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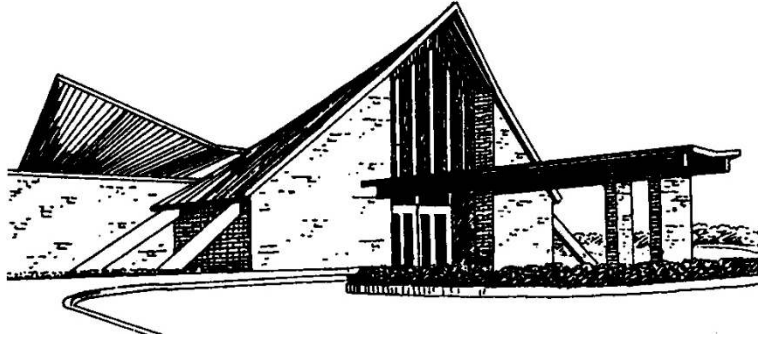
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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **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.

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

Welcome and Announcements – Joys and Concerns

Prelude

Rise Up and Serve the Lord

Harris

Please kneel or stand, as able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

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God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

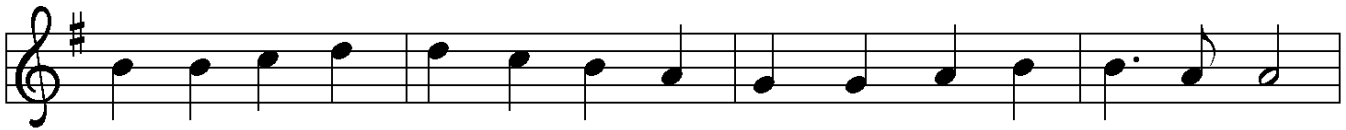
Gathering Hymn #756 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

¹Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his

brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;

make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

²**Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

³Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴**Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.**

⁵Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

⁶**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

¹⁶Then God called for a famine in the land
and destroyed the supply of bread.

¹⁷**The LORD sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.

¹⁹**Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.**

²⁰The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free,

²¹**setting him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,**

²²to instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b}Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

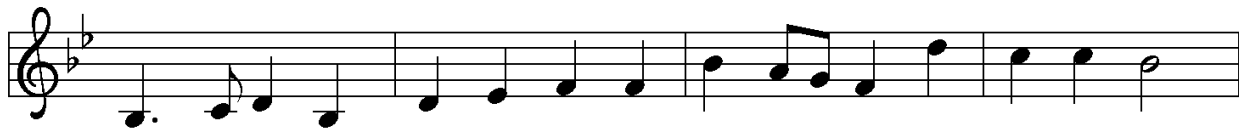
⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Verse



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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message
Sermon

Please stand, as able.

Hymn of the Day #611 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the Intercession

(petitions) ...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
(prayer concludes) ...**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.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Home Is the Wanderer

Rubenstein

Offertory #691 *Accept, O Lord, the gifts We Bring*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING - *We are sent out to share hope and make disciples.*

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✝ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn #763 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength

Hughes

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WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Lectors: 8:00 AM Krissy Korona; 10:30 AM John Millward

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Eli Bitner; 10:30 AM Nina Tyler

Ushers: 8:00 AM Jason Barnhart; 10:30 AM Shawn Carolan, Mary Lou Millward

Altar Guild: Lisa Zundel, Rita Heasley

THANK YOU SHERI ANDERSON for serving as supply Pastor this weekend.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is presented to the glory of God and in celebration: Happy birthday Kathleen Herrod, Love, Your Family.

THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO Albert Stevenson and family on the death of Al's wife, Kay. We also express our sympathy to family and friends of Donna Cope and to Dale and Deb Mertz and family on the death of Dale's wife, Deb's mother, Judy Mertz. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

THIS IS COMPASSION WEEKEND. If you wish to contribute to the Harrold Zion “children” through Compassion International, please use a pew envelope and be sure to indicate “Compassion Child”.

Full “Combo” Holy Communion Distribution detailed explanation and plan:

Our desire is to provide meaningful worship that helps to “grow disciples” as indicated in our Mission Statement. Part of this mindset means that we are inclusive, open, and affirming to various bodily spiritualities and their respective affinities for connecting with God in ways that mirror their God created diversity. Some find it significant to kneel around the altar while others prefer the practice of continuous reception, some praying in their pew, some singing communion hymns, communing in their place...all receiving the precious gift of the Bodily Presence of Christ which was not earned.

We started using this method on August 6th.

