

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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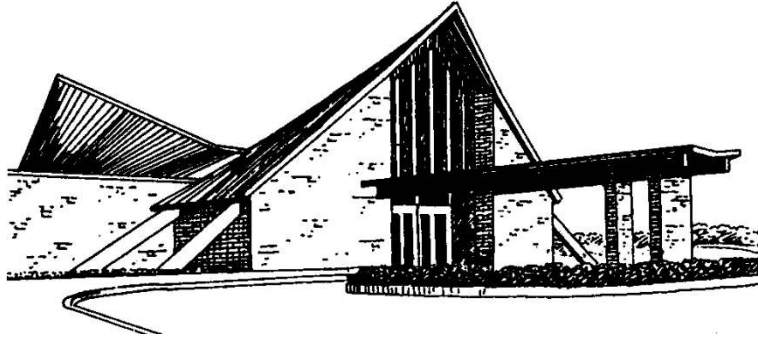
Pentecost 5

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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! 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.

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GATHERING - *We are brought together to remember who and whose we are.*

Welcome and Announcements – Joys and Concerns

<u>Prelude</u>	5:00 PM	<i>Let Freedom Ring</i>	Fettke
	8:00 & 10:30 AM	<i>Shine Jesus Shine</i>	Kendrick

Please stand, as able.

Confession and Forgiveness

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, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Gathering Hymn *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing: land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride, from ev'ry mountainside
let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills
like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.

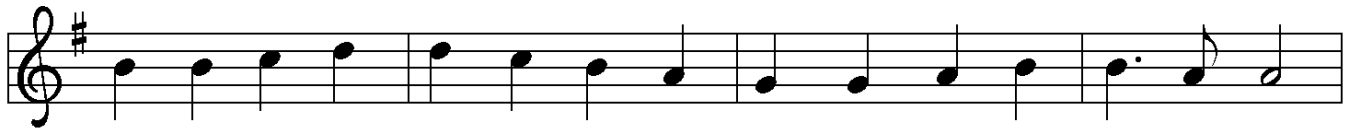
Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might,
great God, our king.



Apostolic Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

¹God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains

that I shall show you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²[The angel] said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

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

Psalmody: Psalm 13

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

²**How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

³Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴**lest my enemy say, “I have defeated you,”
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

⁵But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

⁶**I will sing to the LORD, who has dealt with me richly.**

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

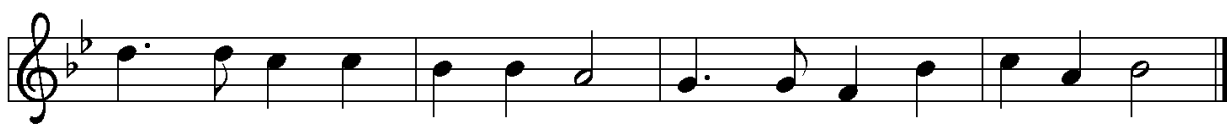
Verse



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message *Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward.*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #888 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Apostles’ 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**

Prayers of the Intercession

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

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

Sharing of the Peace

MEAL – *We are built up and nourished to be the body of Christ in the world.*

8:00 & 10:30 AM Offering *This Land is Your Land*

Offertory #691 Accept, O Lord, the gifts We Bring

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought
but only as we're able.

The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food
becomes a holy treasure.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
as humbly we adore you.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

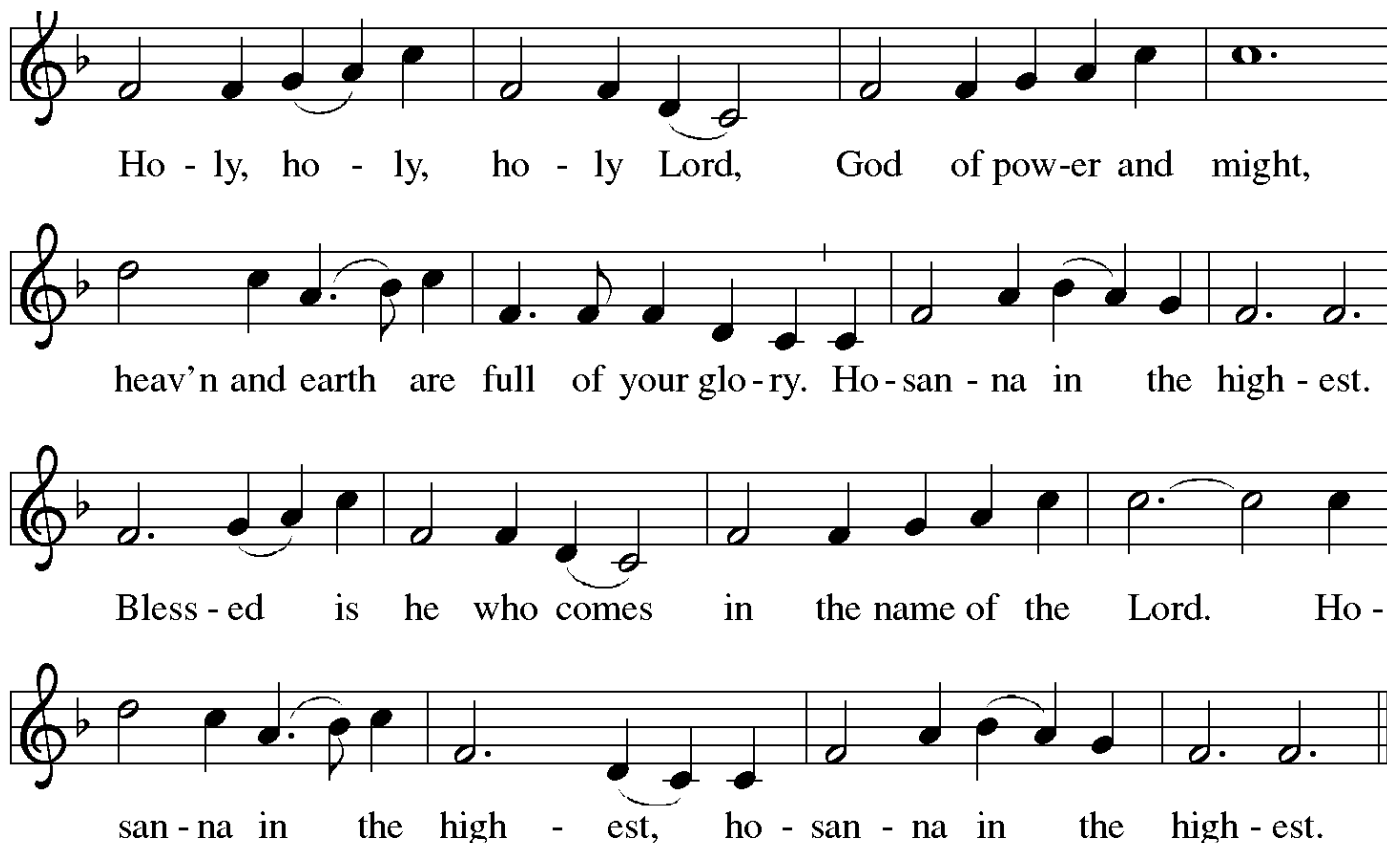
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name 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

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

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.***

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 assembly is invited to come forward and receive Holy communion.

8:00 & 10:30 AM Please join us in singing the following communion hymns:

#471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Amazing Grace:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

#838 *Beautiful Savior*

Post-Communion Blessing *The assembly is invited to stand.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together. **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

Sending of Home Communion

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✝ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn #890 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

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

Postlude 5:00 PM *The National Hymn* Warren
 8:00 & 10:30 AM *Onward Christian Soldiers*

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THANK YOU TO BRAD ZUNDEL for serving as pianist at the Sunday morning worship services.

Service Participants

Lectors: 8:00 AM Bernie Zundel; 10:30 AM Linda Thompson

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Eli Bitner; 10:30 AM Hailey Uhrinek

Communion Assistants: 8:00 AM Linda Boyer, Don Freeman

 10:30 AM Mandy Kanouff, Cooper Anderson

Ushers: 8:00 AM Bob Eicher; 10:30 AM Cheryl Eckles, Lloyd Fait

Altar Guild: Ann Wineman, Lori Farrell

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanks for our freedom and for all who have served and currently do serve.

THIS WEEK....

OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY

12:00 PM Hall & Pavilion reserved

MONDAY

10:00 AM Quilting

TUESDAY

Independence Day

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

9:00 AM Hall & Pavilion reserved

3:00 PM Grief Support Group

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

9:00 AM Hall & Pavilion reserved

SUNDAY

11:45 AM Fellowship Committee

12:00 PM Hall & Pavilion reserved

HAVE YOU DESIGNATED YOUR 2023 THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

GRANTS? Thrivent members have two grants they can use each year for a fundraiser, service project, or educational event. Each grant is \$250. This is a great way to help the church and the community. If you would like to help defer some of the cost for a project, please call Tammy (724-837-7327). Current projects: Splash Day, Rally Day, Children's busy bags, etc.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: We will continue to meet at Harrold Zion on Thursdays at 3:00 PM through July 27. An Excela bereavement counselor, Maureen Ceidro, and Pastor Caroline lead the group. We may have additional groups in the future. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pr. Caroline at pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com or call the church office.

SUMMER BOOK CLASS: Join Deb Mertz and Pastor Caroline for a study based on the book titled, "*Believe: Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus*", edited by Randy Frazee. We will read and discuss the first ten lessons of the book. Please contact Pastor Caroline at pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com or Deb Mertz at deb_mertz@att.net if you are interested. The classes are on Tuesdays, at 6:30 PM, and will continue through August 29 (No class July 4).

OFFICE CLOSURES: The office will be closed this Tuesday for Independence Day and Tammy will be taking a personal day on Wednesday, July 5. We will also be closing the office Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14 for Tammy to begin transitioning to a new church software program.

AN OUTDOOR MOVIE EVENT will be held on Friday, July 14, around 9:00 PM. The classic 1994 *The Little Rascals* will be the featured movie. All your favorite movie snacks – popcorn, candy, chips and drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Bring a blanket or chair. If it rains, we will be inside in the Social Hall.

A BLOOD DRIVE will be held at Harrold Zion on Sunday, July 30, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Blood donations are down and are much needed so please consider donating. You can schedule to donate before or after church if you plan to attend worship that day. Appointments are recommended. You can sign up on the sheet in the Communication Center or via the website, vitalant.org (search with account code UG0030141) or by zip code. You can also call 412-209-7000, visit Instagram, Twitter or Facebook to register.

SPLASH DAY! Grab your swimsuits and sunscreen and make a splash with us on Sunday, July 30, at 2:00 PM and stay until our fingers are pruned! We will have water games, freezer pops and the famous HZ giant slip 'n slide.

HELP NEEDED FOR RALLY DAY! Please see page 7 of the July newsletter for details and consider signing up to help make Rally Day a fun success.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING KICK-OFF EVENT, Sunday August 20. Meet at HZ 1:30 PM. If you are entering 7th grade this fall, please join us for a National Youth Gathering Event. Even if you are unsure about participating, please come on a field trip with the Pastors and Ms. Sheri to Camp Lutherlyn. We will travel to Camp Lutherlyn for youth fellowship, information, planning and DINNER. We should be back at the church by 9:00pm, at the latest. Please sign your youth up in the Communication Center or let Ms. Sheri know.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Rally Day carnival – September 10

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – July 23 (1 vase), July 16, 30 (2 vases)

Bulletin –July 9, 16, 23, 30; Eternal candle –July 9, 16, 23, 30

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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MISSION STATEMENT

To Worship and Serve God,

Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors