

# Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 28, 2023 – 5:00 PM

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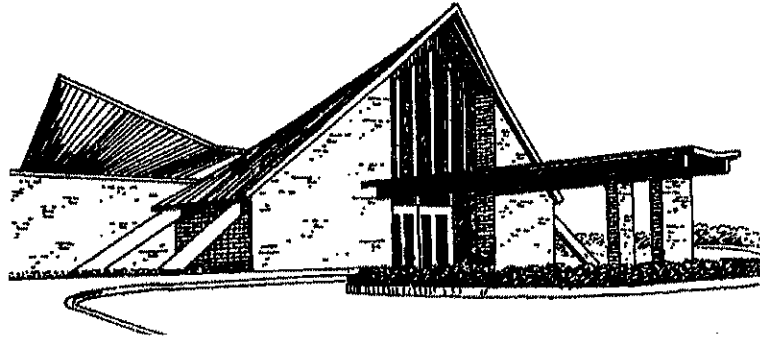
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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **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

<u>Prelude</u>	5:00 PM	<i>Built On A Rock</i>	Giamanco
	8:00 & 10:30 AM	<i>Foundation</i>	Barrett

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 #504 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (verse 1)

(tune of *Angels from the Realms of Glory*)

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

10:30 AM Choir Anthem

*A Journey of Faith*

Price/Besig

Psalm: 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with  
fire.

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

**<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

Verse #516    *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* (verse 1)

1    Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground;  
now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." 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 #576    *We All Are One in Mission*

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.**

## Sharing of the Peace

8:00 & 10:30 AM Offering

*Bread of Heaven*

Jordan

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

Offertory #517      *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* (verse 1)

