

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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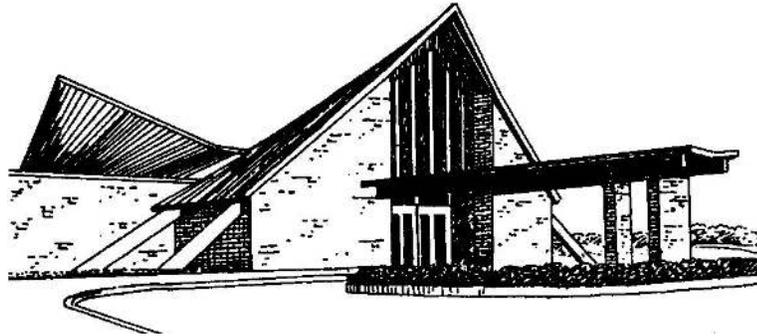
Saturday, December 4, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 5, 2021 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **It is a joy to welcome our visitors!** Please sign the guest book in the Welcome Center at the rear of the church and take a Welcome Packet which is filled with information about Harrold Zion. Please introduce yourself to the greeter in the Welcome Center and to the pastor as you leave worship. We hope you return soon!
- **Thank you for wearing a mask.** If you haven't signed in as you entered, the ushers will bring the sign in sheet to you.
- **Please maintain** a distance of three feet unless you are in the same family
- **Children's busy bags** are available in the Narthex. Bags include crayons, coloring sheets, children's bulletin and a snack. Please take the bag home after worship.
- **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.
- **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.

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The Welcome

The Prelude 5:00 PM *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM *People Look East*

Mallory
Nelson

The Gathering Hymn #264 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

*The Confession and Forgiveness

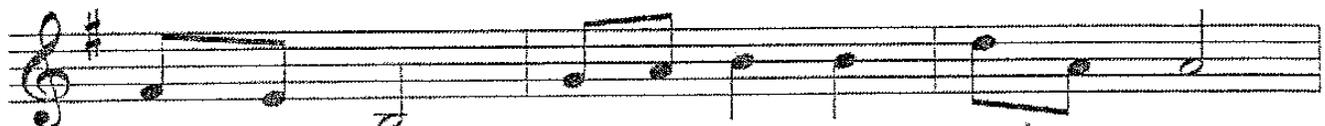
P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free. **C. Amen.**

P. From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light and peace be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

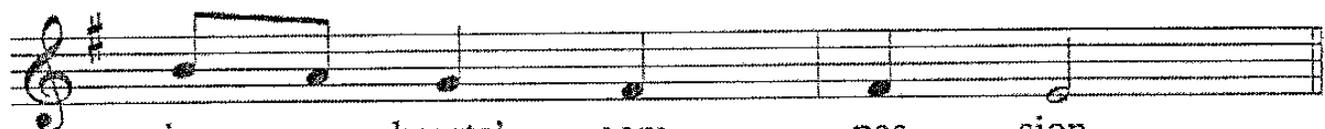
Congregation Sings – *Warm the Time of Winter*



1. When the wind of win - ter blows, bring - ing times of
2. When we shiv - er in des - pair, when the chill of



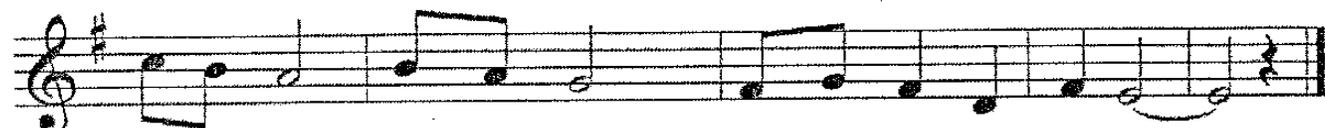
sol - i - tude, fill the si - lent, ic - y night;
death comes near, hold us, Spir - it, calm our fear,



be our hearts' com - pas - sion.
while the eve - ning deep - ens.



Ho-ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win-ter.



Ho-ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win-ter.

Please note: We will be speaking while music is playing.

P. Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

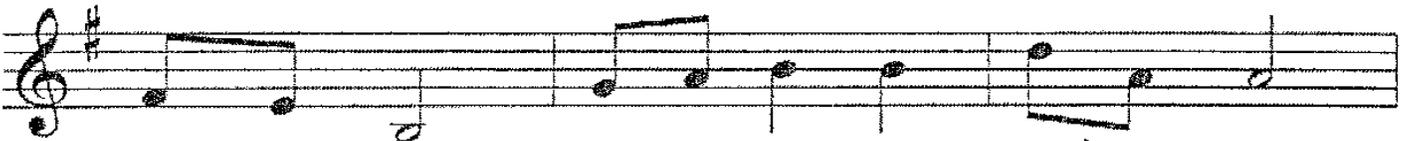
C. we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

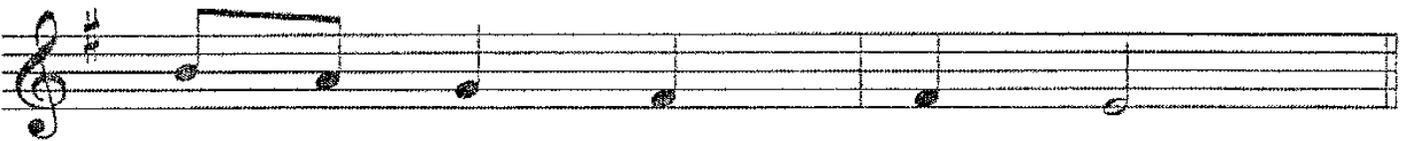
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3. When in days of fall - en snow, change con-founds or



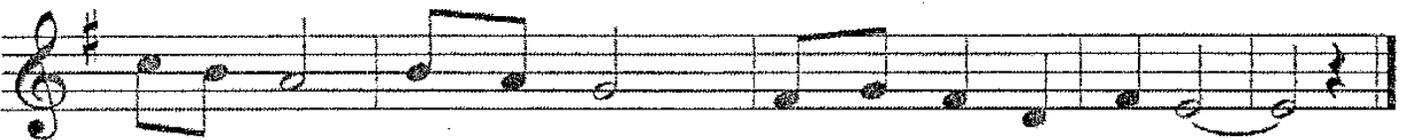
love burns low, from the ash - es may there rise



phoe - nix of our grow - ing.



Ho-ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win-ter.



Ho-ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win-ter.

P. Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, + Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen

***The Kyrie**

P. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

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

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. 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.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray, Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath



Congregation Sings – *Christ, Be Our Light*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to - day.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first two staves form the first line of the song, and the last two staves form the second line. The lyrics are: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.' and 'Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to - day.' The final note of the second line is a long note with a horizontal line underneath it, indicating a long hold.

A. Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time. **C. How long, O Lord, how long?**

A. For those waiting for answered prayer:

C. Grant your steadfast patience.

A. For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

C. Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

A. For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

C. Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

A. For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

C. Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

A. Advent Prayer: God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C. Amen.**

Congregation Sings – *Christ, Be Our Light*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to - day.

The image shows a four-line musical score for a congregational song. Each line consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our', the second is 'hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.', the third is 'Christ, be our light! Shine in your', and the fourth is 'Church gath - ered to - day.' followed by a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

(10:30 AM) Handbell Anthem *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* Wagner

The Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,**

born of the house of your servant David.

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, ⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

(10:30 AM) The Youth Anthem *Away in a Manger*

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. The word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

***The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Hymn of the Day #241 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