One side of the sanctuary, the pulpit side will be invited by the direction of an usher to go forward via the center aisle. Then forming two columns of flow—one goes up to the altar rail and the other to the floor continuous stations. A pastor will be in each area with a communion assistant.

Those choosing to receive around the altar will go up the center via the steps, passing the pastor at the floor station. Each should find their place by going clockwise around the altar (unless the opening is just to the right—no need to walk the whole way around). The pastor and the assistant will distribute around the altar in a clockwise manner. An acolyte will be available to help with resupplying whichever stations are running low. There will not be a dismissal, remain for prayer as long as needed. Return to seats via the ramps to the side aisle, depositing used cups into the basket near the front pew.

Those choosing to receive by continuous will come forward by the center aisle in the column to the pastor at the floor station. They will then move to the wine/grape juice station. Worshippers are invited to pause for prayer before returning or once in their pew (kneeling or sitting). Return to seats via the side aisle, depositing used cups into the basket near the front pew.

After the whole side has communed, the usher will pause as a signal for the floor station pastor and assistant to move over for the font side. Then the other side of the sanctuary (font) will then be invited in the same mirrored two columns and continue as described above.

THIS WEEK....**OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM****SUNDAY**

11:45 AM Fellowship Committee

MONDAY

10:00 AM Judy Mertz visitation

11:00 AM Judy Mertz funeral

TUESDAY

9:00 AM Newsletter articles due

6:30 PM Book Study

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Nominating Committee

THURSDAY**FRIDAY****SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

9:00 AM Joyful Noise Rehearsal

5:00 PM Backpack Blessing

SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 AM Communion

8:00 & 10:30 AM Backpack Blessing

9:15 AM Joyful Noise set up

10:30 AM Joyful Noise worship

11:45 AM Evangelism Committee

ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER are due in the church office by Tuesday, August 15, 9:00 AM. Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@gmail.com or placed in Tammy's mailbox on her office door.

THE SUMMER BOOK CLASS continues to read and discuss the book titled, "*Believe: Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus*", edited by Randy Frazee. The classes are on Tuesdays, at 6:30 PM, and will continue through August 29.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Students of all ages are welcome to receive a blessing and a gift to carry with you. The blessing will be at all worship services next weekend, August 19 & 20.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING KICK-OFF EVENT, next Sunday August 20. Meet at HZ 1:30 PM. If you are entering 7th grade this fall, please join us for a National Youth Gathering Event. Even if you are unsure about participating, please come on a field trip with the Pastors and Ms. Sheri to Camp Lutherlyn. We will travel to Camp Lutherlyn for youth fellowship, information, planning and DINNER. We should be back at the church by 9:00pm, at the latest. Please sign your youth up in the Communication Center or let Ms. Sheri know.

CHOIR WILL RETURN AUGUST 30! Youth Choir (5:30), Handbells (6:00), and Adult Choir (7:00) will resume practicing on Wednesday, August 30th! New members are always welcome! If you're interested, email Laurie, or stop by a practice and check it out!

WE WILL BE HAVING A CLASS FOR CPR. It can be for your first time or to renew your certification. We are planning to have the class on Thursday, August 31, from 1:00-4:00 PM. The class is for the church staff and the preschool staff, but we have a few extra spots open for congregation members. Please contact Pastor Caroline at 724-837-7327 or email her at pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE AT HARROLD ZION? We are in major need of two people to serve on the Altar Guild in September. If you are able to help, please contact Susie Eicher.

WE ARE IN NEED OF SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS. The goal is to have a rotation of parents to lighten the load. The future of Sunday School depends on it. Please sign up in the Communication Center or contact Ms. Sheri at 724-244-0120 or hzlcyouth@gmail.com.

HELP NEEDED FOR RALLY DAY! Please sign up in the Communication Center or contact Ross Thompson or Susan Yaksic.

A NEW SESSION OF THE GRIEF SUPPORT group will begin September 14. This group will meet on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. Please come and join us if you have had a significant death in your family. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Caroline at 724-837-7327 or pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com.

YOUNGWOOD LIONS EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AID COLLECTION
For anyone who is not aware the Youngwood Lions Club collects eyeglasses and hearing aids to help those who cannot afford them. There is always a box on the shelf in the Communications Center in which to deposit them. The motto of Lions is "WE SERVE", kind of like Christ suggested!

LOOKING AHEAD: *Rally Day & God's Work. Our Hands. Day – Sept. 10
*Outdoor worship service – September 10, 10:30 AM

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