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done

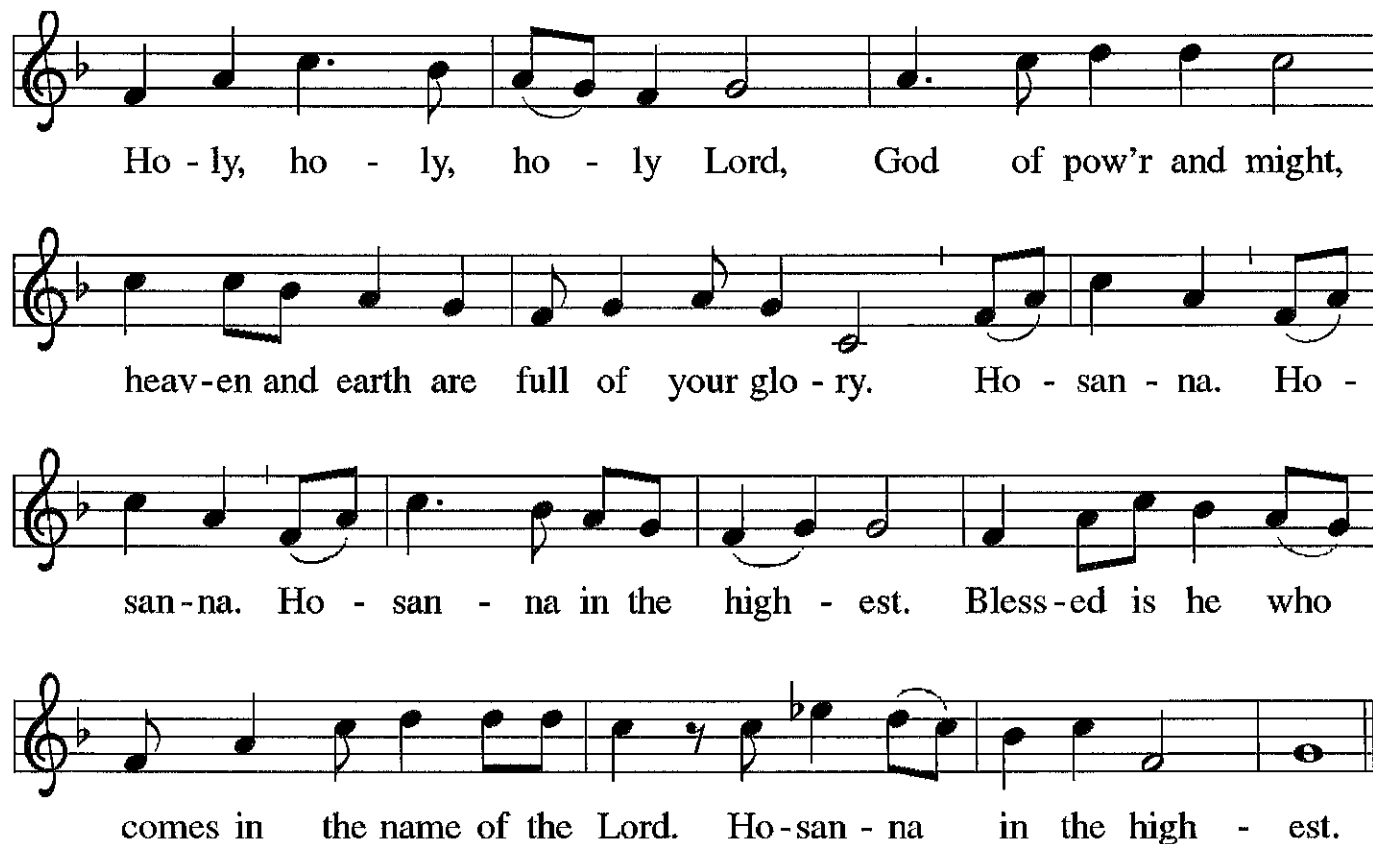
## Offertory Prayer

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



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, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.**

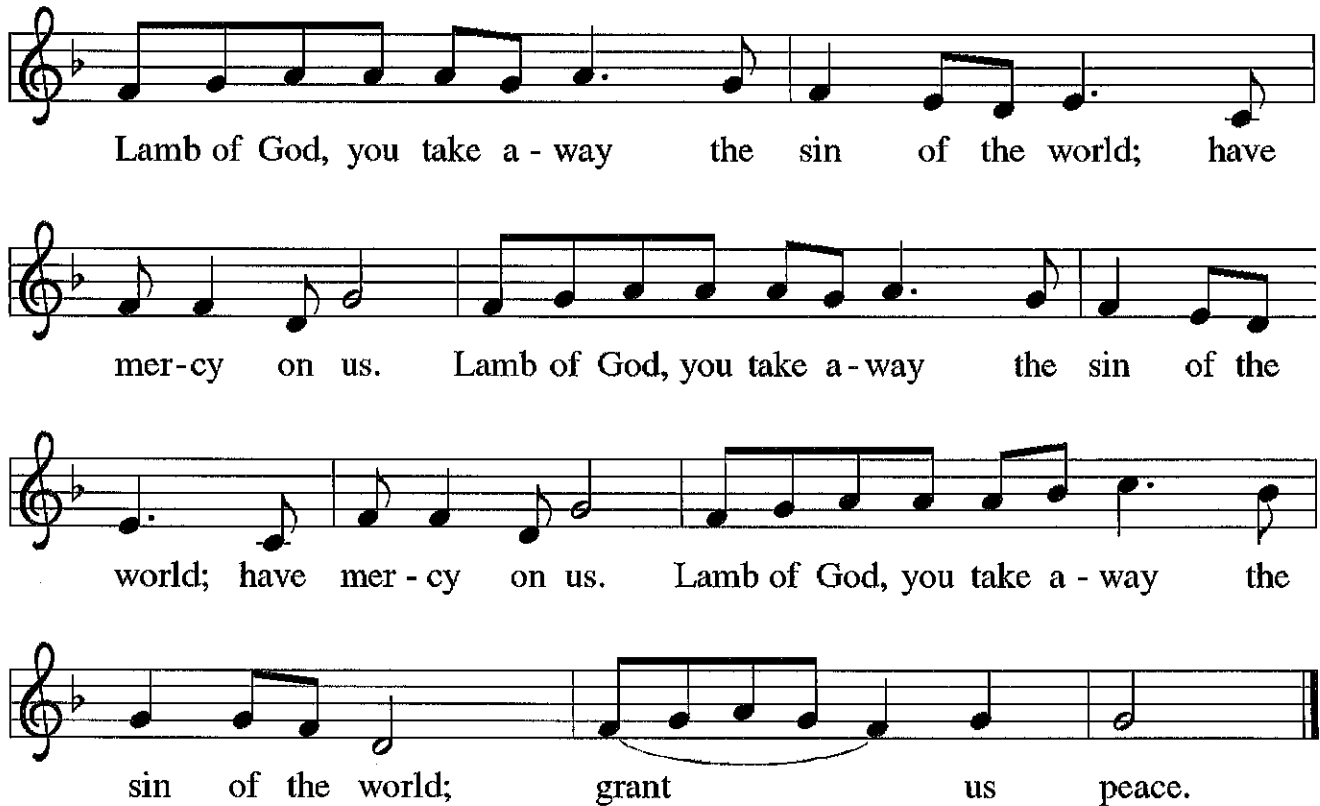


## Breaking the Bread and Invitation to Communion

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.

