

# Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:30 AM Joyful Noise

5th Sunday in Lent 2024



# 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.

## 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** – *We are brought together to remember who and whose we are.*

Welcome and Announcements – Joys and Concerns

Prelude     *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

*Please stand, as able*

Call to Worship

Why are you here?

**I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind,  
with a fire burning in my bones.**

I see it! You're in the right place!

This is God's house. The door is open to you.

**Why are you here?**

I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind,  
with a fire burning in my bones.

**We see that in you! You're in the right place.**

**This is God's house. The door is open to you.**

Let us worship God.

**Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!**

Call to Confession

Friends, when you study Peter's story in scripture it's almost impossible to ignore how much he loved to ask questions. He asks Jesus: "What does the parable mean?" "Where are you going?"

"How many times should we forgive?"

Like a tenacious toddler, Peter was full of questions, because Peter was eager to learn. I wish I was more like that. I still have so much to learn. So friends, let's be like Peter. Let's return to Christ with the humility of a student as we pray together the prayer of confession. Let this be a moment of learning. You may kneel or stand, as able.

*Pause for all to get settled and reflection.*

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, We long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you “Rabbi, Teacher.” Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should we forgive?”—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, amen.**

### Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, When Peter asked Jesus, “How many times should I forgive?” Jesus responded with abundance. That abundance exists for you as well. No matter what you have done or left undone, no matter what lessons you have learned or are still learning, God’s abundant grace exists for you. God’s love will never run out. So hear and rest in this good news: You are forgiven. You are loved. You are invited to serve. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Prayer for Illumination

Teaching God, We want to learn your ways. We want to learn the ways of forgiveness. We want to learn the ways of grace. We want to learn your ways of love. That is part of why we return to your text week after week, because we are hungry to be more like you. So, as we prepare to listen to your good Word, calm the noise in our minds.

Center our spirits to focus on you so that we might learn and hear what we have missed in this story before. God, we want to learn your ways. Meet us here. Speak your truth. Help us listen. **Amen**

# Gathering Hymn *The Old Rugged Cross*

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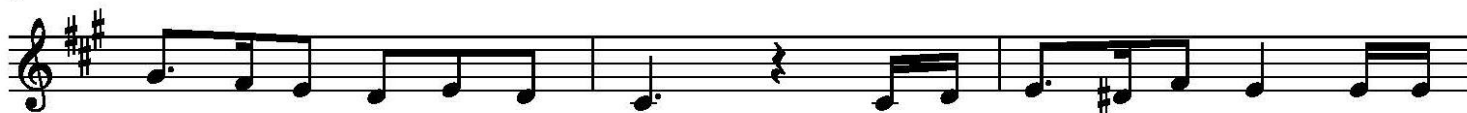
1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the \_\_\_\_  
 2. O the old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a  
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a \_\_\_\_  
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true; Its \_\_\_\_

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em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross, where the  
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His  
 won - drous beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus  
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my

CHORUS

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dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged  
 glo - ry a - bove to \_\_\_\_ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 suf - fered and died to \_\_\_\_ par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

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cross, \_\_\_\_ till my tro - phies at last I lay down. I will

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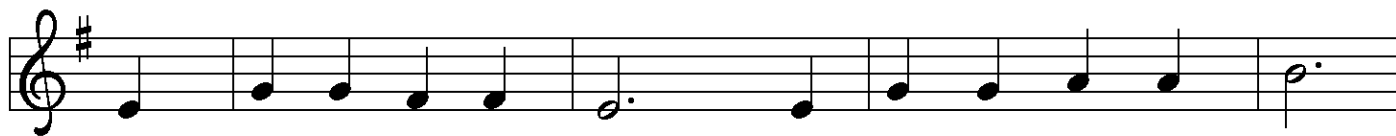


cling to the old rug - ged cross, \_\_\_\_ and ex - change it some day for a crown. \_\_\_\_

## 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!

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

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51 1-12 *Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. **Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand, as able*

### Gospel Acclamation



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

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

### Children's Time

#### Sermon

*Please stand, as able*

Hymn of the Day # #801 *Change My Heart, O God*



## 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 Intercession

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

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

## Sharing of the Peace

## Offering    *At the Cross*

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

## Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering prayer

Let us pray together. **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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 right, our duty and our joy, ... 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.

### Thanksgiving at the Table Prayer

Holy God, our living water...

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**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.**

### Breaking the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*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.*

*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. You may receive the Sacrament around the altar or at the floor stations.*

Communion Hymns: *He Will Remember Me, Nearer My God to Thee*

**SENDING** – *We are set out to share hope and make disciples.*

Post-Communion Blessing      *You are invited to stand.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together. **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending of Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick and homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep within, saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news.


**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

♩ = 108

### VERSE

G G/B C G



1. When the trum - pet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more, and the  
2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the dead in Christ shall rise, and the  
3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the dawn till set - ting sun, let us

3 A<sup>7</sup>/E D G G/B



morn - ing breaks e - ter - nal, bright and fair— When the saved of earth shall gath - er o - ver  
glo - ry of His res - ur - rec - tion share— When His cho - sen ones shall gath - er to their  
talk of all His won - drous love and care; Then when all of life is o - ver and our


6 C G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G



on the oth - er shore, and the roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there! When the  
home be - yond the skies, and the roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there!  
work on earth is done, and the roll is called up yon - der— I'll be there!


