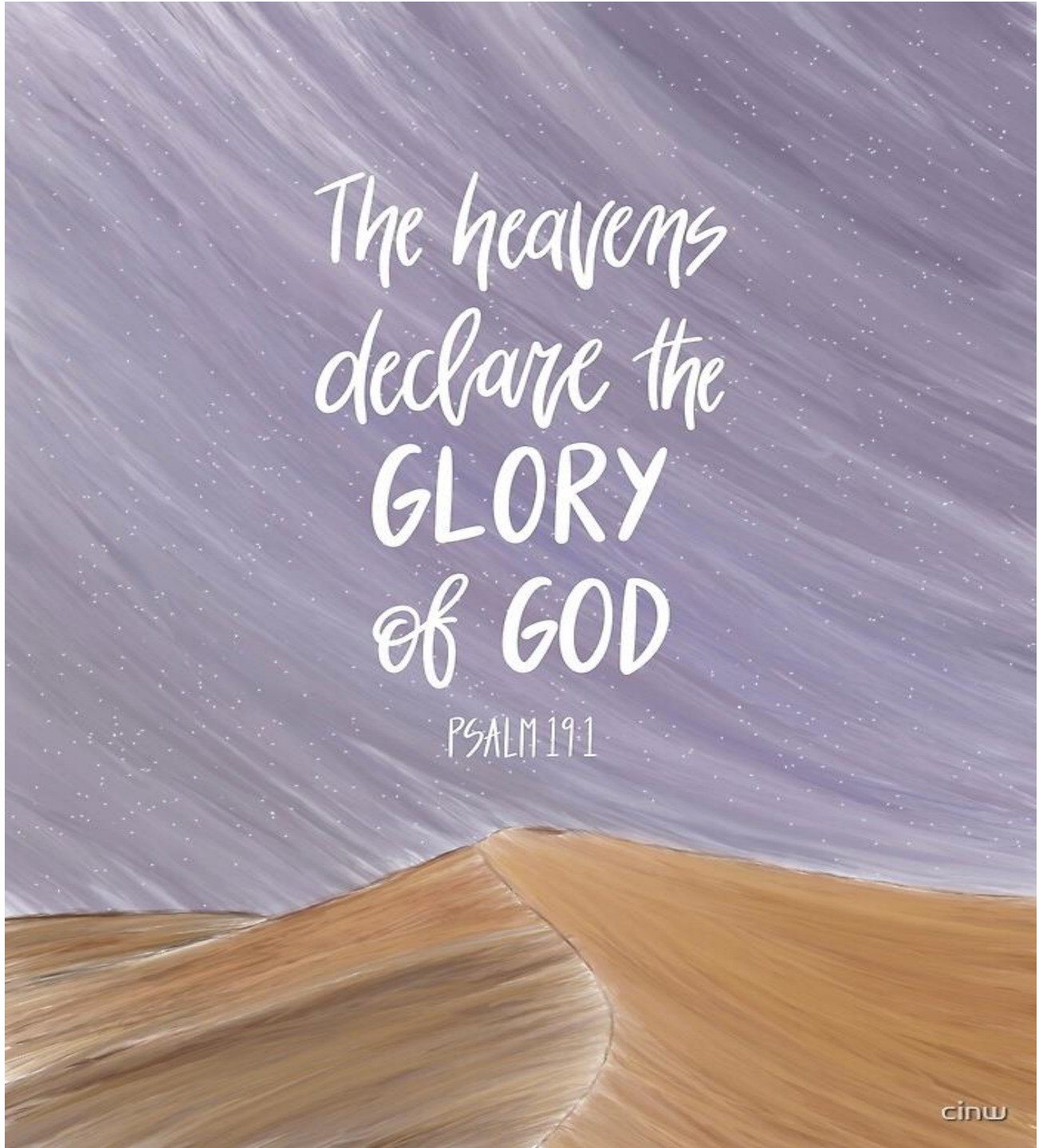


Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Season of Creation 3
Sunday September 15, 2024 10:30 am
Joyful Noise Sunday



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

Introduction to Setting 8 - Kyrie

Prelude *Glorify Thy Name*

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection. You may Kneel or stand.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. We confess that we have taken the abundance of your Creation for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn ACS 979 *Making Their Way*



1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

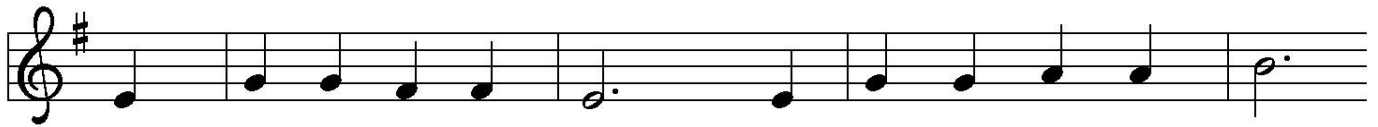


the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

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.**

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise:



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

A reading from Proverbs.

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.

²¹At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

²²“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?”

²³Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

²⁴Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,

²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.

²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

²⁹Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

³⁰would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,

³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
³²For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

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

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to
the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not

get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

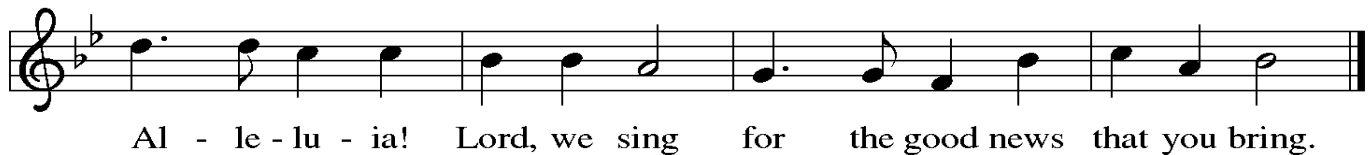
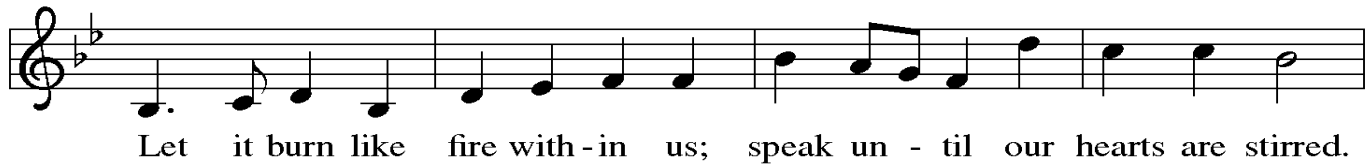
A reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand, as able*



Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #798 The Summons

Please stand as able

The 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

MEAL - *We are fed and nourished by the unending life of God.*

Offering *Nearer My God to Thee*

Offertory *Bless Thou The Gifts (Sung Twice)*

The image shows a musical score for a offertory. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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 score includes measure numbers 4 and 7. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Offering Prayer Let us pray together

Blessed are you, O God,

Source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,

help us to serve one another and all in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Communion Hymns *Days of Elijah, # 807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

Please be seated

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are in the center of each tray. 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.

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

Post-Communion Blessing

The assembly is invited to stand.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together **Blessed are you, O God,
Source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

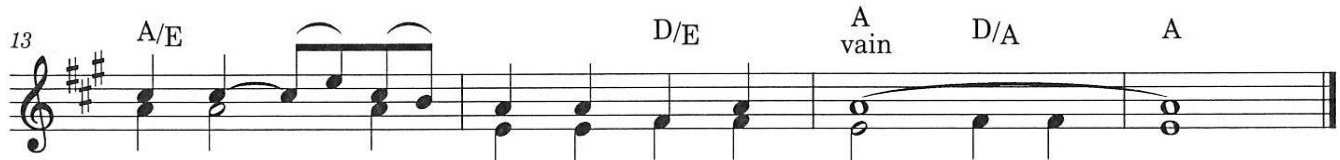
Sending Hymn *Guide My Feet*



1. Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand Hold my hand
3. Stand by me Stand by me
4. I'm Your child I'm Your child



while I run this race, Guide my my feet hand while I run this race, For I
Hold my by hand
Stand by me
I'm Your child



don't want to run this race in vain, race in vain

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bonnie Filosemi by Joe and Family.

