**Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Season of Creation 3**

**God’s Work Our Hands Day of Service**

**Sunday September 8, 2024, 8 am, 10:30am**

Rally Day

A group of hands with hearts

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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!

* **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

Blessing of the Teachers

Prelude *Sarabande* Lully

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 *Revive Us Again*

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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:# # 836 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together**. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the powerful who oppress and dominate Creation, so you never forsake your creatures who live in harmony with nature’s order; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

***Please be seated.***

First Reading Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

1A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
  and favor is better than silver or gold.  
 2The rich and the poor have this in common:  
  the Lord is the maker of them all.  
 8Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
  and the rod of anger will fail.  
 9Those who are generous are blessed,  
  for they share their bread with the poor.  
 22Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
  or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
 23for the Lord pleads their cause  
  and despoils of life those who despoil them. **Thanks be to God.** Word of God, word of life. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:10:30 am The Rally Day Song

Psalm 125

1Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
  which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.  
 2**The mountains surround Jerusalem;**  
  **so you surround your people, O Lord, from this time forth for- evermore.**  
 3The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.  
 4**Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good**  
  **and to those who are true of heart.**  
 5As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from James:

1My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” 4have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?  
 8You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 9But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [11For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13For judgment will be without mercy to anyone

13For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]  
 14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand, as able*A sheet music with black text

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Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

24[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,25but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 28But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” 30So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.  
 31Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # ACS 1000 God’s Work, Our Hands

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Blessing of the Food for Food 2 Go 4 Kids

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

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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 # 579 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

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 11th 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**

911 Memorial Song: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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Dismissal

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

**Postlude: *Sent forth by God’s Blessing*  Welsh Folk Tune**

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary, Bill & Vickie Fadrosh.

**THE CANDLE** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bessie B Benson by Mark & Arlene Wagner.

**Service Participants**

Acolytes

8 am Heidi Koehl

10:30 am Ben Hayes

Lectors

8 am Linda Boyer

10:30 am Jack Molnar

Ushers 8 am Regis Bombach, Bonny Free

10:30 AM Diane Ihlenfeld, Kevin Kurimsky, Stacy Winfield, Jason Barnhart

Altar Guild: Missy Houston

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

**Sunday**

Rally Day

9:15 am Parent’s Breakfast

9:15-10:15 am All Sunday School Classes begin today

11:45 am (new Group: Evangelism, Stewardship & Fellowship)

**Monday**

10:00 am Revelation (Social Hall)

10:30 am Quilting

1:00 pm Quilting

5:00 pm Thyme for Herbs

6:00 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm Worship Music

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00 pm Hymn Sing

6:30 pm Book Study

7:00 pm Open Forum

7:30 pm Compassionate Friends

**Wednesday**

9: 00 am PS Library

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Adult Choir

**Thursday**

3:00 pm Grief Support

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Council

**Friday**

**Saturday**

8:00 am Men’s Breakfast

9:00 am Joyful Noise Practice

5:00 pm Worship w/ Communion

**Ladies Bible Study** will resume in October.

**Thank you** to Susan Molnar for serving as this Sunday’s Organist! Thank you also to Eli and Isaac Schilling and Maria Gacek for the instrumental music during the Rally Day Song!

**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 Tuesday, September 10 at 1 pm. Come join us as we sing classic hymns that the residents have requested.  We will share an abbreviated Holy Communion service led by Pastor Caroline with the residents! All are welcome.

**Rally Day and God’s Work Our Hands – September 7/8**

**We are collecting for Food2Go Ministry:**

Chef Boyardee Pasta Variety 7.5oz cup, microwaveable

Kraft Original Mac & Cheese 2.5oz cups, microwaveable

Pepperidge Farm goldfish snack-size bags

Go Go Squeeze, applesauce, individual packs

Kellogg’s Assorted breakfast cereals, individual size boxes.

Nutra Grain bars, variety. *See Newsletter for more details*

**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.*

**Open Forum -Budget Preparations- September 10 at 7pm**

All Committee leaders with questions and wanting more information about budget preparations are encouraged to come to this session with our Treasurer, Denny.

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**FIRST COMMUNION +++ SEPTEMBER 21st 2-4pm**

If you child is showing an interest in receiving the Sacrament, please check you schedule and consider attending this event, a future event, or contacting Pastor Andrew for a session. Jesus extends a radical welcome to all at the Table. We are still learning how radical in love Jesus is! Come learn together—“There is a Place for You.” We use this helpful book by Pastor Daniel Erlander to help us understand our place at the Table.

Please sign up so that we can be sure there are enough materials for everyone.

***Sign up by sending an email or text message to Pastor Andrew that you are interested.***

**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 for Rally Day!**

I am looking for Youth Singers and Instrumentalists to present the "Rally Day Song" at the September 8th Rally Day Service!  Please contact Laurie at [lracculia@yahoo.com](mailto: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, 6:30 PM, here at the church. It will begin Tuesday, September 10th, and it will last 10 weeks.

**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](mailto: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 8th*

**ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:**

**Altar Flowers:** September 21,22 (2 Vases), September 28,29 (2 Vases), October 5,6 (1 Vase), October 12,13 (2 Vases).

**Roses:** September 14,15 (2 Roses), September 21,22 (2 Roses),

September 28,29 (2 Roses) October 5,6 (1 Rose), October 12,13 (2 Roses)

**Candle:** September 14,15, September 21,22, September 28,29, October 5,6, October 12,13

**Bulletin:** September 14,15, September 21,22, September 28,29, October 5,6, October 12,13.

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

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