

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 24, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

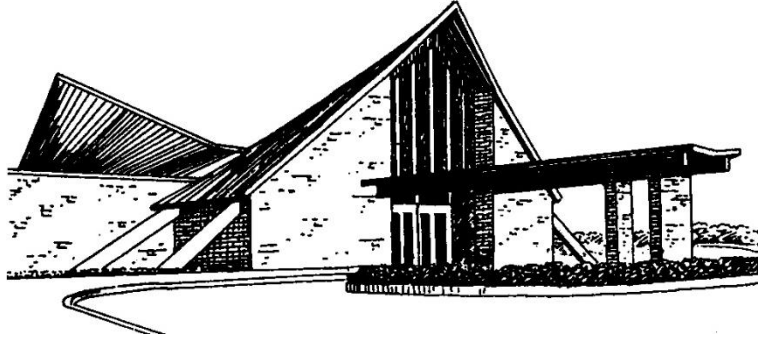
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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **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

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 #557 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

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.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

10:30 AM Handbell Anthem *Zip, Zing, Ring, Praise!* Austin

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there

on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God’s name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

²**Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God’s marvelous works.**

³Glory in God’s holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴**Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God’s face.**

⁵Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God’s mouth,

⁶**O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant,
O children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.**

³⁷You led out your people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

³⁸**Egypt was glad to see them go,
because they were afraid of them.**

³⁹You spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light by night.

⁴⁰**They asked, and you brought quail,
and satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

⁴¹You opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.

⁴²**For you remembered your holy word
and Abraham your servant.**

⁴³So you led forth your people with gladness,
your chosen with shouts of joy.

⁴⁴**You gave your people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others’ toil,**

⁴⁵that they might keep your statutes
and observe your teachings. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Please stand, as able.

Verse

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came,

each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” 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 #685 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

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

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Case 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 #668 O Zion, Haste

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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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 Eli Bitner; 10:30 AM Caleb Heasley

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 celebration: Happy 27th anniversary to Shar & Jim Stratton.

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

THIS WEEK....

OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY

MONDAY

10:30 AM Quilting Ministry

1:00 PM Quilting Ministry

6:30 PM Property Committee

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Knitting Ministry

5:00 PM Walking Group

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Newsletter Mailing

5:30 PM Youth Choir

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY

No Preschool

3:00 PM Grief Support Group

5:00 PM Walking Group

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

Preschool at Goodman's

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

SUNDAY

Holy Communion celebrated

10:30 AM Baptism

11:00 AM Social Hall Reserved

2:00 PM Pet Blessing

PASTOR CAROLINE will be on vacation September 23 through September 29.

Contact Pastor Andrew for any pastoral emergencies. Sheri Anderson (724-244-0120) will be on call for September 29.

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.

THE ANNUAL PET BLESSING will be held next Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 PM. We will meet in the grassy area by the dumpster. Sophia, from Doolittle's Pet Service, will be offering nail clipping for a free will donation to benefit a local animal rescue.

WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following all services, the weekend of October 7 & 8. 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.

THE PARENT'S BREAKFAST GROUP will gather for fellowship and a continental breakfast on Sunday, October 8, at 9:15 AM. We will continue to meet the second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!

HEMPFIELD HOMECOMING AND ANNUAL PARADE will be on 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.

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. More information will be in the November Newsletter.

ATTENTION ANDROID USERS: It was brought to our attention that the code to scan to upload the new church app was not working in Google Play. The code has been fixed and you should now be able to scan and upload the new church app directly from Google Play. Please see code on flyer in this bulletin or posted in various areas of the church.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Rev. Ryan A. Fitch, Assoc. Director of Lutherlyn will preach Sunday, October 15, at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- Trunk or Treat – October 15, 2:00 PM
- Irwin Male Chorus at HZ – October 22, 7:00 PM
- Craft Show at HZ – November 4, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Chili/Soup/Backed 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

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

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

Bulletin – Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Eternal candle – October 1, 8, 15, 29

Reminder: Rose = \$5, Bulletin = \$10, Candle = \$5, Altar Flowers = \$25/vase

To sponsor items, please sign up in the Communication Center.

Church Staff and Office Information

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