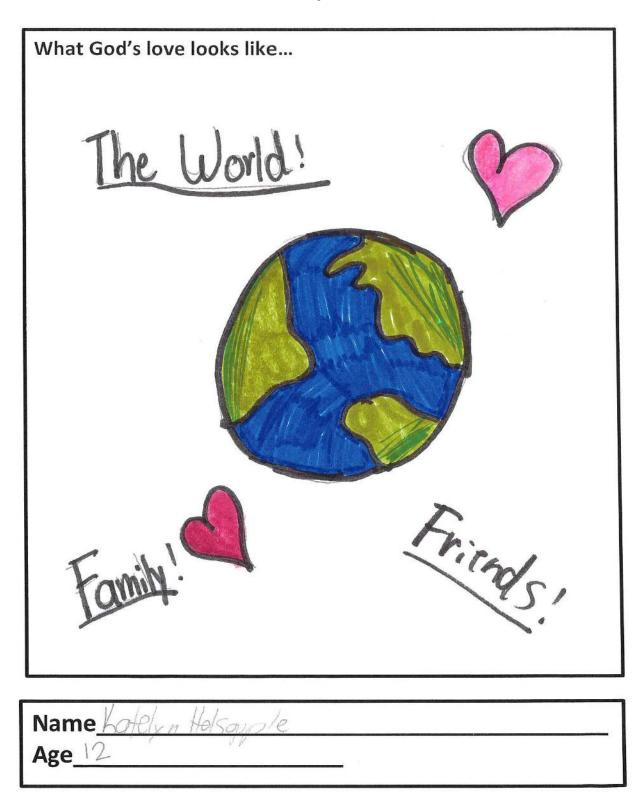
# Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:30 AM Joyful Noise 4th Sunday of Easter



# WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- It is a joy to welcome our visitors! Please sign the guest book in the Communication Center at the rear of the church, to the right as you exit, and take a Welcome Packet which is filled with information about Harrold Zion. Please introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave worship. We hope you return soon! Follow us on social media!
- **Children's bags** are available in the Narthex.
- **There is a prayer request book** on a podium in the Welcome Center. Please write name(s) in the book prior to the service to have names included in the prayers.
- **Large print bulletins** are available from any usher for those needing them.
- **Hearing devices** are available from any usher for those needing them.
- **An AED machine** can be found on the wall after the Ladies Room on the left.
- **Receiving Holy Communion** We believe the body and blood of Christ to be present in the bread and wine. All who are baptized are invited to share in this meal. Please come forward at the usher's direction. Non-communing children may come forward for a blessing. If you desire communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers so that you may receive communion there.

Our MISSION To Worship and Serve God, Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors

Our Vision

Building Faith that's Open, Affirming, Authentic, Positive, Inviting, and that Serves Others.

#### **GATHERING** – We are brought together to remember who and whose we are.

# Welcome and Announcements – Joys and Concerns

<u>Prelude</u> There is Power in the Blood

Please stand, as able

# Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

# Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

# Amen.

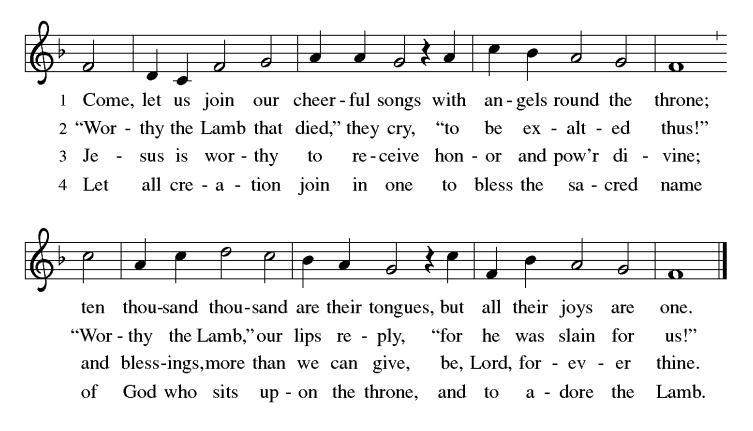
#### Gathering Hymn: I Danced in the Morning



#### Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### Hymn of Praise



**WORD** – We hear God's teachings to guide our path of serving.

#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

# The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Psalm: 23 Read responsively

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

#### <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

# <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

# for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

# <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from the First Letter of John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him

whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

# The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able

Gospel Acclamation Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word. Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred. Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the tenth chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

