

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

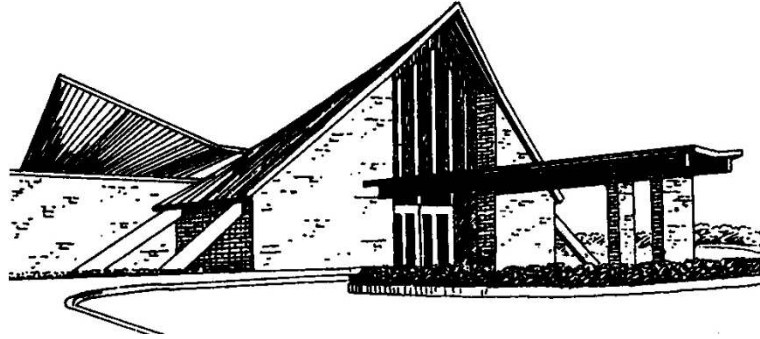
Pentecost 21

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.

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

Welcome and Announcements – Joys and Concerns

Prelude

Concertino

Young

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 #533 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

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

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are scat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” ¹⁹And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10:30 AM Youth Choir Anthem

This is the Day

Garrett

Psalm: Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their
evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

10:30 AM Handbell Anthem *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Eithun

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

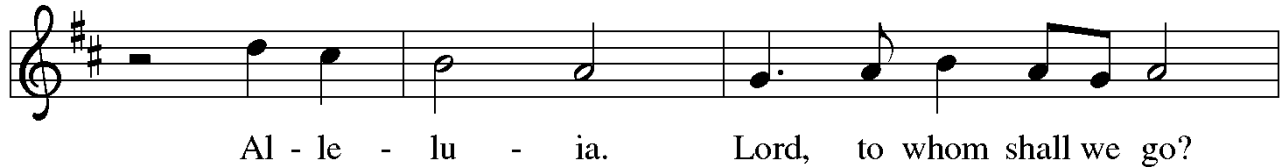
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and
labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know,
brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in
the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons
we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us
and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy
inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers
in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from
you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has
become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of
those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and
how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait

for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Verse



Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. 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 #758 *You Are the Way*

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 the Intercession

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

(prayer concludes) ...**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.

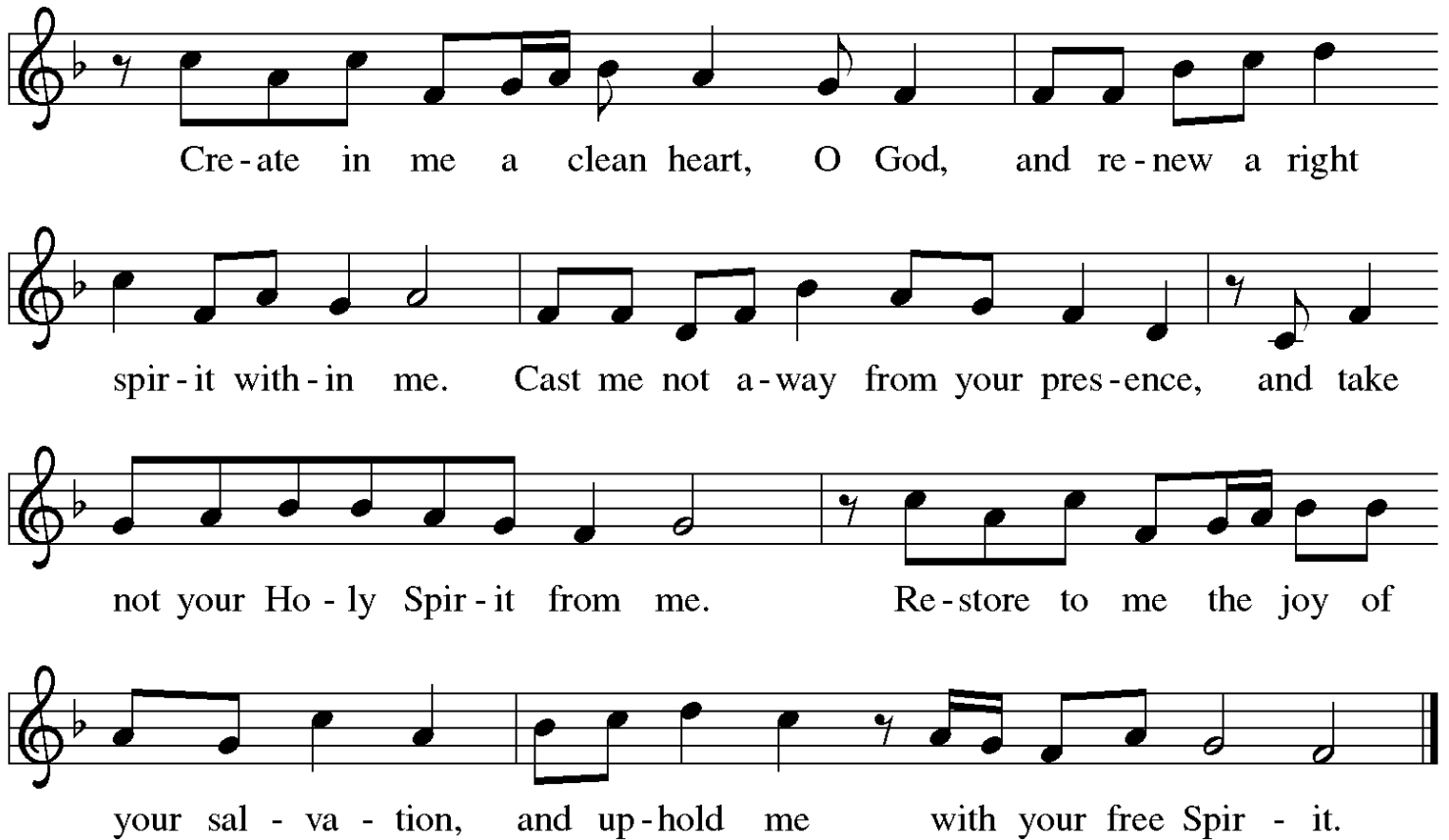
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

In Christ There is No East or West

Nelson

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.

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.**

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

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 #834 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Sing to the Lord!

Smith

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WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Lectors: 8:00 AM Beth Holsopple; 10:30 AM Ross Thompson
Acolytes: 8:00 AM Katelyn Holsopple; 10:30 AM Caleb Heasley
Ushers: 8:00 AM Pat Boyer, Linda Boyer, Barb Appleby
10:30 AM 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 loving memory of Eva Schein for her birthday by John & Coletta Schein and Jackie Schein-Hohman.

THE ETERNAL CANDLE is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Ashbaugh by Mary Lou, Rita and their families.

THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO the Amy and Regis Busch and family on the death of Amy's mother, Pat McVay and to Wayne Hebrank and family on the death of his brother, Kenneth Hebrank. 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.

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

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.

THIS WEEK....**OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM****SUNDAY**

2:00 PM Lutherlyn Halloween event
7:00 PM Irwin Male Choir at HZ

MONDAY

10:00 AM What it Means to be a Lutheran TODAY
6:30 PM Property Committee
7:00 PM What it Means to be a Lutheran TODAY online

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM All Staff Meeting
10:00 AM Newsletter Mailing
5:30 PM Youth Choir

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY

PS Halloween parade & parties
3:00 PM Grief Support Group
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

PS Halloween parade & party
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY - Reformation

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved
9:00 AM SH & Pavilion Reserved

SUNDAY - Reformation

8:00 & 10:30 AM Communion

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!

"WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN TODAY" continues for the remaining Mondays in October (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.

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.

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.

HARROLD ZION'S CRAFT SHOW will be held November 4, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We are looking for donations of baked goods that will be sold at the bake sale. Vendors, please call Barb at 724-523-2069 to reserve a table or to let her know you will donate baked goods. For those who want to shop, mark your calendars and plan to join us that day! All proceeds will be donated to Camp Lutherlyn.

MEET THE CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES – The members running for church council beginning January 1, 2024, will be introduced at all worship services the weekend of November 4 & 5. You can also read about the nominees in the November newsletter.

HARROLD ZION VETERAN'S DAY CHILI & SOUP COOK-OFF - On Saturday, November, 11th 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, cupcakes, 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 go towards reducing the budget deficit. 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 around 4:00 PM.
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 each individual 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. "Best of Show" will also earn the Golden Ladle for one year.

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. Please see the menu and registration information in the November newsletter or you can pick up a copy in the Communication Center. Your reservation, meal choice and money are due to Linda Boyer by December 3.

COMPASSION CORNER - Harrold Zion's financial support of Steve from Haiti, and Niturengere from Rwanda has ended, and both have graduated from the Compassion Program. Niturengere has enrolled in a business course in a university and wants to become a teacher. Because HZ sponsored Niturenger for the past 15 years, and she stayed in the program faithfully attending school and church, Compassion will continue to financially help her while she furthers her education. Niturengere asks us in her last letter to "*please pray for her to do well at the university and to perform well*". She and her family also send this prayer to all of us at HZ, "*We pray for your peace and blessings from God for all the care and love you have given your child. May God bless you and add more wealth in all you do. Thank you. We love you. Niturengere and family*". The outlook for Steve does not look as promising according to the information he sent in his last letter in May. He was accepted as a nursing student, but due to the continuing widespread insecurity and unrest in Haiti, he was not able to get into the university. Since May, I have written to him three times. Compassion forwards my letters to him, but in subsequent letters from Steve, he says that he knows I have written but he is unable to receive my correspondence due to the conditions in his country. It is a sad situation for Steve and I pray for the safety of him and his family. Hopefully I will receive a letter soon with better news from Steve. He ended his latest letter with this, "*I am so grateful for everything you have done for me. I think of you often. Thank you greatly for your gifts and for your love. Here is my prayer - Everything is possible with prayers so I claim your prayers for my safety, prosperity, and for blessings.*" Thank you to everyone who faithfully continued to give to this outreach in our support of Steve and Niturengere for the past 15 years. I am positive that their lives are so much better because of our love, prayers, and your generosity. God Bless You! ~Linda Boyer

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Operation Reindeer tags available November 1
- Parent Breakfast – November 12, 9:15 AM
- Youth & Family Committee – November 12, 9:15 AM
- 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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To Worship and Serve God,

Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors