

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 2, 2024, 5:00 PM

March 3, 2024, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Third 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-communicating 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- (5PM) When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
(8/10:30AM) Duet Jesus the Very Thought of Thee
with Susan Molnar as the Pianist

Burton
Dyres

Please stand, as able

Call to Worship

If you ask the sky who God is,

the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,

the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is,

the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

“The heavens are telling the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1).

Are you listening?

We are listening!

We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

You are invited to stand, as able.

In our scripture for today, Jesus asks the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter said, “You are the Messiah.” Have you ever wondered if his voice faltered when he answered? Did he respond loudly and with confidence, or with a tentative whisper? We'll never know. The text doesn't provide those details. But we can trust that, no matter how we speak to God, when we speak, God is listening.

So, friends, join me in the prayer of confession. Whether you whisper these words or speak to them with conviction, may you trust that our gracious and merciful God is listening with love. You may kneel or stand, as able. Let us pray together:

Pause for everyone to get settled and reflection.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, some days, we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other

days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers. Forgive us for losing sight of you. Some days we are quick to trust your blessings— trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference. Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in. Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves. We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace. Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness Friends, Whether you speak to God in a whisper or with clear conviction, with questions or with answers, with hope in your heart or with doubt in your throat— God will always listen with love and mercy. So rest in this good news: regardless of how loudly you live your faith—you belong to God. You are loved. You are claimed. You are forgiven. Speak that good news with confidence. **Amen.**

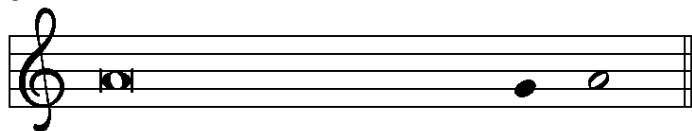
Prayer for Illumination Holy Word, For generations people have bowed their heads, have prayed the Psalms, have asked for your presence in their lives. For generations people have whispered, “May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God.” For generations we have gathered here, we have quieted our minds, we have prayed to feel your presence in our midst. So once again, just as the generations before, we turn our hearts to your Word. Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend what you have to say to us today. With joy and hope we pray, **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn # 324 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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.**

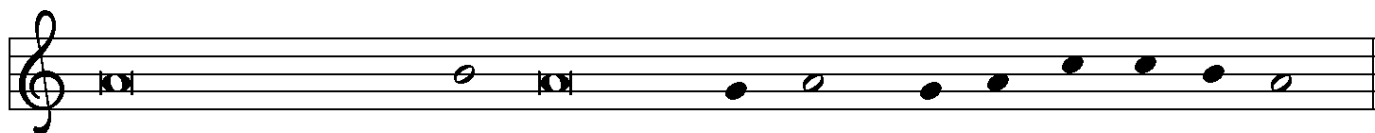
Kyrie



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.



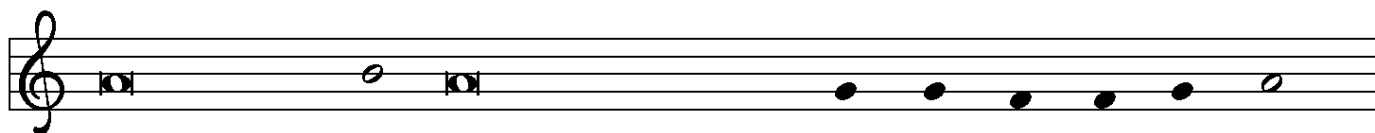
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days

the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

Choir Anthem: (10:30) *Your Heart, O God is Grieved*

Psalm: 19 *Read responsively*

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,**

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,**

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

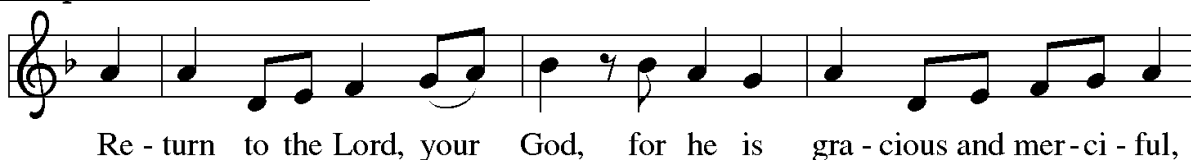
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Please stand, as able