# Gospel: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Children's Time - Jesus Jinglers

<u>Sermon</u>

Please stand, as able

Hymn of the Day #502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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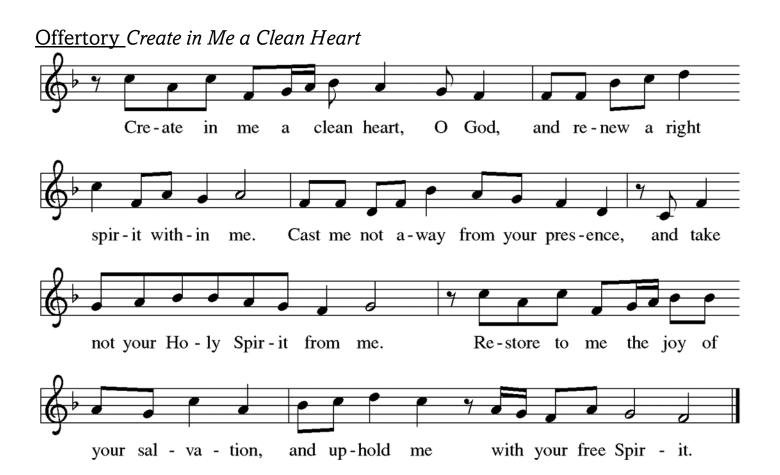
- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us, and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scripture; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
  We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<u>Prayers of Intercession</u> (petitions)...Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.** (prayer concludes)... **Amen.** 

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Victory in Jesus

**MEAL** – We are built up and nourished to be the body of Christ in the world.



#### Offering prayer

Let us pray together. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

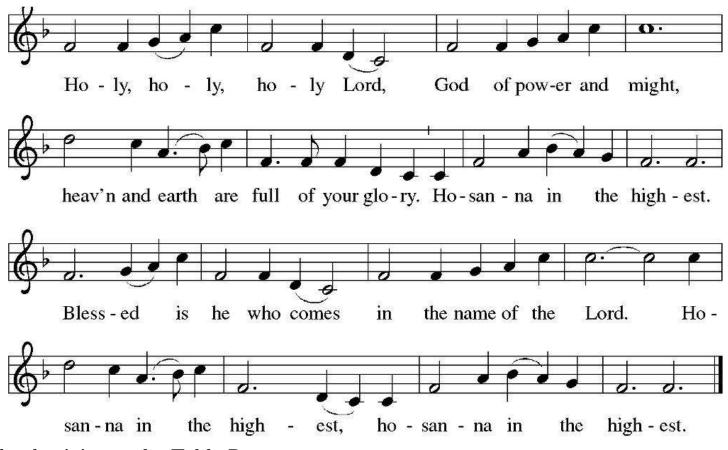
Lift up your hearts.

#### We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Thanksgiving at the Table Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of the universe....

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

# Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: ... Grace our table with your presence.

# Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

# Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

# Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Invitation to Communion The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. *Please be seated*.



The proclamation is shared for those communing in their place with an all-in-one kit or home elements. Sharing the elements:

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you. *Each person may respond:* **Amen.** 

The leaders share Holy Communion.

The assembly is invited to come forward by the direction of the ushers by the center aisle and receive Holy communion, then return via the side aisle. You may receive the Sacrament around the altar or at the floor stations.

Communion Hymns: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus; Jesus Saves

**SENDING** – We are set out to share hope and make disciples.

Post-Communion Blessing You are invited to stand.

#### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Benediction Alleluia! Christ is risen!

#### Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

# Amen.

#### Sending Hymn: Low in the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)



<u>Dismissal</u> Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God. We will!** 

#### **Postlude**

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE DEDICATED** to the honor of God and in memory of Loved Ones by Denny and Sue Ernette, and in celebration of John's Birthday by Donna Dorsey.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is to the honor of God and in honor of my daughter, Courtney, Granddaughter Stella and Daughter-in-Law, and Destinee on their birthdays by Kim Elias

THE CANDLE is to the honor of God in honor of Caleb Heasley's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday by Mamaw and Pap, {Rita & Curtis Heasley}

# WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

LECTORS: Mandy Kanouff ACOLYTES : Isaac Kanouff COMMUNION ASSISTANTS; Sheri Anderson, Brad Zundel USHERS: Jerry Starenchak, Rick Yaksic, Dave Henry ALTAR: Susie Eicher **THIS WEEK....** Robyn's Office Hours MON-TH 9:00 AM–2:00 PM, FRIDAY 9 AM-12PM

<u>On Call for pastoral emergencies:</u> Pastor Caroline is Monday-Thursday. Pastor Andrew is Friday– Sunday. (These are tentative schedules, the pastors often need to shift time to accommodate pastoral needs, so please don't hesitate to contact either pastor!)

# Sunday

8:00 A.M. Communion 10:30 A.M. Joyful Noise 11:45 A.M. Evangelism Committee **Monday** 10:30 AM Quilting Ministry 1:00 pm Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm Property Committee **Tuesday** 6:00 am-9:00 pm Election Site 9:30 am PS Library

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:30pm Summer Book Class

#### Wednesday

6:00 pm Bell Choir6:00 pm Personnel Meeting7:00 pm Adult Choir

#### Thursday

10:30 am Bible Study with P Andrew11:30 am PS Library3:00 Grief Support with P Caroline7:00 pm Boy Scouts

# Friday

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 12 pm Social Hall Reserved

#### Saturday

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to fill out a "communion card" for each person if you have not done so this year. They can be found in the pew rack in front of you. Please place the completed card in the offering plate.