***The 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.

**Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the son" is a later addition to the Creed*

*The Prayers of the Faithful

Sharing of the Peace

Offering



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



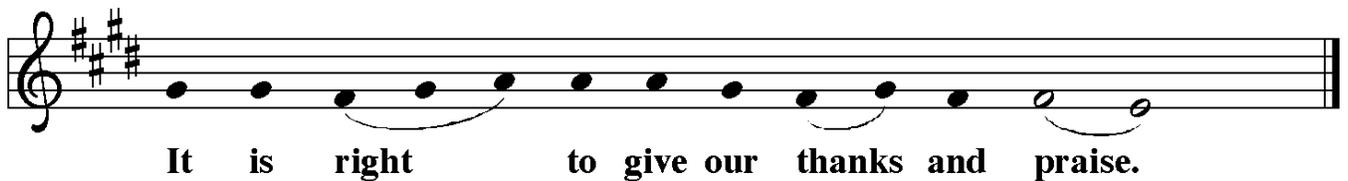
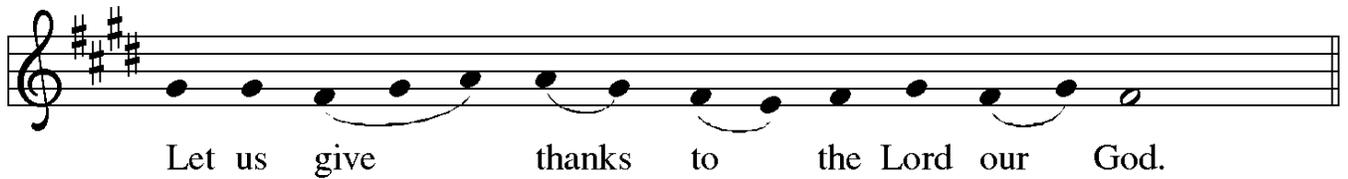
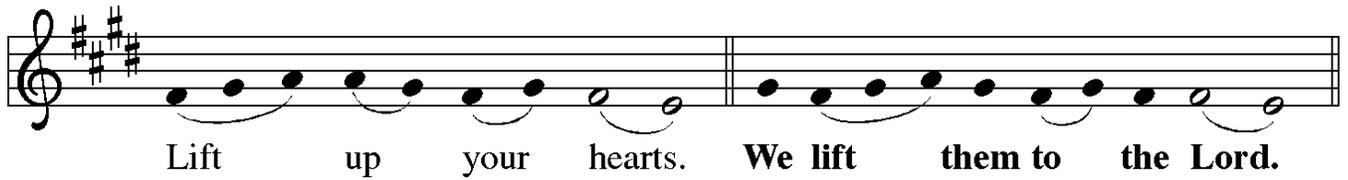
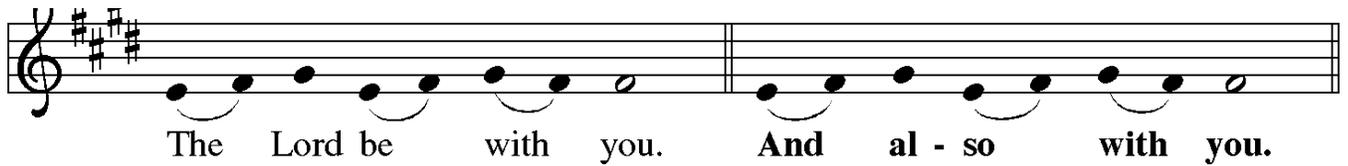
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

