

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday May 12, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter 2024

What brings me Easter Joy...



Name Sonya

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! 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, Sharing and Announcements

Prelude: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Smith

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** Look, here is water!

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Gathering Hymn # 449 *We Know that Christ is Raised* Smith

Greeting and Kyrie: 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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

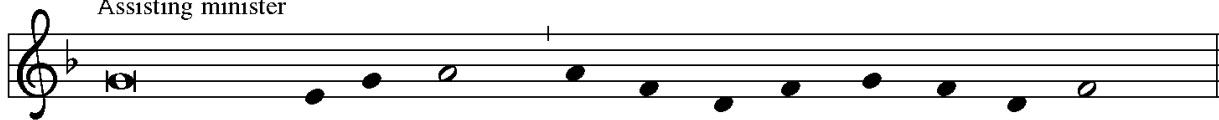
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Trombone Solo 8:00 am *Trust & Obey*
Choir Anthem: 10:30 am *The Gift of Love*

Thank you to: Doug Johnson
Hopson

Psalm: 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

A reading from the First Letter of John:

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *(Please Stand as able.)*

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel: John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to St John, the seventeenth chapter;

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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 # 419 For All the Faithful Women vs. 1,9 & last

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

(prayer concludes)...**Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

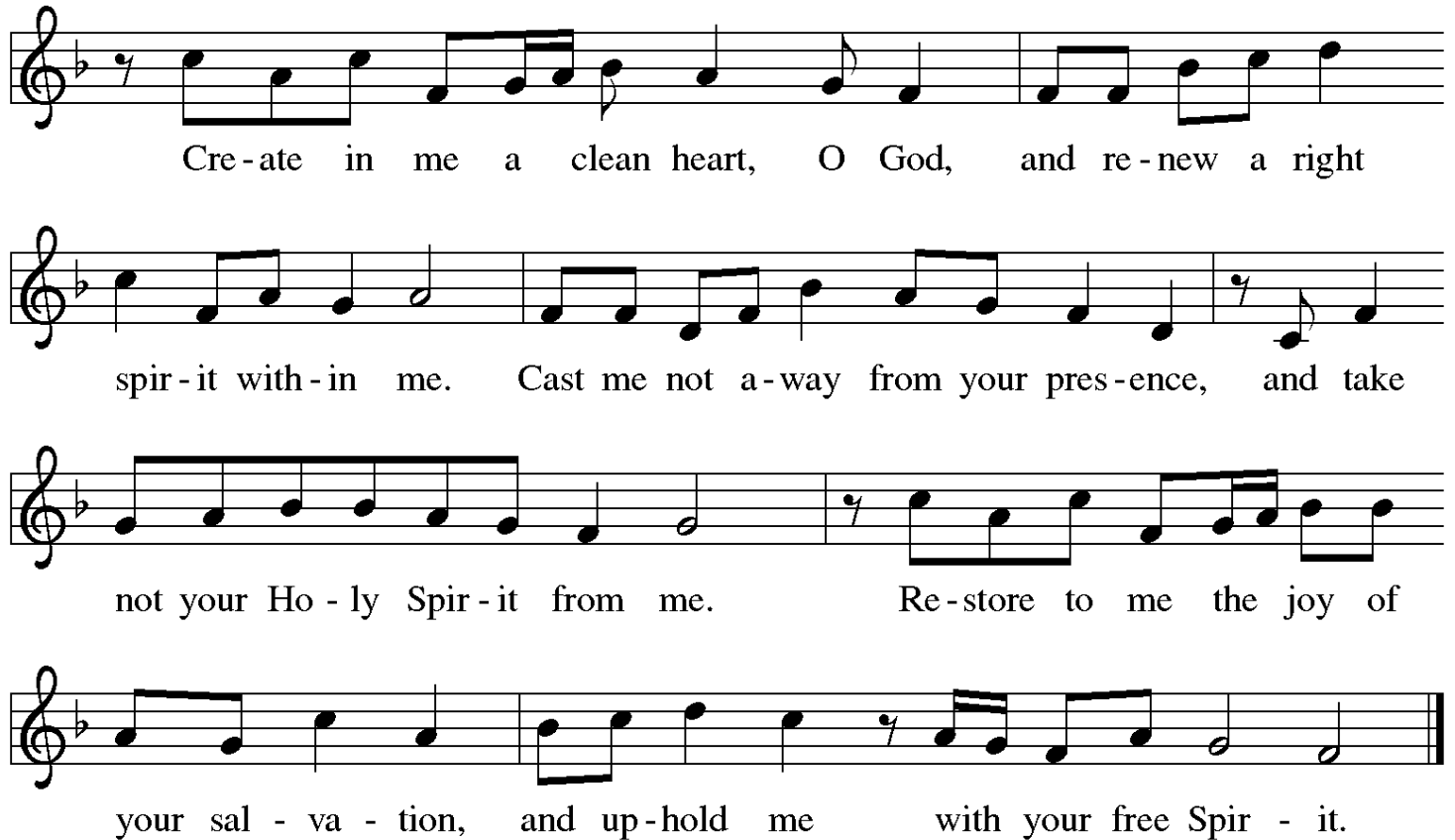
Offering

Mother's Prayer

Rasley



Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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

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: #855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *With a Voice of Praise* Van Woert

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in memory of my mom, Judy on her first Mother's Day in heaven and in memory of my grandson, Henry from Kim Elias.

