

# **Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 10:30 AM**

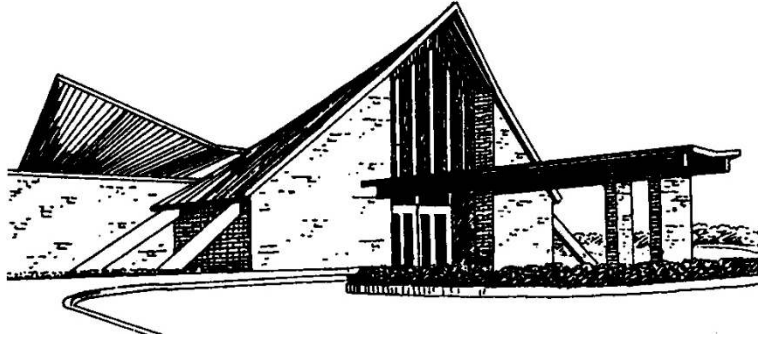
**Pentecost 18**

# 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! Follow us on social media!
- **Children's bags** are available in the Narthex.
- **There is a prayer request book** on a podium in the Welcome Center. Please write name(s) in the book prior to the service to have names included in the prayers.
- **Large print bulletins** are available from any usher for those needing them.
- **Hearing devices** are available from any usher for those needing them.
- **An AED machine** can be found on the wall after the Ladies Room on the left.
- **Receiving Holy Communion** - We believe the body and blood of Christ to be present in the bread and wine. All who are baptized are invited to share in this meal. Please come forward at the usher's direction. Non-communing children may come forward for a blessing. If you desire communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers so that you may receive communion there.

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

Welcome and Announcements – Joys and Concerns

Prelude

*Praise the Lord of Lords*

Williams

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Please kneel or stand, as able.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn #526     *God Is Here!*

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

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

*I Will Serve the Lord*

Price/Besig

Psalm: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

<sup>1</sup>Hear my teaching, O my people;

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will open my mouth in a parable;**

**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—**

<sup>3</sup>that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.

<sup>4</sup>**We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works God has done.**

- <sup>12</sup>God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,  
<sup>13</sup>**splitting open the sea and letting them pass through;  
making the waters stand up like walls;**  
<sup>14</sup>leading them with a cloud by day, and all the night with a glow of fire;  
<sup>15</sup>**splitting the rocks in the wilderness  
and giving them drink as from the deep;**  
<sup>16</sup>bringing streams out of a rock, making them flow down like a river.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

## Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two children; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

<sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

*Please be seated.*

## Children’s Time

## Sermon

*Please stand, as able.*

Hymn of the Day #772    *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

## Holy Baptism

### **Introduction**

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather at the font together with those making public affirmation of baptism and with the ministers. The assembly may be seated.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

### **Presentation for Baptism**

*Sponsors for the candidate for baptism, in turn, present the candidates.*

I present Angelo Robert Gallo for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *his* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that *he* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Angelo Robert* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors of the candidate for baptism.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Angelo Robert* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do



People of God, do you promise to support Angelo Robert and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.** *The assembly may stand.*

## **Profession of Faith**

*The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Font**

*The presiding minister leads the following.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the

waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Baptism**

*The assembly may be seated. The presiding minister baptizes the candidate.*

Angelo Robert Gallo, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

Sustain Angelo Robert with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Angelo Robert, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## **Welcome**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and those gathered at the font face the assembly.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized and rejoice with *those* affirming their baptism and becoming a part of our community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism! Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world!**