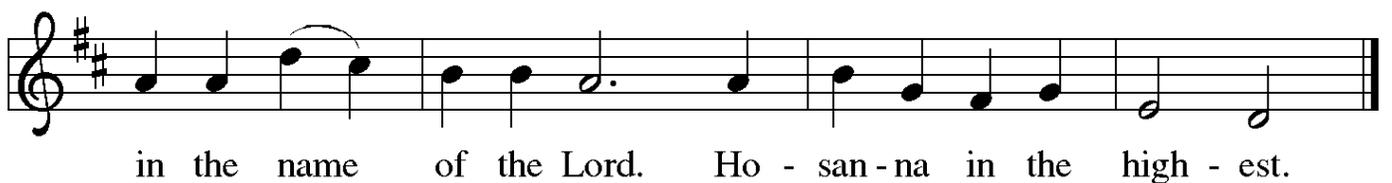
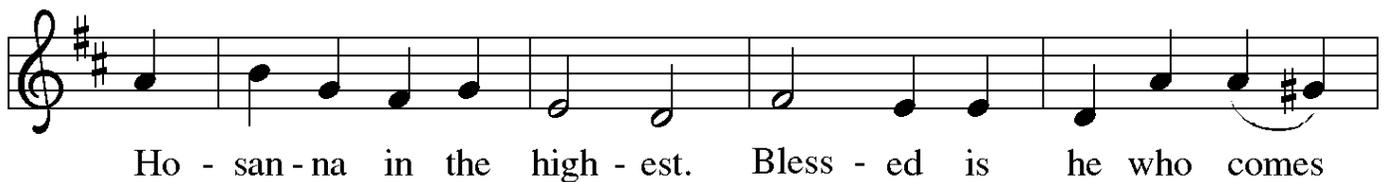
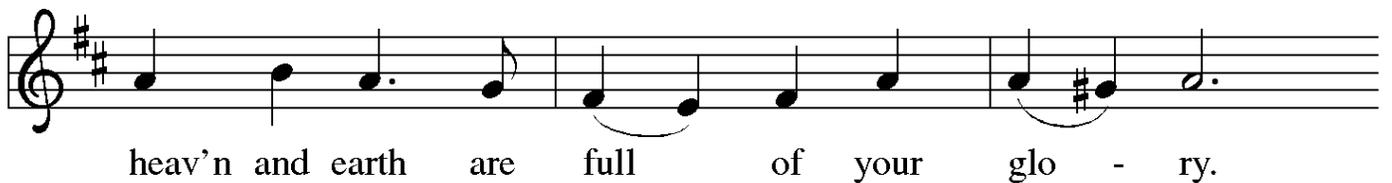
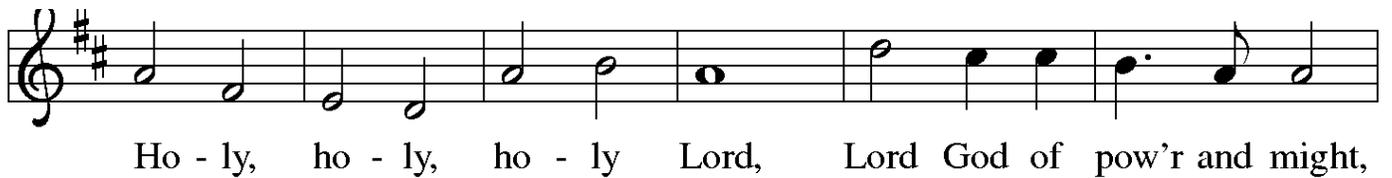
P. Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P. It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS: #490, 488

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **C. Amen.**

PARTING COMMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG #239 *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Christ is near. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*The Postlude	5:00 PM	<i>Lift Up Your Heads</i>	Ellson
	8:00 & 10:30 AM	<i>O Blessed Emmanuel</i>	Bach

Service Participants

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Emily Dansak; 10:30 AM Hailey Uhrinek

Lectors: 5:00 PM Josh Chenoweth

8:00 AM Ross Thompson; 10:30 AM Shawn Carolan

Communion Assistants: 5:00 PM Johnathan Totin

8:00 AM Glen Nickodemus, Barb Appleby

10:30 AM Dan McAlister, Kim Elias

Ushers: 8:00 AM Jeff Lydic, Regis Bombach

10:30 AM Rick Yaksic, Pat Keffer, Frank Rassmann, Ken Kibler,
Rob Hepler

Altar Guild: Susie Eicher, Dorothy Henry

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Denny & Susan Ernette.

THE FLOWERS ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Diffenderfer by Mary Jane.

THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO Jeff Moyer, Mandy Kanouff and family, on the death of Jeff's mother and Mandy's grandmother, Marian Moyer. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE. Please pick your box of envelopes up as you leave. They can be found in the hallway to the right of the Sanctuary.

AS YOU ENTERED the church, you should have received your bulletin and a member update form. We are working hard to update our records and the first step begins with you. Please complete the form and return it to the Communication Center, the church office, the offering plate, or you can mail it to the church. Thank you!