THE ROSES AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and

in memory of Joan Starenchak by beloved Wife, Mother and Grandmother from the Starenchak and Houston Families. In honor of Levi Owen and Luna Renee

Oarrabee by Aunt Mary Lou and Uncle John Millward. In memory of Betty Riddle and in memory of Edith Basile from Nancy Basile.

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.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Lectors: 8:00 AM Linda Boyer

10:30 AM Jeanne Toohey

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Katelyn Holsopple

10:30 AM Caleb Heasley

Ushers: 8:00 AM Larry Myers, Bernie Zundel

10:30 AM Kevin Kurimsky, Jackie or Jason Nester, Tony & Jaime Gacek

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Millward, Judy Miller

THIS WEEK

Robyn's OFFICE HOURS are MON-TH 9:00 AM–2:00 PM, FRIDAY 9 AM-12PM

On Call for pastoral emergencies: Pastor Andrew is Monday-Thursday. Pastor Caroline 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

9:15 am Confirmation Rehearsal

11:45 am Fellowship Committee

Monday

11:00 am PS Practice

2:00 pm PS Practice

6:00 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm Worship & Music

Tuesday

9:30 am PS Library Speech

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

10:45 am PS Practice

6:30 pm B. Study W/ P Caroline & Deb Mertz

7:30 pm Compassionate Friends

Wednesday

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:00 pm Mission Planning Mtg.

Thursday

3:00 pm Grief Support Group

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Friday

8:00 am Sanctuary Reserved

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

Saturday

7:00 am Pentecost

8:00 am Sanctuary Reserved

5:00 PM Communion

The Finance Committee Meeting is being rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict (no meeting this week). Please let Pastor Andrew know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Hempfield Manor Hymn Sing and Holy Communion

Our next Hymn Sing at Hempfield Manor will be Saturday June 22nd at 2 pm. Come join us as we sing classic hymns that the residents have requested. We will share an abbreviated Holy Communion service led by Pastor Andrew with the residents! All are welcome! Upcoming Hymn Sing dates is Wednesday, July 10th 10:00am

Coming Soon: “Lemonade and Lectio” – Single Session Bible Studies on various topics in varying time slots with Pastor Andrew. Let him know if you have burning question about a set of Bible passages!

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 1st 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 28th, 29th, or 30th 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 different 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 have a grief support group here at Harrold Zion for those who have lost loved ones. The group meets on Thursdays 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 pastorcarolinehzlc@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.

VBS Thank you for donating egg cartons and cereal boxes for Bible School. After this weekend we will meet our quota!! Thank you! We are still in need of 20 oz. empty Gatorade bottles.

May 18th and 19th: Confirmation Meet and Greet. Coffee, juice, and pastries will be served on May 18th after the 5:00 PM service and in between services on Sunday, May 19th. Join us in welcoming our newest adult members of the body of Christ and Harrold Zion.

Order Begonia Plants for Pentecost! We will decorate the altar area with begonias to celebrate Pentecost. A 5 inch pot is \$6.50. Please complete an order envelope, which can be found in the Communication Center. Enclose your payment and place it in the offering plate. Orders are due Sunday, May 12. Any plants not picked up by June 1 will be planted in the church “cross” flower beds.

Bike Collection in conjunction with Manor Presbyterian Church. They can be put at the pavilion. Rob will pick up from there. Please call Rob at 724-446-2174 and let him know that you dropped off bikes or if you need to have any picked up from your home. This collection will last through May 14th. The bikes will be refurbished and given to needy people. Please check with your neighbors and friends also!

Back by popular demand – Crash Weekends! Let's Crash the Summer Slump. The summer months have traditionally been challenging meeting the financial obligations towards our church. Let's be proactive and get a head start on the summer by bringing in our loose change. There will be two Crash Weekends – May 18th & 19th and May 25th & 26th. Change will be collected during the Prelude.

Parents Breakfast; There will not be a Parents breakfast this month. We will resume in the fall.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Flowers available:

Altar Arrangements: May 25,26 (2 Vases) June 1,2 (2 Vases)

Roses May 18,19,(2 Roses)June 1,2 (2 Roses),

Candle June 1,2, June 8,9

Bulletin May 11,12, May 18,19, May 25,26

To sponsor items, please sign up in the Communication Center.

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Debby Schlegel, Custodian

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