**Blood Drive** There is a Vitalant Blood Drive on May 10. It will be from 12:00 pm-6:00 pm. Register online at Vitalant, org, call 412-209-7000 or the church at 724-837-7327.

# **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

We need you! How many of you are familiar with the Meals on Wheels program? Many of you probably know or knew of someone who receives(d) this lifeline. Delivering meals is such a rewarding experience. The recipients are so grateful. For some of them, you are the only person they see or talk to in a day. It's a great opportunity to give back and do God's work with our own hands. We are only asking for one or two days a month. The deliveries are all close to the church. The time commitment each day is less than two hours. This is a great opportunity for retired couples! Harrold Zion has been doing this ministry for 23 years. Let's keep it going! If you are interested, please contact Fred Wineman, through the church office. **Camp Lutherlyn** is having a Camp Blast on Saturday May 11 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. it will be a of fun with all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Campfire. Gaga ball, Archary, Zipline, Crafts, Bouldering Room, Hiking, Nature Activities Canoeing, Hay Rides, Games, Sports, Archaeology, Jump Pillow, Kayaking, Lego Room, Tours, Great Food and more. Register at LUTHERLYN.COM/CAMPBLAST

**Camp registrations are now open for summer campers!** \$100 off for first time campers...IT IS \$50 OFF for half week campers. There is a discount code for this it is **First.** It doesn't apply for Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days. Register at

LUTHERLYN.COM/SUMMERCAMP Please see/or call Rob Hepler for more information. 724-446-2174. We want to be sure that every child or youth that wants to go to Lutherlyn can go—we have camp scholarships!

# Giant Yard Sale/Craft Vendors

Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM – 1 PM Harrold Zion will be having a Yard Sale/Craft Sales. If you have stuff to sell, this is the event for you. To be a vendor at the event, the cost will be \$20 for parking lot space or \$25 for space and one table provided by the church for your setup (Only 20 table are available for first 20 registered). If you have items to sale but do not want to be a vendor during the event, we will be accepting donations of sellable items which will be sold by the Trash & Treasure Sale volunteers. (There is a separate Sign up in communication center for this) You may bring your items to church on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 PM. Drop off will be in the upstairs Pre-School room. All items will be tagged and marked to sell so please don't be emotionally upset if items are priced differently than what you intend. Please sign-up in the communication center to reserve spot and if you need a table. We would also like to have baked goods to sell at the event, so we are looking for volunteers to bake cookies/cakes/pies/breads/etc... There will be a concession table selling breakfast and lunch items for sale all day. All proceeds from the rentals, item donations, and concession/baked goods tables go towards the church general fund and meeting the yearly budget. Vendors are always welcome to donate a percentage of their earnings from the event. Registration money is payable to Brad Zundel or the church office (You will receive a numbered Vendor ticket).

**Grief Support Group**: We are going to begin another grief support group here at Harrold Zion for those who have lost loved ones. The group will begin on April 18th at 3:00 PM here at the church. The group will meet for at least six weeks. We may have other groups after this group ends. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pr. Caroline at pastor-carolinehzlc@gmail.com or call the church office.

**Summer Book Class**: Deb Mertz and Pr. Caroline are offering a class this summer using the book, "Believe: Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus," edited by Randy Frazee. We will be doing the second 10 lessons of the book. You are welcome to attend even if you could not attend the previous class. There is a book and a study guide. Please contact Pr. Caroline at pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com or Deb Mertz at deb\_mertz@att.net if you are interested or talk to either one at church. We are having the class on Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, here at the church. It will begin Tuesday, April 16th, and it will last 10 weeks. We will not meet during the week of VBS, June 11th. The last class will be on June 25th.

**New Bible Study with Pastor Andrew: "Resurrection Ripples" – every Thursday at 10:30am starting April 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will be covering the contexts, background, and everyday impacts of the Acts texts, the Revelation texts, and related Bible sections of the Easter season. We will wrestle with the faith questions of what does it mean to be Easter people in this day?

**ViaQuest** is Looking for Volunteers in our area for companionship. Please call Doug Johnson at 724-205-1573, for more information.

# Items Available for Sponsorship:

Flowers available: May 4/5 (2 Vases), May 25/26 ( 2 Vases) Roses May 4/5 (2 Roses), May 11/12 (2 Roses), May 18/19 (2 Roses), May 25/26 (2 Roses) Candle May 11/12, May 25/26 Bulletin May 4/5, May11/12, May 18/19, May 25/26

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