THIS WEEK.... REGULAR OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

SUNDAY

12:00 PM Social Hall Reserved

MONDAY

10:30 AM Quilting Ministry

1:00 PM Quilting Ministry

4:00 PM Social Hall Reserved

6:30 PM Property Committee

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Meeting Room reserved

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Communion service

9:00 AM January newsletter
articles due

5:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

12:00 PM Sonshiners Christmas
Party

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

3:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

1:00 PM Wedding

6:00 PM Christmas dinner

SUNDAY

12:00 PM Virtual Christmas
Caroling

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due in the church office no later than December 8. The volunteers who send the newsletter out will be doing so Wednesday, December 15 so that they do not need to work the week of Christmas. Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@yahoo.com or placed in the mailbox on the secretary's door. We appreciate your cooperation!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 11:30 AM on Thursday, December 9, for the staff Christmas party. Thank you to the Sonshiners for inviting us and all members to the luncheon at Lakeview. We are excited to join you as we celebrate Harrold Zion and the season of Christmas.

ARTICLES & INFORMATION FOR BULLETINS NOW THROUGH JANUARY 2nd are due in the church office no later than 9:00 AM Friday, December 10. Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@yahoo.com or placed in the mailbox on the secretary's door. We appreciate your cooperation!

WE ARE BRINGING BACK THE CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH SANTA! This Saturday, December 11, at 6:00 PM, the Fellowship Committee will host a potluck dinner. They will provide the meat, rolls and beverages. Please bring a covered dish or dessert for 8-10 people. Please sign up in the Communication Center if you plan to join us in the festive time.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING will be online this year. We will meet in the Sanctuary next Sunday, December 12, at 12:00 Noon. We will then record live as we sing. All are welcome. Please dress festive.

ATTENTION 2021 & 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS: The Tuesday, December 14 council meeting will be at 7:00 PM, at Bonny Free's home. All current and new 2022 council members are invited to attend the meeting and Christmas party. Please bring a snack to share.

WE WILL BE OFFERING "DRIVE-THRU" COMMUNION kits next Wednesday, December 15, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. We will continue to offer "communion to go" each month. Please watch bulletins and newsletters for dates. *The next date is December 29.

"ELF" THE MUSICAL IS COMING to Geyer Theater in Scottsdale. Fellowship is sponsoring an event for our congregation to go see this on December 19, at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person. Please sign up in the Communication Center if you would like to attend. Please contact Joanne Gebhardt with any questions.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS: Sunday, December 19, at 9:30 AM, we invite you to gather in the Social Hall for a continental breakfast and to share your ideas of what is important to you as we search for a new Pastor.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held Sunday, December 19, at the 10:30 AM service.

OPERATION REINDEER – The tree is decorated with reindeer tags in the Narthex. Each tag has an item to be purchased and returned to the church for delivery to the Westmoreland Mental Health facility in Latrobe. If you are worshipping from home, you do not need a gift tag – you can purchase any of the items listed in the November newsletter or you can send monetary donations to the church (checks payable to Harrold Zion). Gifts should be brand new and unwrapped. Please place all donations in the Communication Center no later than next Sunday, December 12.

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: December 11 & 12

First lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalmody: Psalm 130

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Christmas Eve rehearsal (acolytes, Holy family, etc.) – Monday, December 20, at 6:00 PM
- Longest Night service – Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 PM
- Christmas Eve services: 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM
- Christmas Day – no 5:00 PM worship service
- Sunday, December 26 – one worship service at 9:30 AM
- New Year's Day – no 5:00 PM worship service
- Sunday, January 2, 2022 – one worship service at 9:30 AM
- Annual report – Committee reports due in office January 10
- Winter VBS – SPLASH! – Saturday, January 15, at 1:00-3:00 PM

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – December 12 (1 vase), 19 (2 vases)

Bulletin – December 5, 12, 19, 24, 26

Eternal candle – December 5, 12, 24, 26

Reminder: Rose = \$5, Bulletin = \$10, Candle = \$5, Altar Flowers = \$25/vase

Please sign up to sponsor these items using the binder found in the Communication Center.

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