

# **Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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

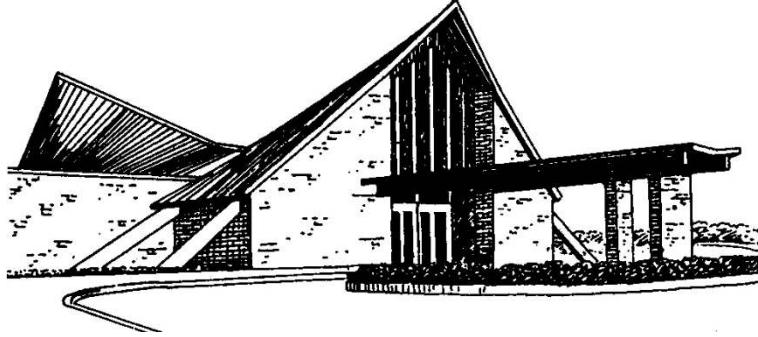
**Pentecost 15**

# 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.

## Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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

Welcome and Announcements – Joys and Concerns

Prelude

*Voluntary on “Lobe den Herren”*

Livingston

*Please kneel or stand, as able.*

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*God’s Work. Our Hands.*

*Please see next page.*

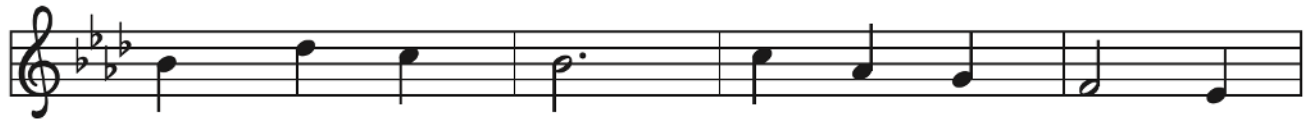
# God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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## 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.**

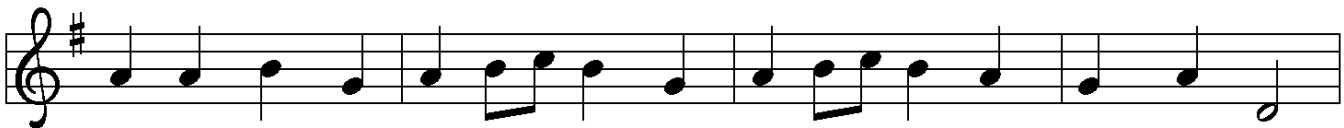
## Hymn of Praise



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

10:30 AM Anthem

*Revive Us Again*

Psalm: Psalm 149

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel rejoice in their maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;  
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

**<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in the people  
and adorns the poor with victory.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

**<sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

<sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

**<sup>8</sup>to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**

<sup>9</sup>to inflict on them the judgment decreed;

this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

*Please stand, as able.*

Verse



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” 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

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

*(ELW #774)*

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain* Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*



## 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

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Loree

### Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*(ELW #186)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

### 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      *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*      (ELW #543)

- 1      “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
- 2      “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
- 3      “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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Quiet Meditation

Prayer of Remembrance for Patriot Day (9/11)

Great God of all peoples, **We praise you for your love and care for all. Teach us to learn and teach your way of peace. We thank you for all those who serve and protect our communities as first responders. We remember before you all those who died on September 11<sup>th</sup> and in all wars and conflicts...***(pause for remembrance)*. **Continue to show us how to honor, respect, and love one another. Guide us in our living out of your commandment to love our enemies. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

10:30 – Boy Scout Tribute

10:30 AM Hymn      *God of Our Fathers*

- 1    God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
     leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
     of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
     our grateful songs before your throne arise.
  
- 2    Your love divine has led us in the past;  
     in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
     oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
     your word our law, your paths our chosen way.
  
- 3    From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
     make your strong arm our ever sure defense.  
     Your true religion in our hearts increase;  
     your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
  
- 4    Refresh your people on their toilsome way;  
     lead us from night to never-ending day;  
     fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace  
     until at last we meet before your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907, alt.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

*Praise Be to God In The Highest*

Zachau

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**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Lectors:      8:00 AM Linda Boyer; 10:30 AM Deb Mertz

Acolytes:    8:00 AM Emily Dansak; 10:30 AM Hailey Uhrinek

Ushers:      8:00 AM Regis Bombach

                 10:30 AM Diane Ihlenfeld, Kevin Kurimsky

Altar Guild: Shirley Coulson, Deb Mertz

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bonnie Filosemi by Joe; in honor of Doris McAlister using "God's work, her hands" year after year.

**THE FIVE RED ROSES ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Clifford by Pastor Caroline.

**THE ETERNAL CANDLE** is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of W.H. Wagner by Mark & Arlene Wagner.

**THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO** the Regina Douglass and family on the death of her father, Paul Smeltzer. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE RALLYING** at 9:15 AM this Sunday, September 10 to kick off the Sunday school year. Regular classes will resume the next week, Sunday, September 17, at 9:15 AM.

**RALLY DAY** is this Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have the **10:30 AM Worship Service in the upper parking lot (weather permitting)**, followed by good food and outdoor activities in the pavilion area. Please join us!

**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. DAY** is this Sunday, September 10. We are celebrating who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. This year to celebrate the movements 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, let's give back to an organization who celebrates children's birthdays...Beverly's Birthdays. We are collecting the following items: pajamas (newborn – Yth L), reusable water bottles (children's sizes), coloring books, crayon packs, colored pencils and lunch box snacks. **NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE.** Items are due by next Sunday, September 17. Please contact Ms. Sheri with any questions ([hzlcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hzlcyouth@gmail.com) or 724-837-7327).

**COME TO THE HARVEST TABLE** on Sundays, beginning at 8:00 AM. Many of us are blessed with an overabundance of goodies from our garden. Share the goodness at our Harvest Table. If you are not a gardener and would love some free, fresh vegetables, please stop by, and help yourself. The table will remain at Harrold Zion every Sunday until all vegetables have been taken and the crops are done for the season.

**WORSHIP NOTES:** Beginning the weekend of September 16/17, we will return to setting 4 for worship. All Joyful Noise services, including September 17, will continue to use Setting 10.

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

God's work. Our hands. Day

9:15 AM Sunday school rally

10:30 AM Outdoor Worship service

11:45 AM Rally Day Carnival

**MONDAY**

10:30 AM Quilting Ministry

1:00 PM Quilting Ministry

6:30 PM Worship & Music  
Committee

7:00 PM Thyme for Herbs

**TUESDAY**

10:00 AM Knitting Ministry

10:30 AM Music Ministry Team

5:00 PM Walking Group

7:30 PM Compassionate Friends

**WEDNESDAY**

9:30 AM Ministry Team Meeting

5:30 PM Youth Choir

11:45 AM Evangelism Committee

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 Council Meeting

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**FRIDAY**

9:00 AM Newsletter Articles Due

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

5:00 PM Teacher Installation

**SUNDAY**

8:00 & 10:30 AM Communion

8:00 & 10:30 AM Teacher  
Installation

9:15 AM Parent Breakfast Group

10:30 AM Joyful Noise Worship

**WE ARE IN NEED OF AN ELECTRICIAN!** If there are any electricians in the congregation willing to give us a little bit of help and a lot of guidance, we need to install a remote electrical entrance box near the church sign. We have received donations to allow us to convert to a digital sign and will take power from the nearest transformer. If you can give us any guidance, please let the church office know or call John Millward at 724-635-0218. Thank You!

**LADIES FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - The Ladies Bible Study class will resume on Friday, September 15 at 10:00 AM. The Acts of the Apostles is currently being studied. All women and their guests are welcome to attend. For more information, please see or call Linda Boyer, 724-635-0339.

**ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER** are due in the church office by this Friday, September 15. Articles can be emailed to [tammyhzlc@gmail.com](mailto:tammyhzlc@gmail.com) or placed in the mailbox on Tammy's office door.

**CRASH WEEKEND WILL RESUME** September 16 & 17. The response to “crash weekend” in the past was amazing. Please save your change and bring it to worship that weekend and dump it in the bucket to make a joyful noise.

**A NEW SESSION OF THE GRIEF SUPPORT** group will begin September 14. This group will 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).

**THE PARENT’S BREAKFAST GROUP** will resume on the first day of Sunday School, which is September 17. Drop your child(ren) off at Sunday school at 9:15 AM, then head downstairs to the Social Hall area outside of the kitchen for a time of fellowship and continental breakfast. Beginning Sunday, October 8, we will continue to gather on the second Sunday of each month.

### **YOUNGWOOD LIONS’ EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AID COLLECTION**

For anyone who is not aware the Youngwood Lions Club collects eyeglasses and hearing aids to help those who cannot afford them. There is always a box on the shelf in the Communications Center in which to deposit them. The motto of Lions is “WE SERVE”, kind of like Christ suggested!

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Pet Blessing – October 1, 2:00 PM
- Congregational Meeting – October 7 & 8
- Trunk or Treat – October 15, 2:00 PM
- Part A Congregational Meeting – November 18 & 19

### **ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:**

Altar Flowers – Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 29 (2 vases); Oct. 22 (1 vase)

Bulletin – Sept. 17, 24; Eternal candle – October 1, 8, 15

*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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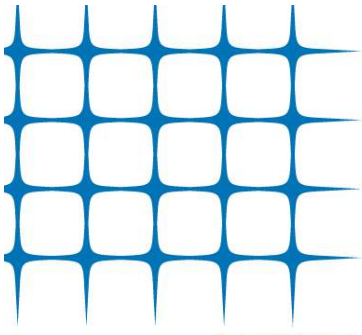
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*To Worship and Serve God,*

*Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors*





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