

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

15th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday August 31, 2024 5 pm

Sunday September 1, 2024 8 & 10:30 am

Season of Creation 1



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 5pm *Let the Whole Creation Cry* Larsen

8 am & 10:30 am *Prelude on Terra Beata* Barrett

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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Assembly may kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn WOV# 779 *On Eagles Wings*

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.

2 Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand;

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: # 834 *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Lord of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-13

⁸The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

⁹My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

¹¹for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

¹²The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

¹³The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.”

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

Psalm:15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

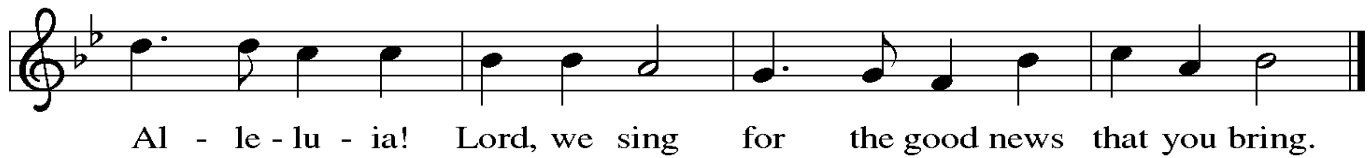
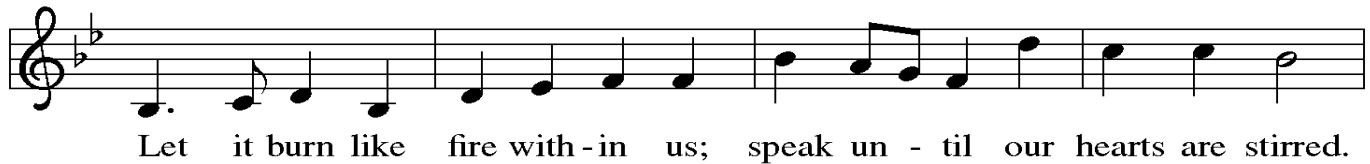
Second Reading: James 1:17-27

A reading from James.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and ongoing away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand, as able*



Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit,

licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # #335 Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

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

MEAL - *We are fed and nourished by the unending life of God.*

Offering 8am & 10:30 am *His Tender, Loving Care* Callender

Tithely Secure Giving



Offertory *Bless Thou The Gift (sung twice)*

Bless Thou the gifts our_ hands have_ bro't: Bless Thou the work our
4 hearts have planned; Ours is the faith, the_ will, the_ tho't; The
7 rest, O God, is_ in Thy hand.

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first line of the prayer. The second system contains the second line, starting at measure 4. The third system contains the third line, starting at measure 7. The piano part features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Breaking the Bread and Invitation to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

Please be seated

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

The proclamation is shared for those communing in their place with an all-in-one kit.

Sharing the elements:

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

*Each person may respond: **Amen.***

The leaders share Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are in the center of each tray. The assembly is invited to come forward by the direction of the ushers by the center aisle and receive Holy communion, then return via the side aisle.

We will receive in continuous distribution from the floor stations only. You may pray around the altar after receiving.

Communion Hymns: # 465, *As the Grains of Wheat*, # 471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Post-Communion Blessing *The assembly is invited to stand.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together. **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING - *We are sent out to share hope and make disciples.*

Sending of Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick and homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn # 888 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: 5 pm *Faith is the Victory* Berry

8 am & 10:30 am *Minuet* Handel

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kathy Brown on her birthday by Marilynn Brown.

THE CANDLE is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory W.H. Wagner by Mark & Arlene Wagner.

THE BULLETIN is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Milliron from Marie & Family

Our deepest sympathy to Mandy Kanouff and her family in the death of her grandfather, Donald Moyer.

Service Participants

Acolytes 8 am Norah Siniawski

10:30 am to be determined

Lectors 8 am Krissy Korona

10:30 am Kelsey Coppetti

Communion Assistants 8 am Don Freeman, Kevin Torrance

10:30 am Mary Lou Millward, John Millward

Ushers: 8 am Regis Bombach, Bonny Free

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

Altar Guild: Sept 1st Susie Eicher, Sept. 8,15,22,29 Missy Houston

THIS WEEK....

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

SUNDAY

8am & 10:30 am Worship w/

Communion

MONDAY

Labor Day Office Closed

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7 pm Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY

5pm Worship w Communion

Pastor Fitch will be on Vacation from August 28 – September 5.

On Sunday September 8 at 11:45am Fellowship, Stewardship and the Evangelism Committees will meet jointly.

The Congregational Life Team (or Common Threads, or whatever their new name will be!) will be meeting on September 8th after 10:30 worship to begin planning for the weeks ahead. This group is forming from Evangelism, Fellowship, and Stewardship. Many of the leaders look forward to working together and rejoice with the capacity of “many hands make light work!”

The next Hymn Sing will be on Tuesday September 10th at 1 pm.

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!

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 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.

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.

Sunday, September 15th, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Harrold Zion Community Youth Group. For kindergarten through 12th grade. We will be learning about The Good Samaritan. Use the QR code to pre register.



SCAN ME

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

If your child is showing an interest in receiving the Sacrament, please check your 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.*

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 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 Sundays 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 for Sponsorship:

Altar Flowers: Sept 21,22 (2 Vases), Sept. 28,29 (2 Vases)

Roses: September 7,8 (2 Roses), Sept, 14,15(2 Roses), Sept. 28,29
(2 Roses)

Candle: Sept, 14,15, Sept 21,22

Bulletin: Sept 7,8, Sept, 14,15, Sept 21,22, Sept. 28,29

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