Deep River, tour of the camp, hear about programs, free BBQ, donation envelopes available***

Mount Zion United Church:

****Memorial Service—June 14th at 2:00 at Historical Site, Kirche on Baron Canyon Road, Special Music, Strawberry Social***

Beachburg Pastoral Charge:

****Hosted by St. Andrew's in Beachburg & Trinity in Forester's Falls Camp Service at Golden Lake Camp June 28th at 3:00 led by Rev. Kevin Moratz, music, camp songs, and tour of camp***

First Step Options:

*Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign—Mother's Day to Father's Day

Pine Ridge Family Church:

*The Big Give Away!—June 6th from 8:00 until Noon

Resurrection Lutheran Church:

*Annual Public Bible Reading—June 7th from 1:00 to 2:30

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