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Please stand, as able

Hymn of the Day #770 Give Me Jesus

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.**

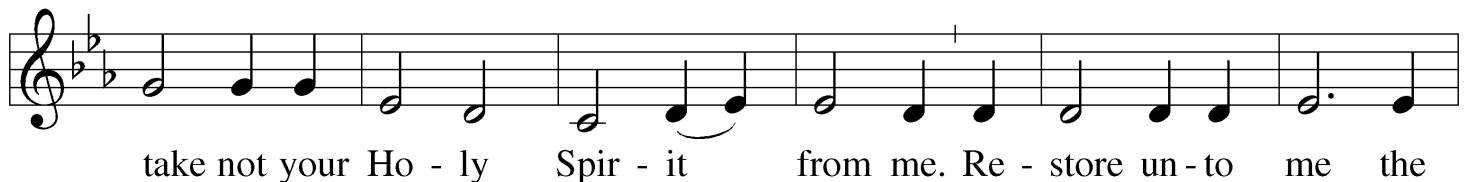
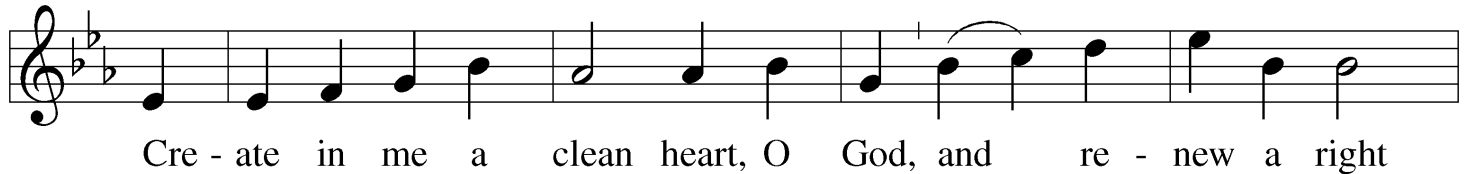
Sharing of the Peace

Offering (8/10:30) *Lenten Prayer*

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

Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart (from WOV #732)*



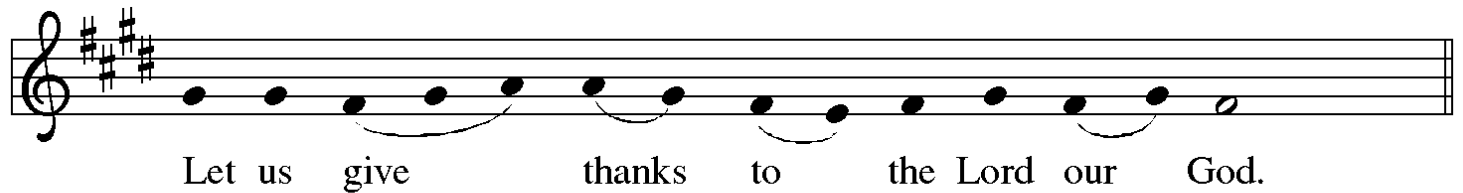
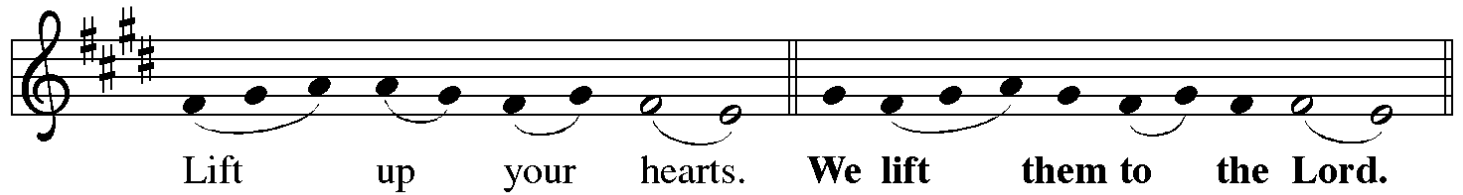
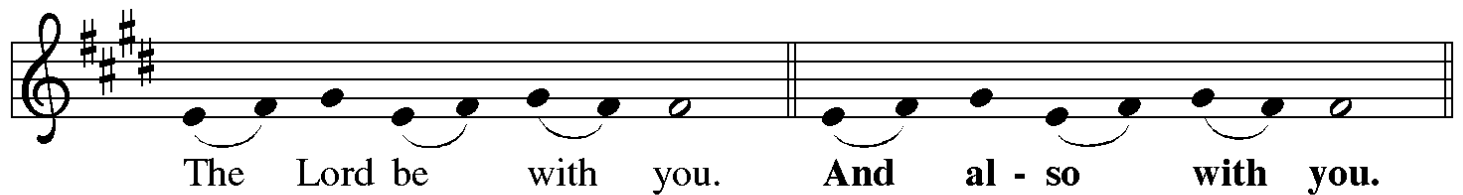
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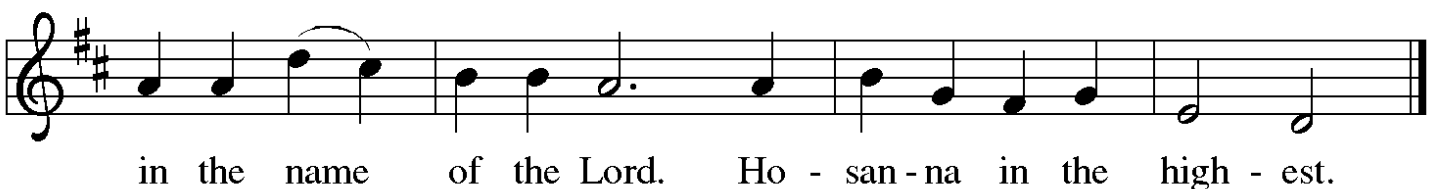
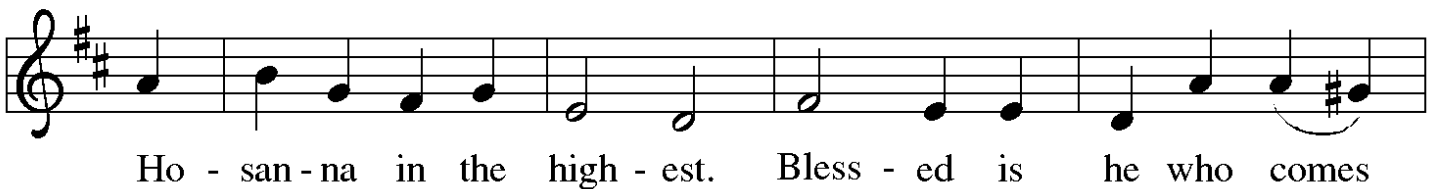
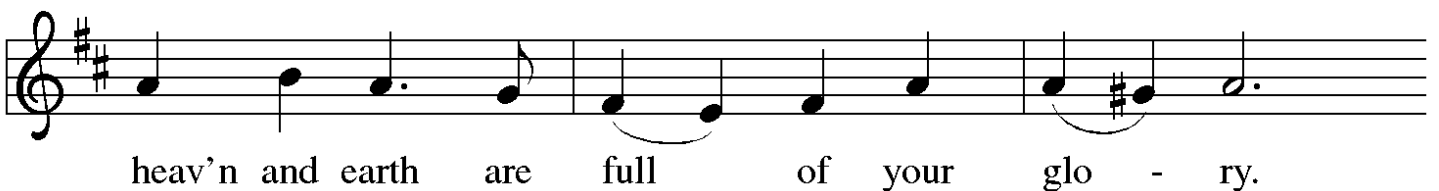
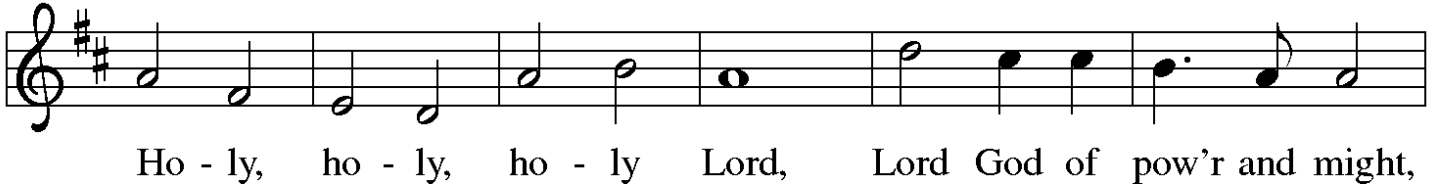
Offering prayer

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



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:



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



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. [For Sunday: You may receive the Sacrament around the altar or at the floor stations.]

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

You are invited to stand.

Communion Hymns: 609,337,323

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 #803 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude *Paeon*

Blake

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WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Lectors: 8 AM Krissy Korona
10:30 AM Kelsey Coppetti

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

Communion Assistants: 8 AM Bob & Susie Eicher
10:30 AM Mandu Kanouff, Lloyd Fait

Ushers : 8 AM Glenn Nickodemus, Jen Koehl
10:30 AM Rachel Uhrinek, Paul Kanouff

Altar Guild: Nancy Basile

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to God and in loving memory of Maurice and Carol Sue Koehl by Andy Koehl.

THE ETERNAL CANDLE is dedicated in memory of W. H. Wagner by Mark & Arlene Wagner

Thank you to John Millward for serving as Soloist during the choir anthem!!

THIS WEEK....

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

On Call for pastoral care emergencies:

Pastor Andrew (M,W-SAT.) Sheri Anderson (TUES.)

SUNDAY

9:15 AM Sunday School
8:00 AM 10:30 AM Worship
Communion

MONDAY

8:00 AM PS Dr Suess Days
10:30 AM Quilting Ministry
1:00 PM Quilting Ministry

TUESDAY

8:00AM PS Dr Suess Days
9:30 AM PS Library Speech

WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM PS Library
6:00 PM Soup & Study
6:30PM Discussion, Fellowship /
Handbells

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Holy Week begins on March 24, 2024, with Palm Sunday, with services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter, March 31, 2024.
- Palm Sunday breakfast on March 24, 2024, 8:15-10:00AM.
- 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 will also be a special devotional and liturgical pieces.

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). ***Please sign up in the Communication Center if you would like to provide some soup.*** We will then have a time of discussion, fellowship and clean up before a simple Evening prayer.

7:00 PM Evening Prayer /Youth Bells

7:30 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY

11:30 AM Speech PS Library

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast

5:00 PM Worship with Communion

SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship

9:15AM Parent’s Breakfast

11:45 Am Fellowship Committee

Wednesdays in Lent:

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

6:30pm Discussion, Fellowship, Clean-up, and Adult Bell Practice and Midweek Lenten Kids Gathering

7:00pm Evening Prayer and Youth Handbells

7:30pm Adult Choir Practice

Midweek Lenten Kids Gathering

Sheri Anderson will lead a gathering for elementary-age children during the Midweek Lenten services. While the adults gather for bible studies and worship, children will come to the large Sunday school room for fun, lessons, snacks, and more each Wednesday during Lent. If you have any questions, please contact Sheri at 724-837-7327 or hzclyouth@gmail.com. The start time is 6:30 pm until the end of Worship. Kids Gathering dates: February 21st, February 28th, March 6th, March 13th, & March 20th.

Lenten Youth Bell Choir

Lenten Youth Bell Choir will be taking place during our 2024 Midweek Lenten Services! All ages welcome. No experience needed! Youth Bells will play during the Palm Sunday weekend services!

Easter Instrumentalists Needed!!!

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

Trash and Treasure Yard Sale - First Planning meeting will be on Sunday March 3rd at 9:15 AM in the church sanctuary. Anyone interested in helping out at the event or has ideas to share are encouraged to attend.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday March 24th 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 Please donate candy for our Easter egg hunt. The hunt will be on Sunday March 24th at 12 noon. Place donations in the bin marked “Egg Hunt” located in the Communication Center.

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.

The Great Three Days: *These high holy days are seen as a continuous event.*

Maundy Thursday + March 28 7pm, Good Friday + March 29 7pm, Easter Vigil 5pm +

Maundy Thursday focuses on the healing and building up of faith through the gift of the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. This night celebrates the New Commandment of Jesus for all of us. The service concludes with the stripping of the Altar in preparation for the continuation of the Passion story on ***Good Friday***.

Dramatic reading of the full passion takes central role in this night of nights.

The service concludes with the Adoration of the Cross through the contemplative form of Prayer Around the Cross. This meaningful portion uses short, memorable and repeated songs coupled with devotional prayers.

The **Easter Vigil** is the most ancient of Christian worship services. Ours will take place in our familiar Saturday night time slot. We will gather outside, weather permitting for the lighting of the new fire. This service will follow the shorter selection of readings and simple songs in order to be accessible and meaningful for all. (~1hr)

The Resurrection of Our Lord – March 31st with Festival Eucharist celebrations at

7am, 8:45am, and 10:30am Special music at all services for this queen of all holy days!

No Sunday School Classes March 24th and March 31st. Classes resume April 7th.

Classic Movie Night, Friday, March 15th at 6:00 PM. THE VOTES ARE IN...

Charlie and The Chocolate Factory- 1971, is the winning movie. Grab a comfy camp chair, pillows, and blankets, and join us in the Social Hall for a classic movie with some favorite concession items. This is an all ages event. Sign up in the Communication Center.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – March 9,10 (1 Vase) & March 23,24 (2 Vases)

Bulletin & Eternal candle –March 9,10, & March 23,24

JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE NIGHT

Friday April 12 th 6:00pm

\$10 a person

Come participate in Harrold Zion's first puzzle race! No matter what your puzzling skills are, it will be a night of fun, laughter, and competition. The concept is easy- get a team of 2-4 people and assembly a 500 piece puzzle as fast as you can.

There will be a prize awarded for the 1st team finished. Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be provided, and each team will be provided a puzzle. Space is limited to 15 teams. Sign up in the communication center and indicate a team captain. If you would like to participate but don't have a partner or team, no worries, sign up anyways; we've got you covered! Please place payments with the team captain's name on it and place in the box labeled puzzle race.

Any questions can be directed to Mandy Kanouff 724-433-9882

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Debby Schlegel, Custodian

Joanne Gebhardt, Sunday Organist

Melanie Altman, Saturday Organist