

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pentecost 15

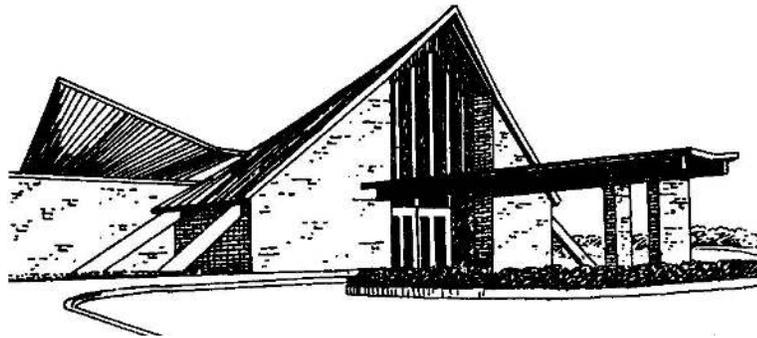
Saturday, September 4, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 5, 2021 – 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 Welcome Center at the rear of the church and take a Welcome Packet which is filled with information about Harrold Zion. Please introduce yourself to the greeter in the Welcome Center and to the pastor as you leave worship. We hope you return soon!
- **We recommend, according to CDC guidelines,** that you wear a mask.
- **Please maintain** a distance of three feet unless you are in the same family
- **Children's busy bags** are available in the Narthex. Bags include crayons, coloring sheets, children's bulletin and a snack. Please take the bag home after worship.
- **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.
- **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.

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**Indicates standing, as able*

WELCOME

PRELUDE 5:00 PM *There is a Balm in Gilead* Livingston
 8:00 & 10:30 AM *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* Moore

*The Gathering Hymn #858 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*The Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

P. You are the treasured people of the Lord,

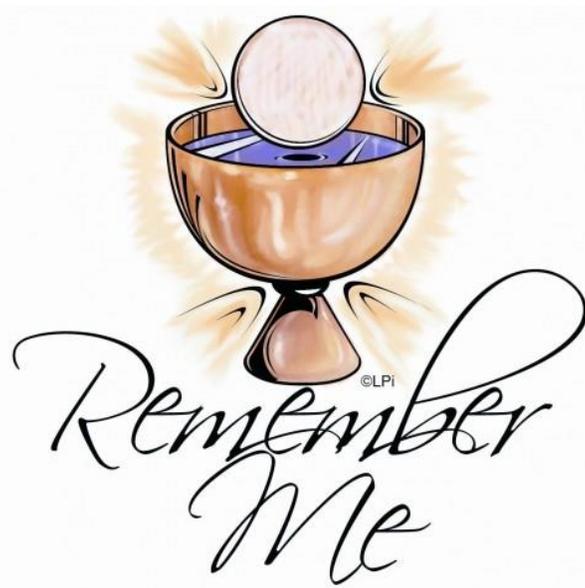
C. a people holy to the Lord our God.

P. Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P. One does not live by bread alone,

C. but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.



*The Scripture Song



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

*The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **C. Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

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

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

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 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.

C. Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation



☐ Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

*The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C. 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,²⁵ but 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 Syrophenician 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. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

*The Hymn of the Day #612

Healer of Our Every Ill

*The Response to the Word

P. In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C. We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C. 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.

P. Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C. pray in the Holy Spirit.

P. Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C. look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C. Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P. God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Please kneel, as able

P. Gracious God,

C. have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C. Amen.

Please rise

*The Sharing of the Peace - Joys & Concerns - Announcements

*The Offering

*The Offertory



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



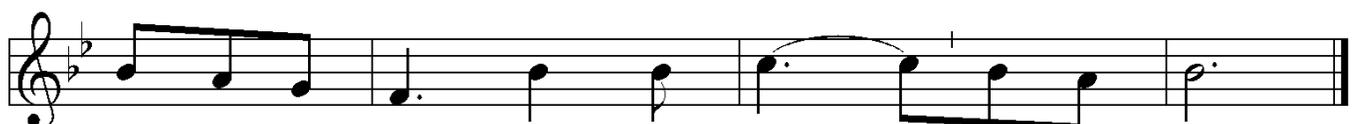
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*The Offertory Prayer

P. Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving, Proper Preface, and Sanctus

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The 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.

*The Agnus Dei

P. Lamb of God,

C. you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Please be seated

The Distribution of the Sacrament

*The Communion Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

*The Benediction

Parting Comments

*The Sending Hymn #537

On Our Way Rejoicing

*Moment of Meditation

*The Dismissal

P. Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*The Postlude	5:00 PM	<i>Jesus Loves Even Me</i>	Bober
	8:00 & 10:30 AM	<i>Menuet</i>	Handel

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Service Participants

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Emily Dansak; 10:30 AM Lily Carlucci

Lectors: 8:00 AM Louise Henry; 10:30 AM John Millward

Communion Assistant: 5:00 PM Josh Chenoweth

8:00 AM Susie Eicher, Tom Kubinec

10:30 AM Dan McAlister, Kim Elias

Ushers: 8:00 AM Pat Boyer, Linda Boyer, Glen Nickodemus

10:30 AM Barb Kebe, Kevin Kurimsky, Ross Thompson,
Linda Thompson

Altar Guild: Ann Wineman

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration: Happy birthday Kathy Brown by Marilynn; in honor of Marian Hostettler on her birthday by her family.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Marian Hostettler's 80th birthday, Love, Lesley.

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

THE ETERNAL CANDLE is dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Kim & Don Freeman for their 30th wedding anniversary by her sister and brother-in-law, Barb & Jeff Huntsberger; in loving memory of Bessie B. Benson by Mark & Arlene Wagner.

THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO Cheryl Cortazzo and family on the death of her husband, David. We also extend our sympathy to Karen Fritz and family on the death of her husband Gene. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

THE REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS will resume this Tuesday. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Please note that the office will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

THE COLLECTION for “goats” will continue through August 2022 in honor of our 250th anniversary. We have currently raised \$6,034 which purchases 120 goats. We still need 130 goats to reach our goal of 250 goats (\$50 per goat), or \$6,500. To donate toward the purchase of goats for a third-world country, please put your donation in a pew envelope, mark it “goats” and place it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Harrold Zion.

THIS WEEK.... REGULAR OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

SUNDAY

MONDAY

Labor Day
Office Closed

TUESDAY

Regular Office Hours resume (9:00 AM – 2:30 PM)

Preschool Returns
7:00 PM Pavilion Reserved
7:00 PM Social Ministry Committee

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Communion service
Preschool
5:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Cub Scouts
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

Preschool
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study resumes
7:00 PM Pavilion Reserved

SATURDAY

Patriot Day
8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Group
8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved
God work’s. Our hands. Day

SUNDAY

Rally Day!
God work’s. Our hands. Day
9:15 AM Sunday School resumes
10:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service
Joyful Noise
11:45 AM Rally Day Carnival

GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS. DAY T-SHIRTS can be picked up this weekend in the Communication Center or this week during office hours.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

The Christian Education Committee hopes that you will join us next Sunday, September 12th at 9:15am to 10:15am for the start of this school year. We are in need of a few hands to lead classes. Please see Sheri Anderson, call her at church 724-837-7327 or call her at 724-244-0120 if you are able to help teach the love of the Lord.

RALLY DAY CARNIVAL



Join us as we kick-off our fall programs at Harrold Zion with a HUGE RALLY DAY CARNIVAL. We'll have...HAMBURGERS...HOT DOGS...ICE CREAM...AND EVEN GAMES. For the Carnival, THERE'S NO ADMISSION CHARGE...AND NO SET PRICES FOR THE FOOD (A free will offering will be taken. Proceeds will benefit Meals on Wheels, Feeding the Spirit, and the Latrobe Action for Animals Humane Society.) And you can visit the MINISTRY TENT with a huge list of opportunities taking place this fall.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

You don't even have to be a member of Harrold Zion.

WORSHIP - EAT - PLAY - LAUGH - HAVE FUN
It's time to...CELEBRATE!!! Mark you Calendars!!!



**September
12th (Sunday)**

The Carnival begins about
11:45 AM,
(following the 10:30 Service)

September 12th is not only RALLY DAY, but also

National ELCA's God's work. Our hands day.



As in years past, we are encouraging the Harrold Zion congregation an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbors and communities.

On the sixth day, God created animals!

This year's God's work. Our hands. project is to care for some of God's smallest creations.

Action For Animals Humane Society

Located in Latrobe PA., the AFA was founded in 1983 to shelter and provide care for abused, abandoned and stray dogs and cats of Westmoreland County. They are a nonprofit no-kill shelter that can house up to 150 animals. Right now, they are over compacity and in need of supplies.



How Harrold Zion can help?

The weekend of September 11/12 2021 please bring a donation from the list below to worship with you. Place them at the Altar where they will receive a blessing then be delivered to Action For Animals Humane Society.

Donation List (brand sensitive)

- Purina Dog Chow Complete (chicken)
- Purina Dog Chow Small Bites
- Purina Puppy Chow (chicken)
- Pedigree Canned Chopped Dinner (any flavor)
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Purina Brand Cat Canned Foods (Friskies, Fancy Feast, etc.)
- Cat Litter (non-clumping)
- Plain Milk Bone Dog Biscuits
- Rawhide Chews (American made only)
- Kong Stuff'N Snacks
- Paper Towels
- Blue Dawn Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent

LADIES FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - We welcome back this awesome group of ladies this Friday, September 10, at 10:00 AM. If you have been looking for a Bible study group to join on a weekday morning, this is a great place to start! Linda Boyer is a fantastic leader and the ladies have a great time. The group meets every Friday morning from 10:00 to 11:45 AM, September through May. Please call Linda at 724-635-0339 for more information.

JOIN US FOR A NEW BOOK FOR THE BOOK CLUB! We will gather at the Stanton Daily Grind for another meeting of the book club next Tuesday, September 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. We will discuss the book "*Lamb: The gospel according to Biff, Christ's childhood pal*" by C. Moore. It's a fictional book about the life of Jesus outside of what we know about Jesus. Please contact Pr. Caroline at pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com or 724-837-7327 if you plan to attend or would like more information. Please also feel free to suggest books for future readings. We welcome all to join us! And we will provide the book for you.

JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR THE AMY GRANT CONCERT at the Palace Theater Friday, September 17, at 7:30 PM. Balcony tickets are \$54.50 each but if we get a big enough group, it will be a few dollars cheaper. If you are interested, please call or text Mandy Kanouff at 724-433-9882 or sign up in the Communication Center and then place your money in Mandy's mailbox located in the church library. Please sign up by September 12.

CAMPFIRE HYMN SING – Join us Saturday, September 25, at 6:00 PM for our second Campfire Hymn Sing! Bring a lawn chair, grab a snack, sit by the fire and sing along with your favorite hymns. If you play an instrument and want to join the Campfire Ensemble, get in touch with Laurie at: lracculia@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: September 11 & 12

First lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-9

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 2022 National Youth Gathering
- First Communion Class – October 2 at 9:30 AM
- Pet Blessing – October 3 at 2:30 PM
- Talent Show – November 12 at 7:00 PM

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – Sept. 12, 19 (1 vase), Sept. 26 (2 vases)

Bulletin – Sept. 12, 19, 26; Eternal candle – Sept. 12, 19

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

***Please sign up to sponsor these items using the binder found in the
Communication Center.***

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