

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday August 25, 2024, 8 am, 10:30am

Blessing and Sending of Mission Quilts

Where I saw God at VBS...

Spending time
with everybody



Name Amelia

Age 7

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!
- **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 - *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome, Announcements, Carings and Sharings

Prelude *He Leadeth Me* Mansfield

Confession and Forgiveness: *Please stand, as able.*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Assembly may kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn #732 *Borning Cry*

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: # 290 *Go Tell It on The Mountain*

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

A reading from 1 Kings.

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.²³He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

⁴¹“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 84 *Read responsively*

¹How dear to me is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house!**

They will always be praising you.

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of
springs,**

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁷They will climb from height to height,

and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸**LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;**

give ear, O God of Jacob.

⁹Behold our defender, O God;

and look upon the face of your anointed.

¹⁰**For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

¹¹For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;

no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹²**O LORD of hosts,**

happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

A reading from Ephesians.

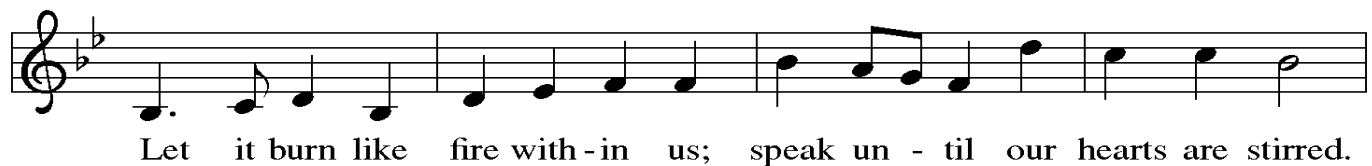
¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore

take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand, as able*



Gospel: John 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult;

who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 629 Abide With Me

Please stand, as able

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Tithely Secure Giving

Offering *Let Us Be Bread* Porter

Duet by Shawn Carolan & Laurie Racculia



Offertory *Bless Thou The Gifts (sung twice)*

Bless Thou the gifts our hands have bro't: Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the will, the tho't; The rest, O God, is in Thy hand.

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains measures 1-4, the second system contains measures 5-8, and the third system contains measures 9-12. The lyrics are placed below the treble clef staff. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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.**

Blessing and Sending of Mission Quilts

Acts 2:43-47.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Blessing

The assembly is invited to extend their arms out in front of them as an act of blessing.

God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope.

Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

Amen.

Sending

Recognizing God's abundant hope, go and be a sign of hope to our neighbors near and far: offering hands to hold, sweet scents of justice, and a feast of God's goodness. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

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 # 618 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Sing to the Lord* Smith

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God

THE FLOWERS at the pulpit are given to the Glory of God in honor of our dear son, Kevin on his birthday, Love Mom and Dad. (John & Mary Lou Millward)

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is given to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of David Clifford on our Wedding Anniversary, with Love, Pr. Caroline.

THE CANDLE is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Scott P. Weyandt by Mark & Arlene Wagner.

Service Participants

Acolytes 8 am Madison Hoffman

10:30 am Hailey Uhrinek

Lectors 8 am Beth Holsopple

10:30 am Melissa Houston

Ushers 8 am Jason Barnhart, Beth Tiedeman

10:30 am Shawn Carolan, Mary Lou Millward, Ron or Kathy Brown

Altar Guild Lisa Zundel, Rita Heasley

Thank you to Lori Farrell for playing for this Sunday morning.

THIS WEEK.... Robyn OFFICE HOURS M-TH. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

FRIDAY 9AM- NOON

SUNDAY

8 am Worship

9:20 am Donuts

& Divine Discussion

10:30 am Worship / Blessing &

Sending of Quilts

MONDAY

6:30 Property Committee

TUESDAY

10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Newsletter Mailing

6:00 Bell Choir

7:00 Adult Choir

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

5 pm Worship /

with Communion

Adult Choir and Bell Choir are practicing this Wednesday the 28th.

QUILTING MINISTRY

This weekend 61 mission quilts are displayed at the front pews as well as around the altar and choir loft. They will be then packed to be delivered to New Windser, MD. On the 29th, John & Mary Lou Millward and the Mel & Cindy Veverka will drive them to New Windser.

Building Fund

There are envelopes in the Communication Center for donations for our building fund. Please use these to support the sealing of the parking lot (about \$15000). Thank you in advance for your support and generosity in how you prayerfully consider responding!

Pastor Fitch will be on Vacation from August 28 – September 5.

