

# **Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Lent 4**

**Sunday, March 19, 2023 – 10:30 AM**

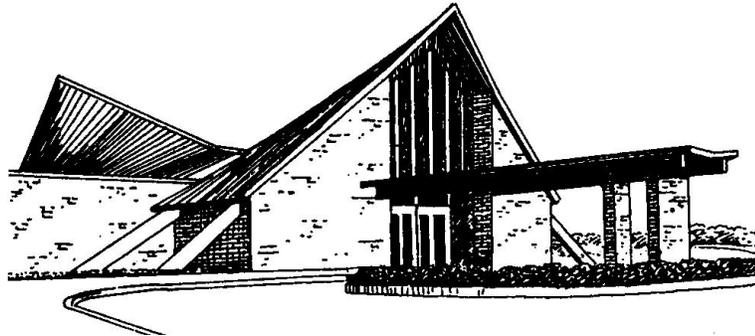
**Joyful Noise**

# 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 Announcements and Joys & Concerns

The Prelude            *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

*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    *The Old Rugged Cross*

*Please see next page.*

# The Old Rugged Cross

Words and Music by  
George Bennard

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## VERSE

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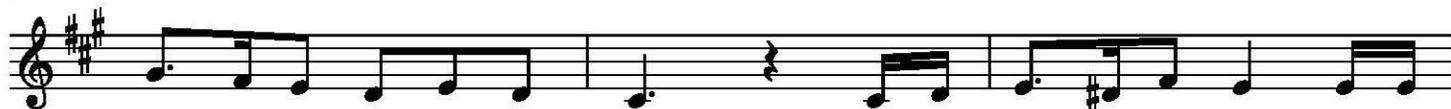
1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the \_\_\_  
 2. O the old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a  
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, a \_\_\_  
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true; Its \_\_\_

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em - blem of suf - fring 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.  
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 home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

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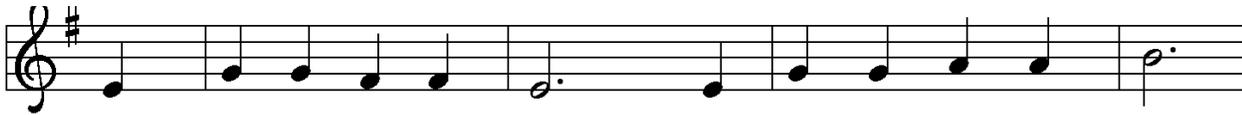


cling to the old rug - ged cross, \_\_\_ and ex - change it some day for a crown. \_\_\_

## 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



- 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!

## The Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Children's Message

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics.*

*With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's

anointed is now before the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. The word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody: Psalm 23 (Please read in unison)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful

even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." The word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

The 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.

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

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

*Please be seated for the reading of the Gospel.*

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He

said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

<sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have

seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”<sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”<sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”  
The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

*Please stand, as able.*

The Hymn of the Day *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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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 Baptismal Hymn #456 *Baptized in Water*

The Prayers of the Faithful

The Prayer Response #616 *Jesus, Remember Me* (sing twice)

## The Sharing of the Peace

The Offering #807 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### The Offertory



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.

### 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 Benediction

The Sending Hymn *At the Cross* (Please see next page)

### The Moment of Meditation

### The Dismissal

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

The Postlude *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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**WE REJOICE THIS WEEKEND** as Kai Archer Ihlenfeld, son of Satomi Irano and Brian Ihlenfeld, enters the Lord's family and his Church through the waters of Baptism this Sunday, at the 10:30 AM service. Kai's sponsors are Lieutenant Molly Clark and Mr. Christopher Carlin. *We welcome Kai, child of God, now a member of Christ's Church.*

**JOIN THE PARENT'S BREAKFAST GROUP** at 9:15 AM this Sunday, March 19, in the Kitchen area for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

**THIS WEEKEND IS "CRASH WEEKEND"!** Bring your stash of coins and toss them into the bucket during the offering at all services.

**THIS WEEK....**

**OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY – Lent 4**

Crash Weekend  
9:15 AM Parent Breakfast  
10:30 AM Joyful Noise  
10:30 AM Baptism  
11:45 AM Evangelism Committee

**MONDAY**

11:00 AM & 2:00 PM PS in SH

**TUESDAY**

11:00 AM PS in SH  
6:30 PM Mutual Ministry  
Committee

**WEDNESDAY**

11:00 AM PS set up SH  
5:30 PM Youth Choir

6:00 PM Bell Choir

6:45 PM Midweek Lenten service

7:30 PM Adult Choir

**THURSDAY**

PS Grandparent Day

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**FRIDAY**

PS Grandparent Day

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

**SATURDAY – Lent 5**

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

**SUNDAY – Lent 5**

Photos due for directory

11:45 AM Passion Reading  
Rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY (March 26) IS THE FINAL DAY TO SUBMIT A PICTURE FOR THE DIRECTORY.** If you are unable to send a picture into the office, please consider having your photo taken after any worship service this weekend or next (March 19 & 26), by a member of the Evangelism Committee in the Welcome Center. You can email updated information and/or photos to [tammyhzlc@gmail.com](mailto:tammyhzlc@gmail.com)

**THE MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES** will continue this Wednesday, at 6:45 PM (through March 29). This Holden service will include a brief meditation about those who were at the cross with Jesus. This week, March 22, the meditation will be about the Chief Priests and Jewish Leaders.

**LENT – A SEASON OF HOPE.** Next weekend, March 25/26, is the final collection for the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. Donations can be placed in the corresponding bin in the Communication Center. Our high school and confirmation age students will assemble, pack and ship the kits. March 25/26 (week 5/last day): Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional).

**CANDY NEEDED** - We would appreciate any donations to stuff plastic eggs for the Egg Hunt on April 2. Please place donations in the bin marked “Egg Hunt” located in the Communication Center. Thank you!

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a brunch at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Greensburg this Saturday, March 25, at 10:30 AM. Helga M. Mears will be speaking about her family living in Germany under the Nazi reign. She is the author of the book *How Could This Happen?: My Family from the Monarchy to Today*. Born during WWII, she reflects on her family’s experiences. Her son is the Westmoreland County Judge, Scott Mears. She is a German professor at Pitt at Greensburg. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 19 to Lillian Shea at 724-837-8688.

**HARROLD ZION’S ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA** will be held Sunday, April 2, at 12:00 PM. Ages 1 through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited. Bring your basket, rain or shine!

**JOIN US FOR THE PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST** on April 2, from 8:15-10:00 AM. Please sign-up in the Communication Center to attend and you can also note if you will be donating a breakfast casserole, pastry’s, donuts, etc. The Fellowship Committee will provide coffee, juice, and other drinks.

**JESUS JINGLERS** will play at the 8:00 & 10:30 AM services on Sunday, April 16. We can’t wait to hear them ring!

**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](http://www.lutherlyn.com) for more information.

# **HOLY WEEK AT HARROLD ZION**

## **PALM PASSION**

Saturday, April 1, 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 2, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

The reading of the Passion will take place at all services.

Communion will be offered at all services.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April 6, 7:00 PM

Stripping of the Altar. Communion will be offered.

First Holy Communion.

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 7, 7:00 PM

No 5:00 PM Saturday, April 8 worship

## **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

Sunday, April 9

7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM

We will celebrate Easter with special music.

Communion will be offered at all services.

### **LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: March 25 & 26**

First lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalmody: Psalm 130

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Irwin Male Chorus – April 23, 7:00 PM
- Spring VBS – April 29, 1:00 PM
- Summer VBS – June 12-16

**ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:**

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

Bulletin – April 2,9,23,30; Eternal candle – April 2, 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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**HARROLD ZION’S 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT**

February operating income:	\$31,160.60
February operating expense:	<u>\$24,747.22</u>
	\$ 6,413.38
YTD operating income:	\$62,896.32
YTD operating expense:	<u>\$48,480.54</u>
	\$ 14,415.78

**HARROLD ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSION STATEMENT**

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