Baptismal Hymn #451     *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

Prayers of the Intercession

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

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

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Clarke

Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

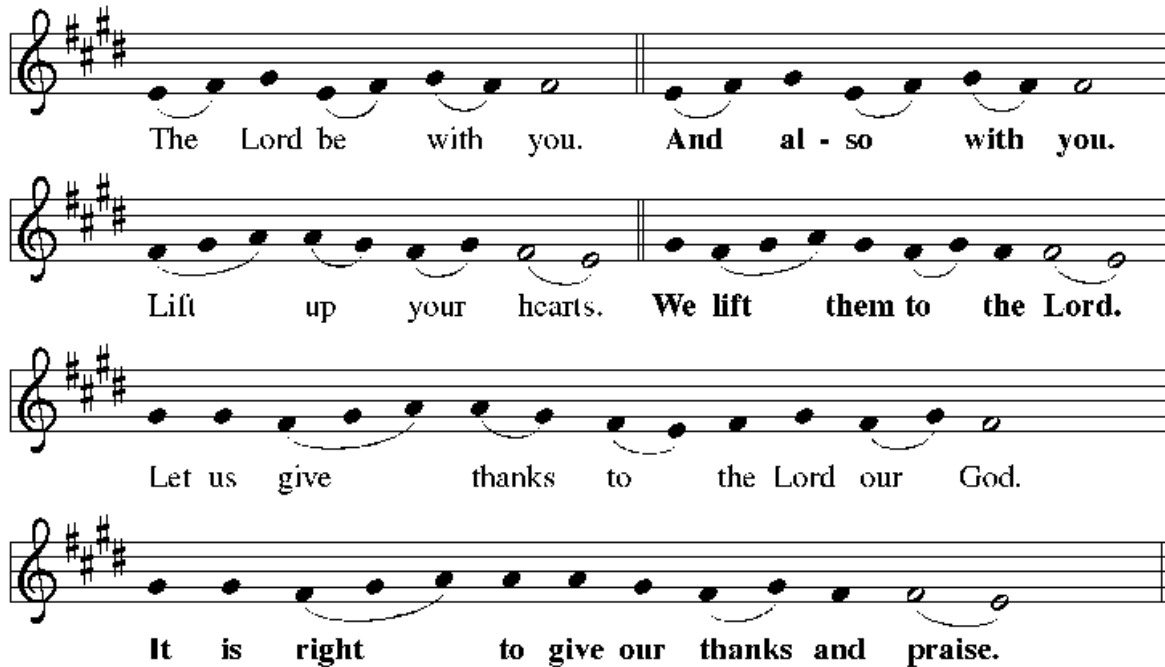


with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. **God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface



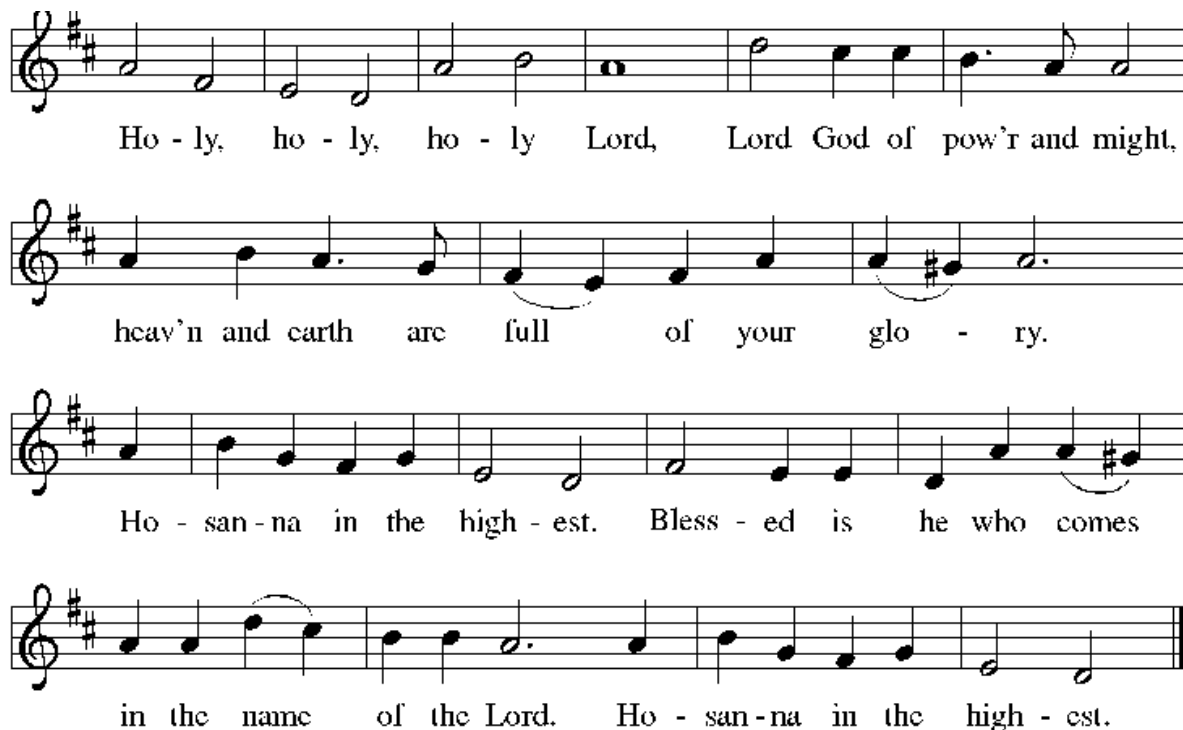
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God,...with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless...into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks...with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night...the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray...in your church without end. **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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.