Service Participants

Acolytes: 10:30 am Isaac Kanouff

Lectors: 10:30 am Doris McAlister

Communion Assistants: 10:30 am Sheri Anderson, Jack Molnar

Ushers: 10:30 am Diane Ihlenfeld, Kevin Kurimsky, Stacey Winfield, Jason Barnhart

Altar Guild: Missy Houston

THIS WEEK....

Robyn OFFICE HOURS M-THUR. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM FRIDAY 9AM-NOON

SUNDAY

8 am Worship w/ Communion
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Joyful Noise
5:30 pm Youth Group

MONDAY

9 am PS Speech- meeting room
10:00 am Revelation Soc. Hall

TUESDAY

3:00 pm Book Study Pastor Caroline

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am PS Library
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir

THURSDAY

3:00 pm Grief Support
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

11:30 am Graveside Funeral Service
12 :00 pm Social Hall Reserved
2 :00 pm 1st Communion Event
5:00 pm Worship w/ Communion

Ladies Bible Study will resume in October.

Hempfield Homecoming Parade 2024

We will be celebrating the homecoming parade at our very own pavilion on Friday Oct. 4th. We will provide Hotdogs and drinks. There will be a bonfire to cook hotdogs and marshmallows (weather permitting). Food will be ready to go by 4:30 - please bring a side dish to share. Rt. 136 closes at 5:00 PM in preparation for the parade.

Hempfield Manor Hymn Sing and Holy Communion

Our next Hymn Sing at Hempfield Manor will be 1pm, Monday October 21st Saturday November 2nd 2 pm, Tuesday December 17th 6:30 pm. Come join us as we sing classic hymns that the residents have requested. All are welcome!

Helping Hands is sponsoring a Craft Show on Saturday November 9th from 10 am to 4 pm, here in the Social Hall. Anyone interested in a table or donating baked goods please contact Barbara Rigoni at 724-523-2069.

Calling All Creative Types! This Advent we will be celebrating a theme with quilt-like designs. We have a number of options and possibilities. Would you like to make a quilt square (12”) or a drawn/painted square (12”) for one of the weeks? There is also a large banner design that can be cut (negative space) or painted. Contact Pastor Fitch if you are interested.

Helper needed: There is a family in the congregation that is in need of a caregiver for a few hours each week. Compensation will be given. Please see Pastor Andrew or Pastor Caroline if you are interested and available.

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!

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.*

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.*

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, at 3:00 PM, here at the church. It will begin Tuesday, September 10th, and it will last 10 weeks. Please note this is a change in time.

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.

Calling on all Committees: Please Contact Denny Ernette at 412-352-0508 or email him at dje1127@comcast.net with any changes you may want to make to your committees’ budget.

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 Sunday 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 September 22 in the meeting room*

Sharing Your Vision,

Telling Your Story

Saturday, October 12: 9:30 AM - 2 PM

Harrold Zion Lutheran Church

671 Baltzer Meyer Pike, Greensburg

[>>](https://swpasynod.org/calendar/visionstory2024)

Find God's vision, create a mission plan, tell your story, and invite investment in your congregation. We need to know who we are as congregations, what we believe God is calling us to do, and how we can share what we are doing with other people. The clearer we are about these things, the more people will be willing to invest their time, talents, and treasure in our ministries. This event will encourage those who attend to participate in a visioning and storytelling process. Cost: \$15 includes materials, lunch, and refreshments.

Lost & Found: Please look in our lost and found tote found in the back of the church. We have many treasures that have been left after services. Maybe one of them is yours!!!

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers: September 21,22 (2 Vases), September 28,29 (2 Vases),
October 5,6 (1 Vase), October 12,13 (2 Vases).

Roses: September 21,22 (2 Roses), September 28,29 (2 Roses) October 5,6 (1
Rose), October 12,13 (2 Roses)

Candle: September 21,22, September 28,29, October 5,6, October 12,13

Bulletin: September 21,22, September 28,29, October 5,6, October 12,13.

To sponsor items, please sign up in the Communication Center

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