### CHORUS

9 G D<sup>7</sup>



roll \_\_\_\_\_ is called up yon - der, when the roll \_\_\_\_\_ is called up yon - der, when the

13 G C G/D D<sup>7</sup> G



roll \_\_\_\_\_ is called up yon - der— When the roll is called up yon - der I'll be there!

## Quiet Meditation

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God. We will!**

### Postlude

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### **WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Lectors: 10:30 AM Doris McAlister

Acolytes: 10:30 AM Ryan Gacek

Communion Assistants: 10:30 AM Kim Elias/ Dan McAlister

Ushers: 10:30 AM Rachel Uhrinek, Paul Kanouff, Jeanne Toohey, Charles Englert, John Doncaster

Altar Guild: Nancy Basile

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to God:

In honor of Deb Mertz on your Birthday! You're a Lifesaver! Love Dad.

And to the Glory of God in Celebration of Dave Silvis on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday by his family.

THE ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lorraine Wagner by Mark and Arlene Wagner

### **THIS WEEK....**

**OFFICE HOURS ARE: 9AM-2PM MONDAY-THURSDAY AND 9AM-NOON ON FRIDAY**

**On Call for pastoral care emergencies:**

**Pastor Andrew - Fri & Sat | Pastor Caroline - Monday-Thursday**

## **Sunday**

9:15 AM Sunday School  
8:00 AM 10:30 AM Worship  
Communion  
11:45 AM Evangelism  
3pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Small Group

## **MONDAY**

## **TUESDAY**

9:30 AM PS Library Speech

## **WEDNESDAY**

11:30 AM P/S Library  
6:00 PM Soup & Study  
6:30PM Discussion, Fellowship  
/Adult Handbells  
7:00 Worship with Faith Statements  
7:30 PM Adult Choir

## **THURSDAY**

11:30 AM Speech PS Library  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts  
6:00PM Hymn Sing at Hempfield  
Manor

## **FRIDAY**

## **SATURDAY**

5:00 PM Worship with Communion

## **SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion  
8:15-10:00AM Palm Sunday Break-  
fast  
10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion  
and Youth Bells  
12:00 PM Egg Hunt

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Holy Week begins on March 24, 2024, with Palm Sunday, with services on Maundy Thursday(7pm), Good Friday(7pm), Easter Vigil (5pm) and Easter (7am, 8:45am, & 10:30am), March 31, 2024.
- Palm Sunday breakfast on March 24, 2024, between services. 8:15 – 10:00.
- Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday at 12:00 PM.,
- Shoe collection for Lent.
- Jigsaw Puzzle night – April 12

**LENT--**The theme for this year is “Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter.” Each Sunday we will follow the path of (Simon) Peter as he works out what it means to follow Jesus. Special Gospel readings have been chosen that line up this journey and with the typical lectionary appointed Psalm. There is a special devotional that you can pick up if you didn’t already!

On Wednesdays we will follow the path of caretaking and caregiving for matters of the heart and faith with special studies. Each week we will visit a “Stewards of...” set of Bible texts and related questions. We will share in the study while we share some soup and bread (or crackers). We will then have a time of discussion,



fellowship and clean up before a simple Evening prayer. ***This final week will feature a few faith statements from our confirmation students in the central reflection!***

### **Final Wednesday in Lent:**

**6:00pm Soup & Study -Soup and Bread Meal with a Bible study**

**6:30pm Discussion, Fellowship, Clean-up, and Adult Bell Practice**

**7:00pm Evening Prayer with Faith Statements and Youth Handbells**

**7:30pm Adult Choir Practice**

### **Easter Instrumentalists Needed!!!**

Wanted: instrumentalists of all ages and skill levels to play for the Easter Sunday <sup>2024</sup> services! If you or your children play an instrument, email Laurie at [lracculia@yahoo.com](mailto:lracculia@yahoo.com) to be part of the most joyous celebration of our year!

### **Palm Sunday Breakfast**

Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Palm Sunday Breakfast from 8:15– 10:00 AM. Please sign-up in the communication center for donations of breakfast casseroles, pastries, and donuts. There will also be a sign-up for those attending the event. Fellowship committee will be providing breads, bagels, cream cheese, Jellies, coffee, juice, and other drinks.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The hunt will be on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. We have enough candy at this point, thank you!

### **Palm Sunday Procession**

Weather permitting, all are invited as able to gather outside and begin worship there and process in during the first hymn. We will wave our palms and celebrate Messiah Jesus.

If the weather is not conducive: Children and youth join Ms. Sheri in the Sunday services and wave palms and parade through the congregation during the gathering hymn. We will gather in the narthex after the announcements.

**Camp Lutherlyn** is having a Camp Blast on Saturday May 11 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. it will be a of fun with all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Campfire. Gaga ball, Archary, Zipline, Crafts, Bouldering Room, Hiking, Nature Activities Canoeing, Hay Rides, Games, Sports, Archaeology, Jump Pillow, Kayaking,

Lego Room, Tours, Great Food and more. Register at  
LUTHERLYN.COM/CAMPBLAST

**Camp registrations are now open for summer campers!** \$100 off for first time campers...IT IS \$50 OFF for half week campers. There is a discount code for this it is **First**. It doesn't apply for Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days. Register at LUTHERLYN.COM/SUMMERCAMP Please see/or call Rob Hepler for more information. 724-446-2174. We want to be sure that every child or youth that wants to go to Lutherlyn can go—we have camp scholarships!

### **ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:**

Altar Flowers – March 23/24, April 13/14

Bulletin & Eternal candle –March 16 Bulletin, March 23/24 Candle, Bulletin and Candle April 6/7 are available

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