

Sunday, October 15, 2023
Pentecost 20
10:30 AM



HARROLD ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

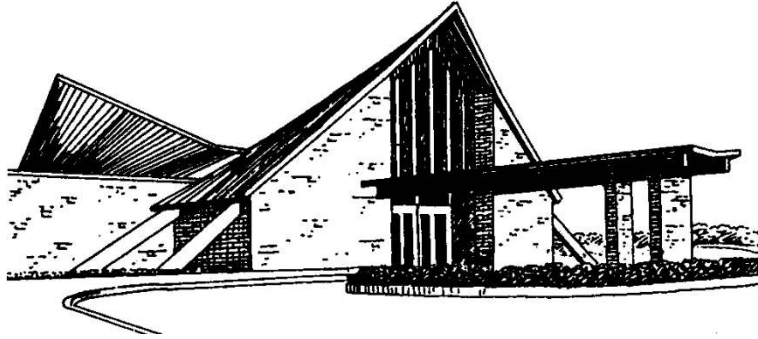
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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **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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Prelude *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Welcome

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

The assembly remains seated or kneels

Blessed be the Holy Trinity one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Merciful God,

We have caused brokenness. At times it has been words we have said. Other times it was actions we took. We have even caused brokenness, In places and times that we have forgotten or didn't realize. These things have caused harm to creation, other people, and to ourselves. Please, God of love, forgive us. So that we may live and serve you in a new way.

Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, and loves us so much, truly forgives us through Jesus Christ. Beloved children of God, in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Let these words sink in. They mean that you are free to love and serve the world. May the Holy spirit empower you to see and use all the gifts that you have.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The Church in the Wildwood

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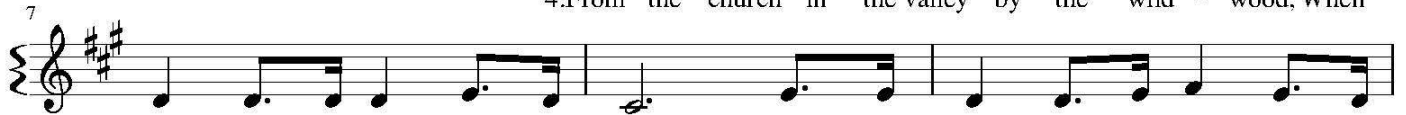
The Church in the Wildwood

Intro

Verses



1. There's a church in the valley by the wild - wood, No
2. Oh come to the church in the wild - wood, To, the
3. How sweet on a clear Sab - bath morn - ing to
4. From the church in the valley by the wild - wood, When



love - li - er spot in the dale; no place is so dear to my
trees where the wild flow - ers bloom; where the part - ing hymn will be
list to the clear ring - ing bell; Its tones so sweet - ly are
day fades a - way in - to night, I would fain from this spot of my

Chorus



child - hood As, the little brown church in the vale. Oh come, come, come, come, come,
chang - ed We, will weep by, the side of the tomb.
cal - ling, Oh come to, the church in the vale.
child - hood wing, my way to, the man - sions of light.



come to church in the wild wood oh come to church in the vale no



spot is so dear to my child - hood as the little brown church in the vale.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Fist Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ²Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember

Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm: 106:1-6, 19-23

¹Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD
or proclaim in full God’s praise?**

³Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right.

⁴**Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your salvation;**

⁵that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of
your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.

⁶**We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

¹⁹They made a bullcalf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;

²⁰**thus they exchanged their glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

²¹They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

²²**wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

²³So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood in
the breach, to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be

made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Please stand, as able.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.” 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: #807 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Prayers

...Hear us, **When we pray.**

Peace

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

Offering *This Little Light of Mine*

Eucharistic Prayer (WOV Autumn)

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

The assembly is seated.

Invitation to Communion

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.)]

Communion Songs

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

A New Name in Glory

Please stand, as able.

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

Closing Song

I'll Fly Away



1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then I'll fly a - way.



To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry;
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.



I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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WE WELCOME PASTOR RYAN FITCH, Assistant Director of Camp Lutherlyn, as he leads our worship services this Sunday morning. Pastor Ryan will be available after worship for those who wish to learn more about the happenings at the camp, as well as answer any questions that you might have about year-round programming.

Celebrating Holy Communion

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

One side of the sanctuary, the pulpit side first, 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 by the center steps and the other to the floor continuous stations. A pastor will be in each area with a communion assistant. Please return to seats via the ramps and the side aisle, depositing used cups into the basket near the front pew.

After the whole pulpit side has communed, the floor station pastor and assistant will move over for the Baptismal Font side and signal the usher to begin. Then that side will then be invited in the same mirrored two columns and continue as described above.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Lectors: Mandy Kanouff

Acolytes: Hailey Uhrinek

Communion Assistants: Jack Molnar, Erin Black

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 the wedding of Emily O'Neill and Jonathan Shabe who were united in marriage at Harrold Zion this Saturday.

THE BULLETIN is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Grandmother, Florence Milliron, by Barb Huntsberger and Kim Freeman.

THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO the Karen and Mark Prinkey and family on the death of Karen's father, Dean Kifer. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

THE ALL SAINT'S BOOK is available in the Communication Center. We will celebrate All Saints, the weekend of November 4 & 5. We will remember those who have died since last All Saint's Day, November 1, 2022. If you have a loved one who died after November 1, 2022, please add his/her name to the All Saint's book. Please also indicate if you would like for us to order a white carnation for you to take home that weekend in memory of your loved one.

OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT this Sunday, October 15 has been moved inside due to inclement weather expectations. We will gather in the Social Hall and instead of a trunk, we will decorate a table. Doors will open at 1:30 PM to decorate your table. Beginning at 2:00 PM, children will move from table to table to “trick or treat”. Prizes will be given for the best decorated table and best costumes. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and cookies will be available.

THIS WEEK....

OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY

8:00 & 10:30 AM Communion
8:00 & 10:30 AM Rev. Ryan Fitch
preaching
10:30 AM Joyful Noise
11:45 AM Evangelism Committee
2:00 PM Trunk or Treat

MONDAY

10:00 AM What it Means to be a
Lutheran TODAY
7:00 PM What it Means to be a
Lutheran TODAY online

WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM Youth Choir

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY

3:00 PM Grief Support Group
6:30 PM Investment Committee
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

SUNDAY

2:00 PM Family Halloween Fun at
Lutherlyn

7:00 PM Irwin Male Choir concert

“WHAT IT MEANS 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 in the church Social Hall, and 7:00 PM online only. The morning and evening sessions will be on the same materials, but new materials and discussions each week. The evening Online sessions will be in zoom and the link will be sent in a separate email. The evening sessions will also be recorded for later use.

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.

THE GRIEF SUPPORT group continues to meet on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Caroline at 724-837-7327 or pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FUN AT LUTHERLYN

Next 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.

THE IRWIN MALE CHORUS will perform a fall concert at Harrold Zion next Sunday, October 22, at 7:00 PM. Enjoy refreshments after the concert. We will have a free-will offering.

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!

HARROLD ZION'S ANNUAL TALENT SHOW will be held Friday, November 3, beginning at 6:30 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM). Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment! We will collect a free-will donation to benefit the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July 2024. The talent portion is open to all musicians, singers, dancers, actors, comedians, magicians, instrumentalists, etc. If you would like to share your talent, please contact Ms. Sheri at 724-837-7327 or hzlcyouth@gmail.com. You can also complete a talent registration form which can be found in the Communication Center and/or the November newsletter.

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. For those who want to shop, mark your calendars and plan to join us that day!

HARROLD ZION VETERAN'S DAY CHILI & SOUP COOK-OFF AND BAKE-OFF - Saturday November 11, FROM 4:30 to 6:30 PM, we will be having our annual Chili and Soup Cook-off competition. We are adding to the competition a Bake-Off competition. It's time to break out your favorite secret family recipes and show off your culinary skills! Individuals may bring in as many soups and/or chili crock pots, to be part of the competition, as they would like. The Bake-off will be for cookies and cakes. The Fellowship Committee will provide bread/crackers and drinks to go with the competition. We are asking for a free will donation from anyone who would like to eat and vote on their favorite entries. All proceeds will benefit the church ministry and programs. All Soup/Chili crockpots and baked goods are asked to be at the church around 4:00 PM. The Rules:

1. The official competition and dinner will be from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.
2. All entries should be brought in cooked and ready to eat.
3. If your crockpot has your name visible, please cover it with tape or label.
4. You are welcome to write a label and post it on your crockpot with the name or type of soup/chili being served. If not, we will be labeling your creation.
5. We will have smaller sample cups for Judges to try out as many different soups/chili as you would like (or until it runs out) and then you can have a larger bowl of your favorite.
6. One ballot will be given to everyone to vote.
7. Winners will be announced at 6:30 PM. There will be a "Best of Show" and one winner from Soup, a winner with Chili and one winner from baked goodies.
8. Winners will be awarded prizes.

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:

- Operation Reindeer tags available November 1
- First Holy Communion Class – November 18, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Part A Congregational Meeting – November 18 & 19
- Advent Retreat at Lutherlyn – December 1-3
- Sonshiner's Christmas Luncheon at Ferrante's Lakeview – December 12

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – Oct. 22, 29 (1 vase)

Bulletin – Oct. 22, 29; Eternal candle – October 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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HARROLD ZION'S 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

September operating income:	\$24,638.83
September operating expense:	<u>\$38,230.78</u>
	\$-13,591.95
YTD operating income:	\$259,194.23
YTD operating expense:	<u>\$293,411.64</u>
	\$-34,217.41

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MISSION STATEMENT**

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