

# **Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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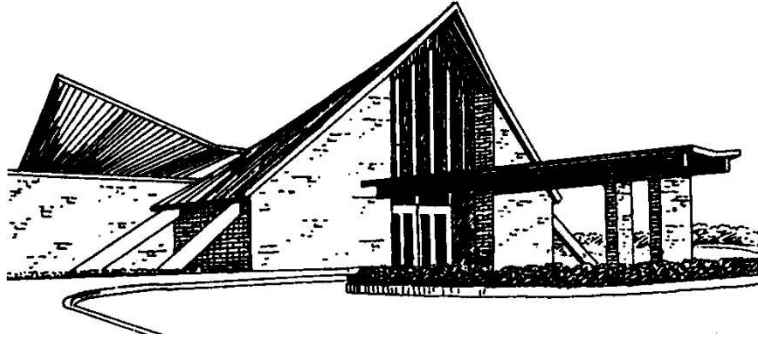
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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **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.

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

Welcome and Announcements – Joys and Concerns

Prelude

*Preludio Religioso*

Beethoven

*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.**

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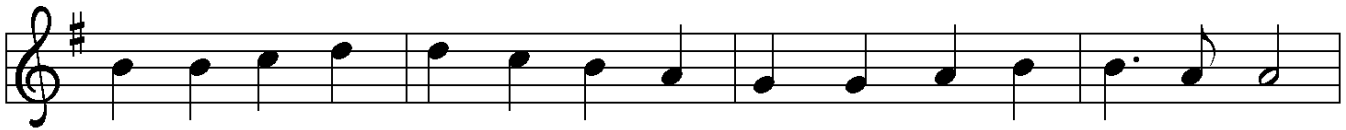
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn #434     *Jesus Shall Reign*

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. **You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

First Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

[Laban, Rebekah's brother, received a visitor who said,]<sup>34</sup>"I am Abraham's servant.<sup>35</sup>The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become

wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup>My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup>but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

<sup>42</sup>"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup>I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup>and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

<sup>45</sup>"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' <sup>46</sup>She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup>Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup>Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup>Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

<sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." <sup>59</sup>So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes."

<sup>61</sup>Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

<sup>62</sup>Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup>Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup>and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all the things

that he had done. <sup>67</sup>Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 45:10-17

<sup>10</sup>“Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;  
forget your people and your father's house.

<sup>11</sup>**The king will desire your beauty;  
he is your master, so bow before him.**

<sup>12</sup>The city of Tyre brings tribute;  
the wealthiest of the people seek your favor.”

<sup>13</sup>**All glorious is the princess as she enters;  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.**

<sup>14</sup>In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

<sup>15</sup>**With joy and gladness they are brought,  
and enter into the palace of the king.**

<sup>16</sup>“In place of ancestors, O king, you shall have sons;  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

<sup>17</sup>**I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to  
another; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.”**

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

<sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:16-19, 25-30

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

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

<sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

<sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Jesus' Jingers

### Sermon

*Please stand, as able.*

Hymn of the Day #608    *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

### 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.**

### 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.**

### Sharing of the Peace

Offering    *I've Been List'ning*                      Hughes

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

### 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.**



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

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 #697      *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

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

Postlude

*Echo Fanfare*

Smith

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**Service Participants**

Lectors:      8:00 AM Krissy Korona

                 10:30 AM Mandy Kanouff

Acolytes:      8:00 AM Cooper Anderson

                 10:30 AM Nina Tyler

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 loving memory of Bonnie Filosemi by Joe & family; in celebration of John Millward's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his kidney transplant on July 13 by Mary Lou.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** this Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14 for Tammy to begin transitioning to a new church software program.

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER** articles are due in the church office by next Sunday, July 16. Articles can be emailed to [tammyhzlc@gmail.com](mailto:tammyhzlc@gmail.com) or placed in the mailbox on her office door. Thank you!

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

11:45 AM Fellowship Committee  
12:00 PM Social Hall Reserved

**MONDAY****TUESDAY**

10:00 AM Knitting  
6:30 PM Book Study  
7:30 PM Compassionate Friends

**WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY**

3:00 PM Grief Support Group  
7:00 PM Council Meeting  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**FRIDAY**

9:00 PM Outdoor Movie Night

**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved  
9:00 AM SH & Pavilion reserved  
Newsletter articles due

**SUNDAY**

Communion at all services  
10:30 AM Joyful Noise  
11:45 AM Evangelism Committee  
12:00 PM SH & Pavilion reserved

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** We continue to meet at Harrold Zion on Thursdays at 3:00 PM through July 27. An Excelsa 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 [pastorcarolinehzc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolinehzc@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 are reading and discussing the first ten lessons of the book. It’s not too late to join us. Please contact Pastor Caroline at [pastorcarolinehzc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolinehzc@gmail.com) or Deb Mertz at [deb\\_mertz@att.net](mailto:deb_mertz@att.net) if you are interested. The classes are on Tuesdays, at 6:30 PM, and will continue through August 29.

**AN OUTDOOR MOVIE EVENT** will be held this 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 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.

**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 9:00 PM, at the latest. Please sign your youth up in the Communication Center or let Ms. Sheri know.

**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. Please sign up in the Communication Center.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Rally Day carnival – September 10

**ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:**

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

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