

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Season of Creation 4
Sunday September 22, 2024, 8 am, 10:30am



“They are like trees planted by streams of water” Psalm 1:3

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!
- **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.

Our MISSION

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

Our Vision

***Building Faith that's Open, Affirming, Authentic,
Positive, Inviting, and that Serves Others.***

GATHERING - *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome, Announcements, Carings and Sharings

Prelude *Rise Up and Serve the Lord* Harris

Confession and Forgiveness: *Please stand, as able.*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn #641 *All Are Welcome*

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.**

Kyrie (page 184 in hymnal) *The assembly sings the refrain*

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *Refrain*

Hymn of Praise: # 853 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-31

A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹⁰A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
- ¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
- ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- ²²She makes herself coverings;

her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:

²⁹“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

Choir Anthem: (10:30) *My God is Real* Morris

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

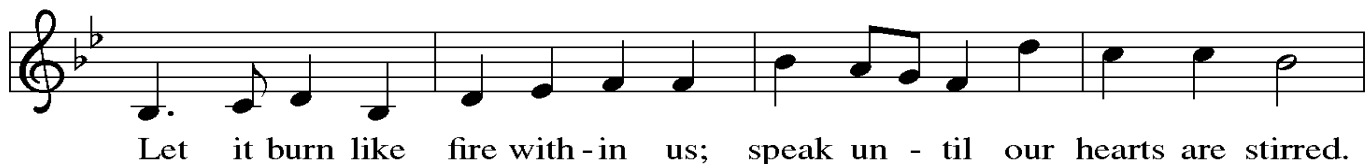
A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand, as able*



Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 876 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Please stand, as able

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Offering *Etude Melodieuse* Czerny Arr. By Douglas

Tithely Secure Giving



Offertory *Bless Thou The Gifts (sung twice)*

Bless Thou the gifts our hands have bro't: Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the will, the tho't; The

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three measures of music with lyrics underneath. The second system also has three measures of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Bless Thou the gifts our hands have bro't: Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the will, the tho't; The".

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rest, O God, is in Thy hand.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. **Blessed are you, O God, Source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn # 408 Come, thou Almighty King

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude: *Jubilate Deo* Wetherill

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of June Bossart by Amy Bossart and in loving memory of Wesley Bossart by Amy Bossart

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is given to the glory of God and in honor of Beth's birthday by Mom, Dad, Kris, Katelyn and Keith.

THE CANDLE is given to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Clark Riddle on his birthday by Jim & Nancy Basile.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God and in honor of Sage Walton's baptism by his grandparents Don & Kim Freeman.

Service Participants:

Acolytes: 8:00 am Grace Dansak

10:30 am Maria Gacek

Lector: 8:00 am Beth Holsopple

10:30 am Kelly Perry

Ushers 8:00 am Regis Bombach, Bonny Free

10:30 am Diane Ihlenfeld, Kevin Kurimsky, Stacey Winfield, Jason

Barnhart

Altar Guild: Missy Houston

**THIS WEEK.... Robyn OFFICE HOURS M-TH. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
FRIDAY 9AM- NOON**

Sunday

8 am & 10:30 am Worships

9:15 am Donuts & Discussions

Monday

9:00 am PS meeting room -Speech

10:00 am Revelation Soc. Hall

6:30 pm Property Meeting

7:00 pm Personal

Tuesday

9:00 am Social Hall Reserved

10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:00 pm Believe Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 am PS LIBRARY

10:00 am Newsletter

1:00pm Local Peacemakers Toolbox

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday

9:45 am PS LIBRARY

3:00 pm Grief Support

6:30 pm Book Study / Pr. Andrew

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Friday

8:00 Am PS Goodman Pumpkin Farm

Saturday

5:00 pm Worship w/ Communion

Helping Hands is sponsoring a Craft Show on Saturday November 9th from 10 am to 4 pm, here in the Social Hall. Anyone interested in a table or donating baked goods please contact Barbara Rigoni at 724-523-2069.

Building Fund

There are envelopes in the Communication Center for donations for our building fund. Please use these to support the sealing of the parking lot (about \$15000). Thank you in advance for your support and generosity in how you prayerfully consider responding!

Hempfield Manor Hymn Sing and Holy Communion

Our next Hymn Sing at Hempfield Manor will be Monday October 21st at 10:00 am. Join us as we sing classic hymns that the residents have requested. We will share an abbreviated Holy Communion service with the residents! All are welcome.

REVELATION FOR EVERYONE – Bible Study in Four Sessions 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 10/7 at 10am (in Social Hall) (and separate online postings) See our Newsletter for more details.

Hempfield Homecoming Parade 2024

We will be celebrating the homecoming parade at our very own pavilion on Friday Oct. 4th. We will provide Hotdogs and drinks. There will be a bonfire to cook hotdogs and marshmallows (weather permitting). Food will be ready to go by 4:30 - please bring a side dish to share. Rt. 136 closes at 5:00 PM in preparation for the parade.

LOCAL PEACEMAKERS' TOOLBOX - SEPTEMBER 25 at 1 pm

Let's make peace right here and right now

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me

This introductory session will share some tools and tips to help to foster peace in difficult conversations. Like peace, this session is open to all.

To be clear, this is to empower us to find common ground, to appreciate others perspectives, and to listen respectfully. This is not one-sided and there is no agenda other than this – to work together for peace among our local communities.

If you are interested in future sessions to share these tools with community members, please let Pastor Andrew know.

BOOK STUDY: EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY by James Hazelwood

Are you interested in maturing as a Christian, but unsure about spirituality and practices? Our first session will be September 26th at 6:30pm

Advance preparation – read the Introduction and section one of the Book *Everyday Spirituality* by James Hazelwood.

Future sessions October 24 at 6:30 and November 21 at 6:30pm

See Pastor Andrew with any questions

Laugh with the Lutherans - Comedy Night at Harrold Zion on Friday Nov. 22nd Doors will open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00, and entertainment to begin around 7:30. All proceeds will go towards the church general operating cost. Tickets will go on sale starting the weekend of Sept. 14th & 15th. Save the date and start rounding up your favorite friends & family members who love to laugh, cheer, and have a jolly good time at the Harrold Zion Comedy *See Newsletter for more details.*

Youth Singers and Instrumentalists Needed!

I am looking for Youth Singers and Instrumentalists Please contact Laurie at lracculia@yahoo.com if interested. All instruments and skill levels are welcome! Upcoming opportunities for youth musicians will also include Reformation Weekend (October 26/27) and Christmas Eve.

Fall Book Class: Pastor Caroline is offering a class this fall using the book, "Believe: Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus," edited by Randy Frazee. We will be doing the third 10 lessons of the book. We are having the class on Tuesdays, 3:00 PM, here at the church. It will begin Tuesday, September 10th, and it will last 10 weeks. Please note there has been a time change.

Grief Support Group: The group will begin on September 12th at 3 PM here at the church. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pr. Caroline at pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com or call the church office.

WORSHIP NOTES: We will be adding Setting 8 liturgical musical into our worship beginning in September. We will start celebrating Holy Communion on the 5th Sunday of the month (starting this month).

Donuts and Divine Discussion:

Share in a time of circular talks and circular snacks. Hangout with Pastor Andrew for a time of fellowship, casual Bible study, theological conversation, and if there are any current or news events, we will circle those in too! *This will be in the hole between the circle of the Sunday worship services (around 9:20-10:10) on September 22nd.*

Food2Go4Kids:

Thank you to everyone who donated cash and food items on God's Work Our Hands Day, Sunday, Sept 9 for Harrold Zion's Food2Go4Kids outreach project. The cash given totaled \$299, and also many, many of the food items needed for packing week-end bags for needy children at Fort Allen Elementary School were collected. Your generosity will help fill the bags when we begin packing later this month.

SONSHINERS (Harrold Zion's over age 55 group)

The Sonshiner's have planned a Luncheon and an Outreach Project in the Social Hall on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024 BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM. The Outreach Project will be assembling School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have planned a "*Church-toberfest*" luncheon titled *European Bar*, which will be catered by Sheri Anderson from her Leap of Faith Catering Menu. It will include Pierogies, Kielbasa, Pork and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Haluski, Green Beans, Salad Greens, Rolls, Coffee, Water, and Cupcakes. The committee is asking for a donation of \$5 per person. Please indicate you will attend by adding your name by Sunday, October 6 to the sign-up sheet that will be available in the Communication Area of the church. If you have any questions, please see or call Linda Boyer, 734-635-0339.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers: September 28,29 (2 Vases), October 12,13 (2 Vases), October 19,20 (1 Vase), October 26,27 (2 Vases)

Roses: September 28,29 (2 Roses) October 5,6 (1 Rose), October 12,13 (2 Roses), October 19,20 (2 Roses), October 26,27 (2 Roses)

Candle: October 5,6, October 12,13 October 19, 20, October 26,27

Bulletin: October 5,6, October 19,20, October 26,27

To sponsor items, please sign up in the Communication Center

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