*Please be seated.*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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. (For more, see announcement about “combo” distribution details.)]*

Please join us in singing the Communion Hymns: # 767, 658, 542

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

Sending of Home Communion

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together. **Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Blessing

The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn #537      *On Our Way Rejoicing*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Te Deum Laudamus*

Nordman

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## **Celebrating Communion**

You can receive by continuous stations on the floor or around the Altar.

One side of the sanctuary, the pulpit side will be invited by the direction of an usher to go forward via the center aisle. Then forming two columns of flow—one goes up to the altar rail and the other to the floor continuous stations. A pastor will be in each area with a communion assistant.

Those choosing to receive around the altar will go up the center via the steps, passing the pastor at the floor station. Each should find their place by going clockwise around the altar (unless the opening is just to the right—no need to walk the whole way around). The pastor and the assistant will distribute around the altar in a clockwise manner. An acolyte will be available to help with resupplying whichever stations are running low. There will not be a dismissal, remain for prayer as long as needed. Return to seats via the ramps to the side aisle, depositing used cups into the basket near the front pew.

Those choosing to receive by continuous will come forward by the center aisle in the column to the pastor at the floor station. They will then move to the wine/grape juice station. Worshippers are invited to pause for prayer before returning or once in their pew (kneeling or sitting). Return to seats via the side aisle, depositing used cups into the basket near the front pew.

After the whole side has communed, the usher will pause as a signal for the floor station pastor and assistant to move over for the font side. Then the other side of the sanctuary (font) will then be invited in the same mirrored two columns and continue as described above.

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

Lectors: Linda Thompson

Acolytes: Kelsey Coppetti

Communion Assistants: Kim Elias, Dan McAlister

Ushers: Robert Overly, Heidi Ross

Altar Guild: Kim Elias, Christy O'Neill

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of my son, Christopher's, 30<sup>th</sup> birthday by Kim Elias; in honor of the Baptism of my Great-Grandson, Angelo Robert Gallo, son of Vince and Carlie Herrod Gallo, by Kathleen Herrod.

**THE ETERNAL CANDLE** is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my beloved nephew, Jason Zollinger, by Shirley Coulson.

**WE REJOICE THIS WEEKEND** as Angelo Robert Gallo, son of Carlie (Herrod) and Vince Gallo, enters the Lord's family and his Church through the waters of Baptism this Sunday, at the 10:30 AM service. Angelo's sponsors are Amanda Herrod and Nick Gallo. *We welcome Angelo, child of God, now a member of Christ's Church.*

**ARE YOU A MEMBER ON RECORD?** According to the Harrold Zion constitution, members should communion and contribute at least once per year. Please complete one communion card for 2023 if you have not already done so. Thank you for helping to maintain our records.

**THE ANNUAL PET BLESSING** will be held this Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 PM. We will meet in the grassy area by the dumpster. Sophia, from Doolittle's Pet Service, will be offering nail clipping for a free will donation to benefit a local animal rescue.

**THIS WEEK....**

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

**SUNDAY**

8:00 & 10:30 AM Communion  
10:30 AM Baptism  
11:00 AM Social Hall Reserved  
2:00 PM Pet Blessing

**MONDAY**

10:30 AM Quilting Ministry  
1:00 PM Quilting Ministry

**TUESDAY**

5:00 PM Walking Group

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 PM Youth Choir  
6:00 PM Bell Choir  
7:00 PM Adult Choir

**THURSDAY**

3:00 PM Grief Support Group  
5:00 PM Walking Group  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**FRIDAY**

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved  
5:00 PM Communion

Congregational Meeting

**SUNDAY**

8:00 & 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting  
9:15 AM Parent Breakfast  
11:45 AM Fellowship Committee  
2:00 PM Hospice Memorial Service

**PASTOR ANDREW** will be on vacation October 2 – October 9. Please contact Pastor Caroline at 814-769-5662 for any emergencies or needed visits.



**THE GRIEF SUPPORT** group will continue to meet on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. Please come and join us if you have had a significant death in your family. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Caroline at 724-837-7327 or [pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com).

**WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following all services, next weekend, October 7 & 8. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the slate of council nominees, take nominations from the floor, approve replacing the breaker boxes to bring up to safety code costing up to \$17,000 to be paid from the Building Fund, and to approve the Tier 1 Document (copies can be found in the Communication Center). No other business will be held at the end of the meeting.

**THE PARENT'S BREAKFAST GROUP** will gather for fellowship and a continental breakfast next Sunday, October 8, at 9:15 AM. We will continue to meet the second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!

**HEMPFIELD HOMECOMING AND ANNUAL PARADE** will be on Friday, October 13. The Fellowship Committee will once again be sponsoring a free tailgate party at the pavilion. There will be pre-cooked hot dogs and hotdogs to cook over the campfire (weather permitting), along with drinks and snacks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. You need to be at the church by 5:00 PM before they close Route 136 to parade traffic.

**WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT** on Sunday, October 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Dress up your trunks and pass out treats! Prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk and best costumes. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and cookies will be available.

**“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A LUTHERAN TODAY?”** The first three Mondays in October (16, 23, & 30), Pastor Andrew will lead two sessions: 10:00 AM in person at the church, and 7:00 PM online only. These sessions will focus on the basics of Lutheran Christianity intersecting with current events and hot topics. There are no companion books, but there will be recommended resources for those who want to study further. You are invited to bring an open mind and questions that you might have for the discussion portion. Each session group will center on a presentation of Reformation theology and how it is relevant or helpful in our current time.

## **FAMILY HALLOWEEN FUN AT LUTHERLYN**

Sunday, October 22, 2023 2:00-4:30pm \$8/person

2:00-4:00pm – Hay Rides, Halloween Carnival Games, Crafts, S'Mores, Jump Pillow, Nature Activity, Scavenger Hunt, Discovery Room

4:15pm – Gather at Dogwood Pavilion for All Saint's Devotion followed by Trick-or-Treating

Each family is asked to bring candy/items to pass out for trick-or-treating. You will be notified how many kids to be prepared for prior to the event. Adults will pass out treats and Lutherlyn staff will take the kids trick-or-treating. Trick-or-treating is for kids who are 13 or younger.

Registration deadline is October 16th.

In the event of rain, we will move activities into picnic shelters.

**IT'S "HANNAH'S SOCKS" TIME!** Each year we collect new socks of all sizes to send to Hannah and to distribute locally to those in need. Sock donations can be placed in one of the bins in the Narthex or in the large Christmas stocking in the Christian Education hall. All donations are due by the last weekend of November (25 & 26). Thank you!

**VENDORS NEEDED** for the Harrold Zion Craft show on November 4, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Call Barb at 724-523-2069 to reserve a table.

**SAVE THE DATE!** You are cordially invited to the third annual Sonshiner's Christmas Luncheon at Ferrante's Lakeview in Greensburg on Tuesday, December 12 beginning at 12:00 Noon. All members and their guests are welcome to attend. Look for more information coming in November.

**COMPASSION CORNER:** Harrold Zion's financial support of our two Compassion "children", Steve from Haiti and Niturengere from Rwanda, has officially ended as both of them have graduated from the Compassion program. They are 22 years old, and we have sponsored them for 15 years since they were both 7 years old. More information will be in the November Newsletter.

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Rev. Ryan Fitch, Assoc. Director of Lutherlyn will preach Sunday, October 15, at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- Irwin Male Chorus at HZ – October 22, 7:00 PM
- Talent Show – November 3, 6:30 PM
- Operation Reindeer tags available November 1
- Chili/Soup/Backed goods Cook-off – November 11, time TBA
- First Holy Communion Class – November 18, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Part A Congregational Meeting – November 18 & 19
- December 1-3 Advent Retreat at Lutherlyn
- Sonshiner's Christmas Luncheon at Ferrante's Lakeview – December 12

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:**

Altar Flowers – Oct. 29 (2 vases); Sept. 24, Oct. 22 (1 vase)

Bulletin – Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29; Eternal candle – October 8, 15, 29

*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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