

# **Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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

**Pentecost 19**

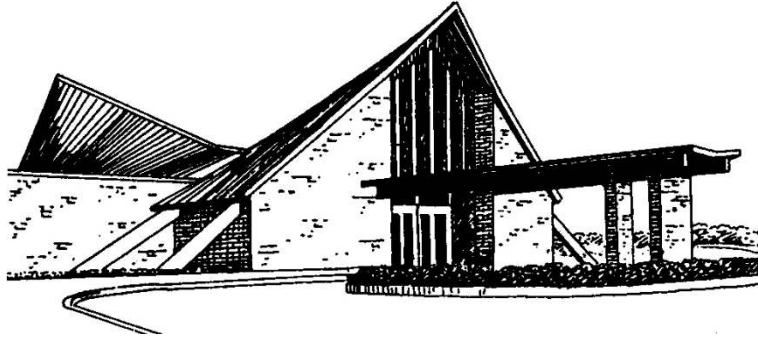


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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **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

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Warriner

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 #729     *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

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. **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

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

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

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

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

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

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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

<sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.” <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 19

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have  
more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the  
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to

zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

<sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. 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 21:33-46

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

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

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they



treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ <sup>41</sup>They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 #724    *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

### 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.**

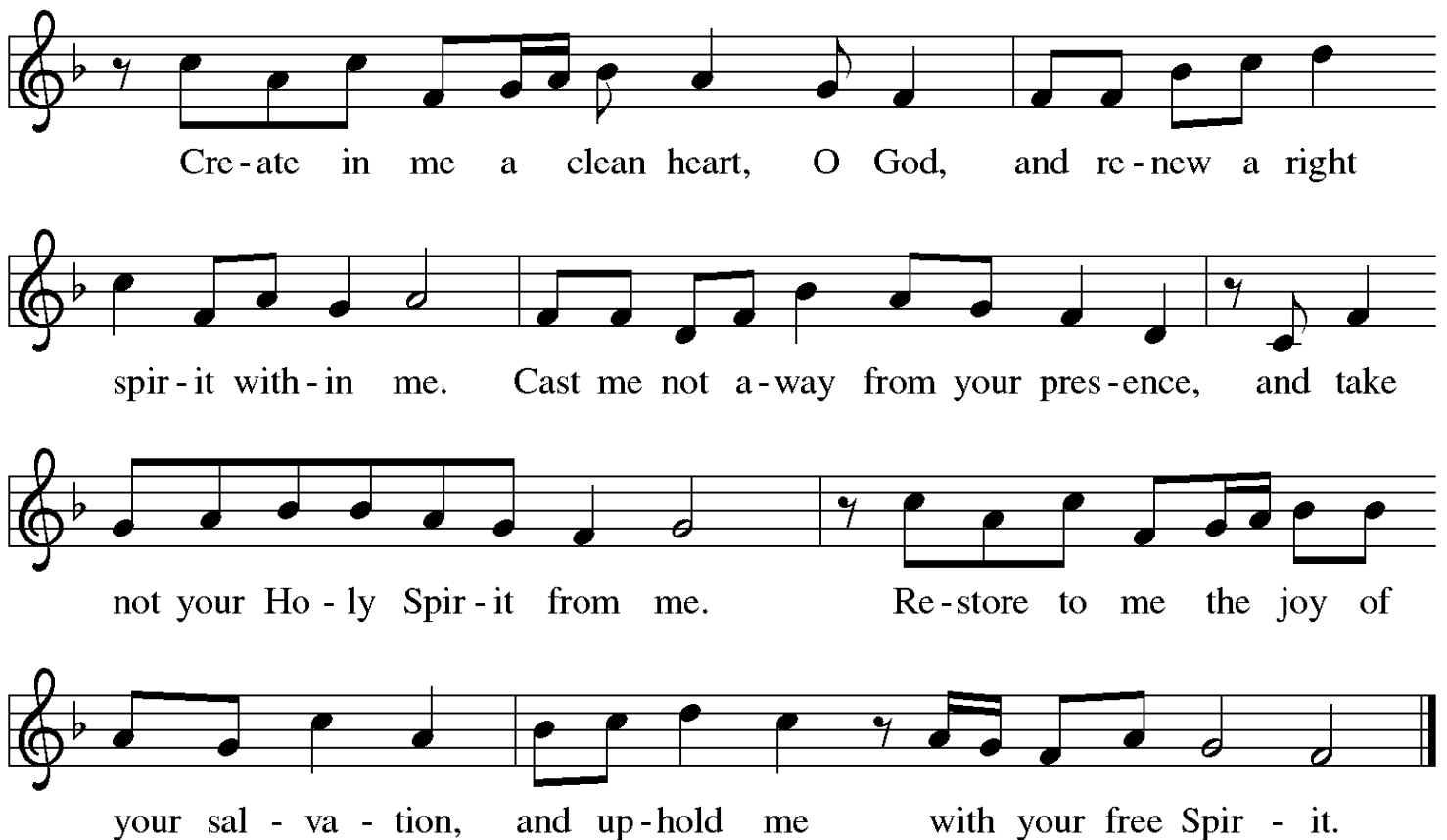
## Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*Teach Us Thy Ways*

Frick

## 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 #826 *Thine the Amen*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

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

*Please be seated for the Congregational Meeting.*

Postlude

*Blessed Be the Lord God*

Nordman

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**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Lectors: 8:00 AM Krissy Korona; 10:30 AM Bernie Zundel

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Cooper Anderson; 10:30 AM Ella Kanouff

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 my parents, June & Wesley Bossart, by Amy Bossart.

**THIS WEEKEND WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following all services. 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 this Sunday, October 8, at 9:15 AM. We will continue to meet the second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!

**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.

**THIS WEEK....**

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

**SUNDAY**

Congregational Meeting after all services

9:15 AM Parent's Breakfast

11:45 AM Fellowship Committee

2:00 PM Hospice Memorial Service

**MONDAY**

No Preschool

6:00 PM Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 PM Thyme for Herbs

**TUESDAY**

9:30 AM Music Ministry Team

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 PM Walking Group

7:30 PM Compassionate Friends

**WEDNESDAY**

9:30 AM Ministry Team Meeting

5:30 PM Youth Choir

6:00 PM Bell Choir

6:30 PM Finance Committee

7:00 PM Adult Choir

**THURSDAY**

3:00 PM Grief Support Group

5:00 PM Walking Group

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM Council Meeting

**FRIDAY**

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

4:30 PM Homecoming Tailgate

7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

9:00 AM Social Hall Reserved

2:00 PM Wedding

**SUNDAY**

8:00 & 10:30 AM Communion

8:00 & 10:30 AM Rev. Ryan Fitch preaching

9:00 AM Newsletter articles due

10:30 AM Joyful Noise

11:45 AM Evangelism Committee

2:00 PM Trunk or Treat

**ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?** It has been brought to our attention that the past few weeks, the bulletins, and the October newsletter have not been received via our “bulk email”. We have been dealing with some ongoing internet issues and apologize for any inconvenience. We will continue to email the bulletin each week – prayers for 100% working internet appreciated.

**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).

**HEMPFIELD HOMECOMING AND ANNUAL PARADE** will be this 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** next 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.

**REV. RYAN FITCH**, Associate Director of Lutherlyn, will be preaching at both Harrold Zion worship services on Sunday, October 15. Rev. Ryan Fitch will be available following both services to discuss any questions you may have regarding Lutherlyn and/or the Capital Campaign.

**“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 in the church Social Hall, 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.

**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!

**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.

**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.

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

**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. Watch for details in the November Newsletter.

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Talent Show – November 3, 6:30 PM
- Operation Reindeer tags available November 1
- Chili/Soup/Baked 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 – Sept. 24, Oct. 22, 29 (1 vase)

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