*The proclamation is shared for those communing in their place with an all-in-one kit.*

*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.*

8:00 & 10:30 AM Please join us in singing the following Communion Hymns:

#514, 624, 510

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

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 #654      *The Church's One Foundation*

### Quiet Meditation

### Dismissal

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

<u>Postlude</u>	5:00 PM	<i>Forward Through The Ages</i>	Nix
	8:00 & 10:30 AM	<i>Lift Up Your Songs of Praise</i>	Saint-Saens

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**THANK YOU TO ANGELES ONDISH** for playing the trumpet at our services this Sunday.

### **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: 8:00 AM TBD; 10:30 AM Christie O'Neill  
Acolytes: 8:00 AM Eli Bitner; 10:30 AM Kelsey Coppetti  
Communion Assistants: 8:00 AM Linda Boyer, Don Freeman  
10:30 AM Mandy Kanouff, Lloyd Fait  
Ushers: 8:00 AM Pat Boyer, Linda Boyer, Barb Appleby  
10:30 AM Robert Overly, Heidi Ross  
Altar Guild: Kim Elias, Christie O'Neill

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of our beloved son, David, on his birthday by Dave & Teresa Silvis.

**TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO ADD A NAME TO THE ALL SAINT'S BOOK**, which is available in the Communication Center. We will celebrate All Saint's next weekend, 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.

### **THIS WEEK....**

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

#### **SUNDAY - Reformation**

8:00 & 10:30 AM Communion

#### **MONDAY**

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

10:30 AM Quilting Ministry

1:00 PM Quilting Ministry

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

#### **TUESDAY**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

9:30 AM Music Ministry Team

5:30 PM Youth Choir

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Adult Choir

#### **THURSDAY**

3:00 PM Grief Support Group

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

#### **FRIDAY**

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM Talent Show

#### **SATURDAY – All Saint's**

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

11:00 AM Craft Show

5:00 PM Communion

#### **SUNDAY – All Saint's**

8:00 & 10:30 AM Communion

**THE CONGRGATION EXTENDS SYMPATHY** to Susan and Maria Stairs and family on the death of Susan's mother and Maria's grandmother, Nancy Barricella. May the promise of the Resurrection give them peace.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – We are trying a new method for our weekend prayers and our daily prayer chain. Each month, we will print the main prayer list in our monthly newsletter. This list will also be available on the podium in the Welcome Center where the prayer list has been in the past. If you have had a name on the prayer list that is no longer in need of extra prayers, please cross his/her name off the list found in the Welcome Center. There are also blank lines on the prayer list where you can add new names. Prayer requests during the week will continue as usual. You can call or email Doris McAlister or the church office with any names you wish to have added to the prayers. Doris' email: [danmcalister374@gmail.com](mailto:danmcalister374@gmail.com).

**THE GRIEF SUPPORT** group continues to meet on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. The final class of this session will be November 2.

**“WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN TODAY”** last session is this Monday, October 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. The evening Online session will be in zoom. This week's Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3872802954?pwd=eGVKcWJkK2l3L2MwL1pWcjhpbGpZQT09> Meeting ID: 387 280 2954, Passcode: LF4E12 (we will also email this link via bulk email Monday morning. The evening session will also be recorded for later use. The session will continue to 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 COLLECTION FOR “HANNAH'S SOCKS”** continues. We are collecting 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. Donations are due by the November 25 & 26. As of October 24, we have received 956 pairs of socks!

**HARROLD ZION'S ANNUAL TALENT SHOW** will be held this 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.

**HARROLD ZION'S CRAFT SHOW** will be held this Saturday, November 4, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you would like to donate baked goods or you would like to reserve a vendor table, please call Barb at 724-523-2069. For those who want to shop, plan to join us this Saturday! All proceeds will be donated to Camp Lutherlyn.

**HARROLD ZION VETERAN'S DAY CHILI & SOUP COOK-OFF** - On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 person 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.

**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 11 & 12. You can also read about the nominees in the November newsletter.

**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 Niturengere 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
- Men's Breakfast Group – November 11, 8:00 AM
- 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
- Church Christmas Dinner – December 3, 4:00 PM
- Christmas Caroling – December 10, 1:00 PM
- Sonshiner's Christmas Luncheon at Ferrante's Lakeview – December 12
- Baking VBS – January 13, 1:00 PM

## ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – November 5, 19 (2 vases)

Bulletin – November 5, 19, 21; Eternal candle – November 12, 19, 21

*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 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To Worship and Serve God,*

*Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors*