

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lent 1

Saturday, February 25, 2023 – 5:00 PM

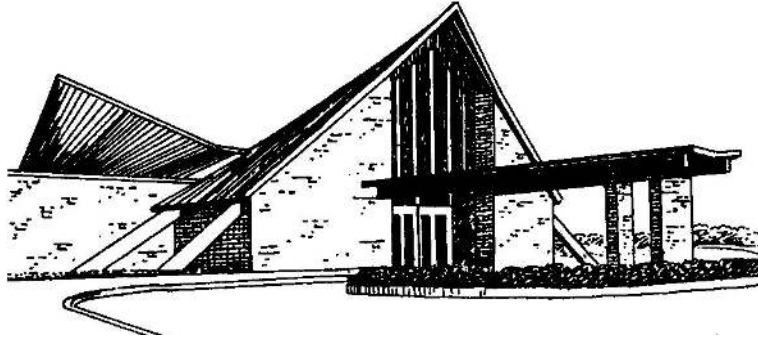
Sunday, February 26, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **It is a joy to welcome our visitors!** Please sign the guest book in the Communication Center at the rear of the church, to the right as you exit, and take a Welcome Packet which is filled with information about Harrold Zion. Please introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave worship. We hope you return soon!
- **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.

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The Welcome

The Prelude 5:00 PM Jesus Walked This *Lonesome Valley* Wilson
8:00 & 10:30 AM *What Wondrous Love Is This* Lasky

Please stand, as able.

The Confession and Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C. Amen.**

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

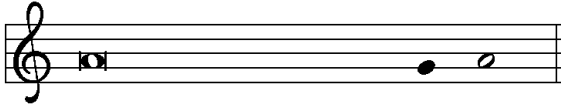
Please stand, as able.

The Penitential Hymn #319 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

The Apostolic Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

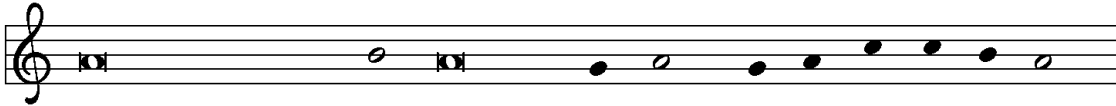
The Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



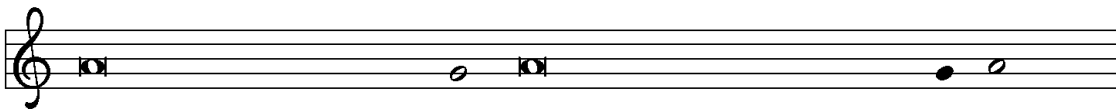
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



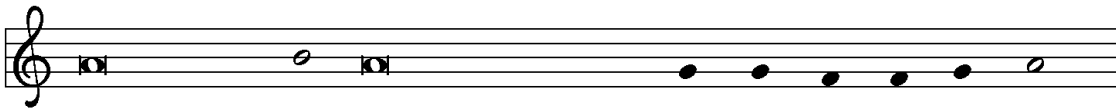
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



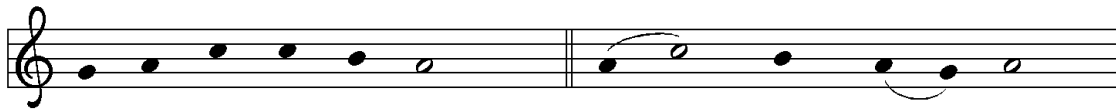
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Children's Message

(10:30 AM) The Youth Anthem *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

The First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

(10:30 AM) The Handbell Anthem *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Kinyon

The Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.

¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Please stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Please stand, as able.

The Hymn of the Day #618 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

The Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers of the Faithful

(10:30 AM) The Praise Hymn #616 *Jesus, Remember Me* (sing twice)

The Sharing of the Peace

Please be seated. The offering plates will be passed at 8:00 & 10:30 AM.

The Offering

8:00 & 10:30 AM *Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness* Wesley

The Offertory



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

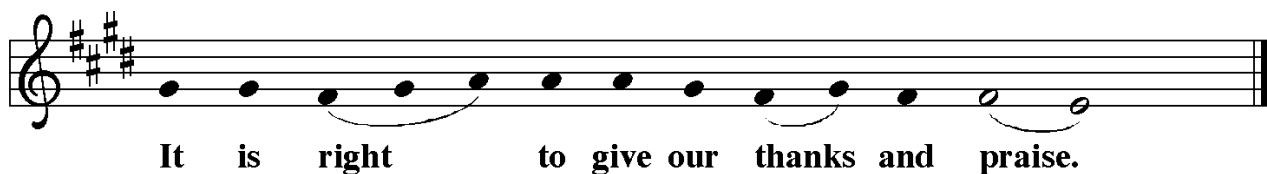
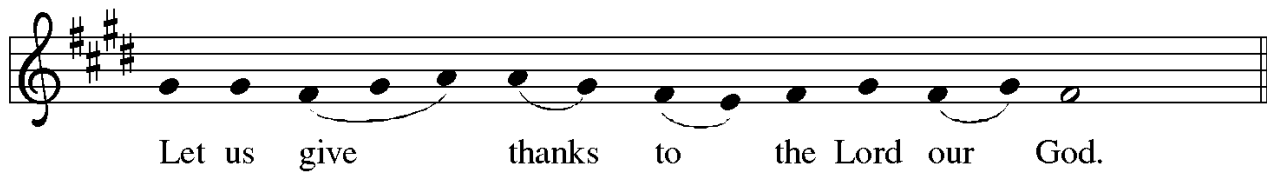
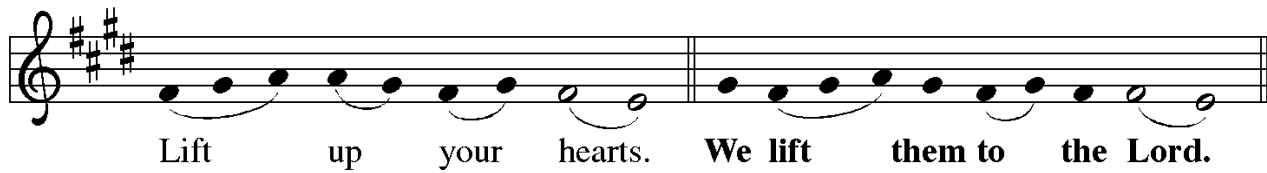
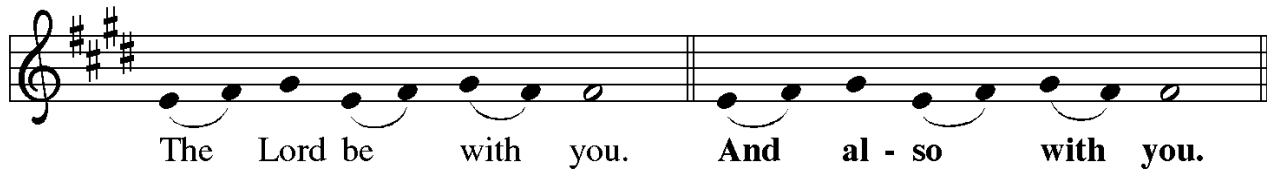


with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

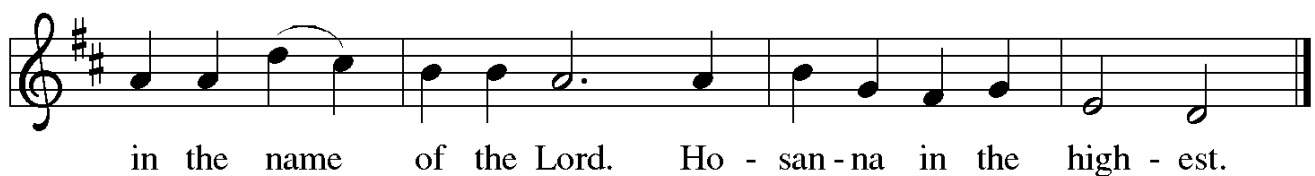
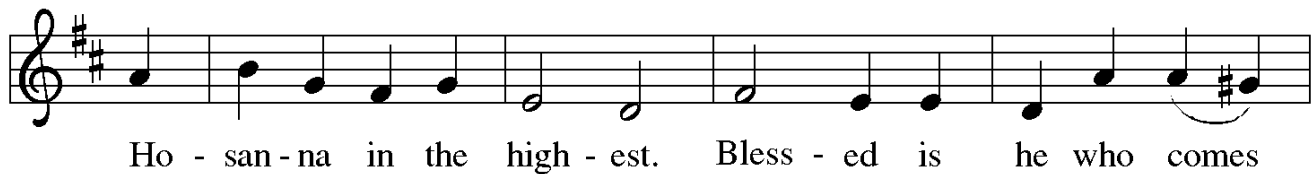
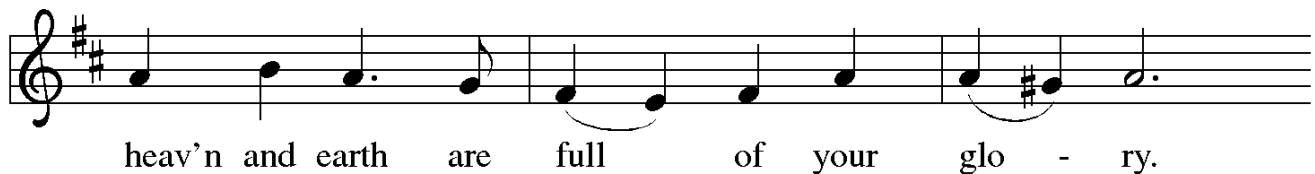
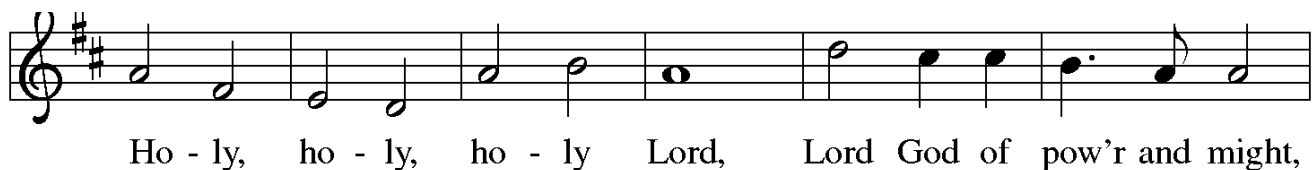
The Offering Prayer

P. Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **C. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



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



The Words of Institution

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.

The 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.

The Communion Distribution

At the usher's direction, please approach the Altar by the center aisle. After you receive the sacrament, please place the communion glass in the basket as you return to your pew by the side aisle.

(8:00 & 10:30 AM) Please join us in singing the following Communion Hymns: #785, 609, 597, 337

The Blessing and Prayer After Communion

P. Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C. Amen.

The Benediction

The Sending Song #504 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Please be seated for the Congregational Meeting.

The Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Serve in love. **C. Thanks be to God.**

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Service Participants

Lectors: 8:00 AM Beth Holsopple, 10:30 AM John Millward

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Anna Dansak, 10:30 AM Caleb Heasley

Communion Asst: 8:00 AM Tom Kubinec, Sheri Anderson

10:30 AM Mary Lou Millward, John Millward

Ushers: 8:00 AM Bob Eicher, Alex Hayes, David Cronin

10:30 AM Cheryl Eckles, Mel Veverka, Cindy Veverka

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Millward

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of our father, John Matthew Schein, on his birthday by Jackie Schein-Hohman and John & Coletta Schein; in memory of our loved ones by Denny & Sue Ernette.

WE WILL BE PASSING THE OFFERING PLATES at the Sunday services. The Offering Plates for Saturday will continue to be on stands at the back of the church.

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS TODAY! Orders are due no later than next Sunday, March 5. A 6" Lily is \$13.50 and a 7" Potted Mum is \$14.50. Please complete an order envelope which can be found in the Communication Center. Please place the completed envelope and payment in the offering plate.

ARE YOU A MEMBER ON RECORD? According to the Harrold Zion constitution, members should communion and contribute at least once per year. Please complete one communion card for 2023 if you have not already done so. Thank you for helping to maintain our records.

THIS WEEK....**OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM****SUNDAY – Lent 1**

Congregational Meeting/Vote
following all services

MONDAY

10:30 AM Quilting Ministry
1:00 PM Quilting Ministry
6:30 PM Property Committee

TUESDAY

Count your blessings.

WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Bell Choir
6:45 PM Midweek Lenten
Worship
7:30 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY

PS Dr. Seuss Day
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

PS Dr. Seuss Day
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY – Lent 2

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved
10:00 AM First Holy Communion
Class

SUNDAY – Lent 2

Easter flower orders due
12:00 PM Acolyte Training

HELP FOR ELIZABETH FORWARD HIGH SCHOOL - As you may have heard, EFHS suffered a devastating fire. The entire performing arts wing of the school was destroyed. The Hempfield Marching Band Parents Association will be collecting monetary donations in order to help students continue their performing arts program. Ms. Laurie is asking Harrold Zion to help. She will have a collection box on the table in the Narthex for donations. Please make checks payable to HBPA with Elizabeth Forward noted on the memo line.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT A PHOTO FOR THE DIRECTORY UPDATE! The new directory will have cell phone numbers and email addresses. If your contact information has changed or you prefer not to have your cell and/or email address listed, please check your information in the appropriate binder which can be found on the table in the Communication Center. The photos will be a great addition because they will help a future Senior Pastor get to know our members. Photos can be emailed to Tammy (tammyhzlc@gmail.com) or, you are welcome to stop by the church during the week and Tammy will be happy to take your photo. Members of the Evangelism Committee will also be available to take photos following all worship services in March. All photos and information are due in the office no later than Sunday, March 26. We plan to have the directories ready for pickup by Easter.

THE MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES will be every Wednesday in Lent at 6:45 PM (March 1 – March 29). The service will be a Holden service which includes lovely music and a brief meditation about those who were at the cross with Jesus. This Wednesday, March 1 (week 1), the meditation will be about the Women at the Crucifixion.

LENT – A SEASON OF HOPE. This Lent at Harrold Zion, we are putting God's love into action by making Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. We are encouraging our church family to help those suffering from the effects of war, violence, national disasters, disease and poverty. Each week we ask you to bring in specific items and place them in the corresponding bin in the Communication Center. Then, our high school and confirmation age students will assemble, pack and ship the kits. Requested items can be found in the newsletter. March 4/5 Week 2: Bath towels in dark colors, maximum size 52" x 27".

COME, TASTE AND SEE! A first Holy Communion class will be offered next Saturday, March 4, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This class is for children and adults. It is important that a parent attends this class with their child. Please call the church office at 724-837-7327 to have your spot reserved.

ACOLYTE TRAINING – If you have made your First Holy Communion, then we have a way for you to serve at Harrold Zion. We will be training new acolytes next Sunday, March 5, 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

CHILI & SOUP COOK-OFF AT HARROLD ZION - On Saturday March 11, we will be having a Chili and Soup Cook-off competition. It's time to break out your favorite secret family recipes' and show off your culinary skills! Individuals may bring in as many soups and/or chili crock pots, to be part of the competition, as they would like. The fellowship committee will provide bread/drinks/and dessert to go with the competition. We are asking for a free will donation from anyone who would like to eat and vote on their favorite entries. All proceeds will benefit the church ministry and programs. All Soup/Chili crockpots are asked to be at the church around 4:00 PM. If you plan to enter the competition, please see the March newsletter and/or flyers located around the church for the competition rules.

JOIN THE PARENT'S BREAKFAST GROUP at 9:15 AM on March 12. We meet in the Kitchen area and enjoy breakfast and a time of fellowship.

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES. We are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, March 12, from 9:15 AM to 2:00 PM. Please register online at vitalant.com or sign up in the Communication Center.

A NEW STUDY WILL BEGIN IN THE ADULT SUNDAY school class on Sunday, March 12, at 9:15 AM. This study will be based on a book titled, "The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus" by Gary R. Habermas and Michael R. Licona. We will explore the evidence for Jesus' resurrection and how to use this evidence in sharing your faith with confidence and conviction. The book is free for those who pre-register by March 5. You may sign-up for the class on the sign-up sheet found in the Communication Center or email Kelly Perry at kirklly0422@comcast.net. If you email, please list the names of all attendees, the number of books needed, and a phone number. We hope you will join us.

READERS NEEDED FOR PALM PASSION WEEKEND - If you would like to participate in the reading of the Passion please call the church office. We are looking for readers that can preferably serve at all three services the weekend of April 1 & 2. Rehearsal will be Sunday, March 26, at 11:45 AM.

BIKE DRIVE - Watch upcoming bulletins for information regarding a bike collection of new and used bikes. The bikes will be collected in conjunction with the Manor Presbyterian Church. The bikes will be hauled to a collection point in Aliquippa. They will be refurbished and sent to places in the US and Afghanistan.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP! If you would like to register your child(ren) to attend a week at Camp Lutherlyn, please contact Rob Hepler at 724-446-2174. Rob, his family, and Harrold Zion have been long-time supporters of kids having the opportunity to go to camp. The church contributes 50% of the cost per child. Please visit www.lutherlyn.com for more information.

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: March 4 & 5

First lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalmody: Psalm 121

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Easter Egg Hunt – April 2, 12:00 Noon
- Palm Sunday Breakfast – April 2, 8:15-10:00 AM
- Maundy Thursday Worship – April 6, 7:00 PM
- Good Friday Worship – April 7, 7:00 PM
- No worship Saturday, April 8.
- Easter Morning Worship – April 9, 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM
- Spring VBS – April 29, 1:00 PM
- Summer VBS – June 12-16

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – March 12 (2 vases); March 19, 25 (1 vase)

Bulletin – March 5, 12, 19, 26

Eternal candle – March 5, 12, 26

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

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

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*To Worship and Serve God,
Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors*