Rally Day and God's Work Our Hands – September 7/8

We are collecting for Food2Go Ministry:

Chef Boyardee Pasta Variety 7.5oz cup, microwaveable
Kraft Original Mac & Cheese 2.5oz cups, microwaveable
Pepperidge Farm goldfish snack-size bags
Go Go Squeeze, applesauce, individual packs
Kellogg's Assorted breakfast cereals, individual size boxes.
Nutra Grain bars, variety. *See Newsletter for more details*

REVELATION FOR EVERYONE – Bible Study in Four Sessions 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 10/7 at 10am (in Social Hall)

(and separate online postings) *See our Newsletter for more details.*

Open Forum -Budget Preparations- September 10 at 7pm

All Committee leaders with questions and wanting more information about budget preparations are encouraged to come to this session with our Treasurer, Denny.

Sunday, September 15th, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Harrold Zion Community Youth Group. For kindergarten through 12th grade. We will be learning about The Good Samaritan. Use the QR code to pre register.



SCAN ME

FIRST COMMUNION +++ SEPTEMBER 21st 2-4pm

If your child is showing an interest in receiving the Sacrament, please check your schedule and consider attending this event, a future event, or contacting Pastor Andrew for a session. Jesus extends a radical welcome to all at the Table. We are still learning how radical in love Jesus is! Come learn together—“There is a Place for You.” We use this helpful book by Pastor Daniel Erlander to help us understand our place at the Table.

Please sign up so that we can be sure there are enough materials for everyone.
Sign up by sending an email or text message to Pastor Andrew that you are interested.

LOCAL PEACEMAKERS’ TOOLBOX - SEPTEMBER 25 at 1 pm

Let’s make peace right here and right now

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me

This introductory session will share some tools and tips to help to foster peace in difficult conversations. Like peace, this session is open to all.

To be clear, this is to empower us to find common ground, to appreciate others’ perspectives, and to listen respectfully. This is not one-sided and there is no agenda other than this – to work together for peace among our local communities.

If you are interested in future sessions to share these tools with community members, please let Pastor Andrew know.

BOOK STUDY: EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY by James Hazelwood

Are you interested in maturing as a Christian, but unsure about spirituality and practices? Our first session will be September 26th at 6:30pm

Advance preparation – read the Introduction and section one of the Book *Everyday Spirituality* by James Hazelwood.

Future sessions October 24 at 6:30 and November 21 at 6:30pm

See Pastor Andrew with any questions

Laugh with the Lutherans - Comedy Night at Harrold Zion on Friday Nov.

22nd Doors will open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00, and entertainment to begin around 7:30. All proceeds will go towards the church general operating cost.

Tickets will go on sale starting the weekend of Sept. 14th & 15th. Save the date and start rounding up your favorite friends & family members who love to

laugh, cheer, and have a jolly good time at the Harrold Zion Comedy *See Newsletter for more details.*

Youth Singers and Instrumentalists Needed for Rally Day!

I am looking for Youth Singers and Instrumentalists to present the "Rally Day Song" at the September 8th Rally Day Service! Please contact Laurie at lracculia@yahoo.com if interested. All instruments and skill levels are welcome! Upcoming opportunities for youth musicians will also include Reformation Weekend (October 26/27) and Christmas Eve.

Fall Book Class: Pastor Caroline is offering a class this fall using the book, "Believe: Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus," edited by Randy Frazee. We will be doing the third 10 lessons of the book. We are having the class on Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, here at the church. It will begin Tuesday, September 10th, and it will last 10 weeks.

Grief Support Group: The group will begin on September 12th at 3 PM here at the church. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pr. Caroline at pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com or call the church office.

WORSHIP NOTES: We will be adding Setting 8 liturgical musical into our worship beginning in September. We will start celebrating Holy Communion on the 5th Sundays of the month (starting this month).

Donuts and Divine Discussion:

Share in a time of circular talks and circular snacks. Hangout with Pastor Andrew for a time of fellowship, casual Bible study, theological conversation, and if there are any current or news events, we will circle those in too! *This will be in the hole between the circle of the Sunday worship services (around 9:20-10:10) on August 25*

Items for Sponsorship

Altar Flowers: August 31, Sept. 1 (1 Vase), Sept 21,22 (2 Vases),
Sept 28, 29 (2 Vases)

Roses: August 31, Sept. 1 (2 Roses), Sept 7, 8 (2 Roses), Sept 14, 15 (2 Roses),
Sept 21, 22 (2 Roses), Sept 28,29 (2 Roses)

Candle: Sept 14,15, Sept 21,22,

Bulletin: August 31, Sept. 1, Sept 7,8, Sept 14,15, Sept 21,22, Sept 28,29

To sponsor items, please sign up in the Communication Center

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