

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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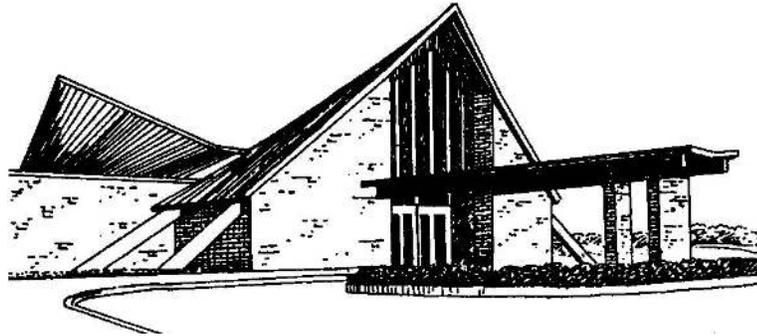
Saturday, November 27, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 28, 2021 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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!
- **Thank you for wearing a mask.** If you haven't signed in as you entered, the ushers will bring the sign in sheet to you.
- **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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The Welcome

The Prelude 5:00 PM

Sleepers Awake

Bach/arr Smith

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

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The Gathering Hymn #257 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*The Confession and Forgiveness

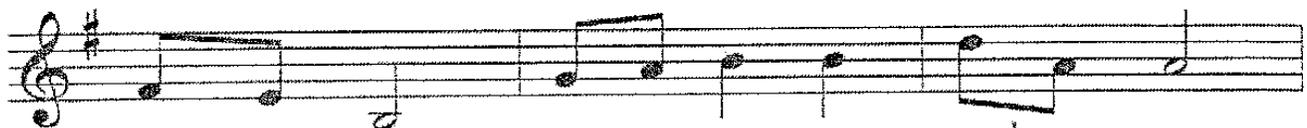
P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free. **C. Amen.**

P. From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty: grace, light and peace be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

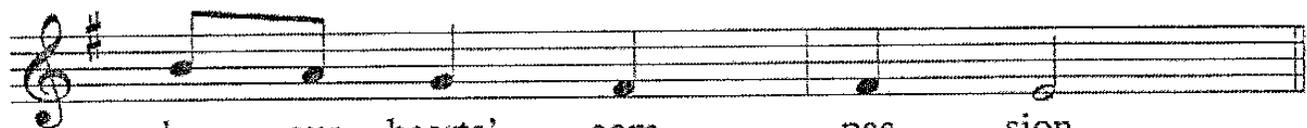
Congregation Sings – *Warm the Time of Winter*



1. When the wind of win - ter blows, bring - ing times of
2. When we shiv - er in des - pair, when the chill of



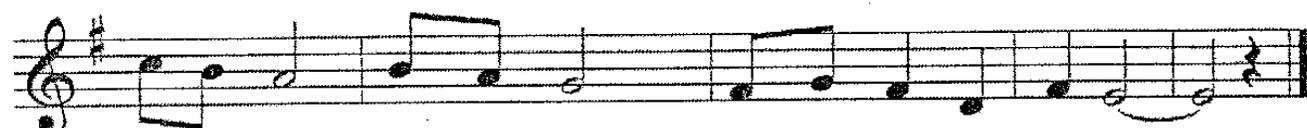
sol - i - tude, fill the si - lent, ic - y night;
death comes near, hold us, Spir - it, calm our fear,



be our hearts' com - pas - sion.
while the eve - ning deep - ens.



Ho-ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win-ter.



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Please note: We will be speaking while music is playing.

P. Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

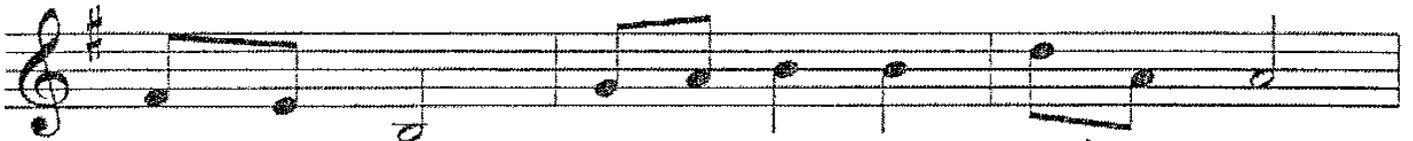
C. we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

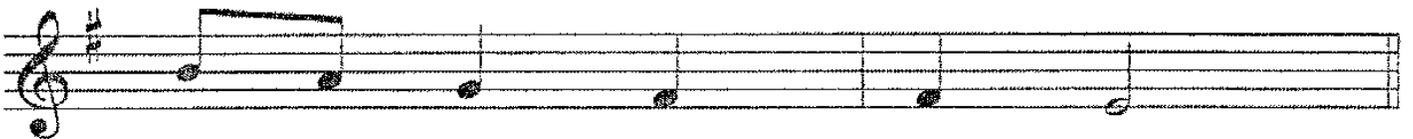
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3. When in days of fall - en snow, change con-founds or



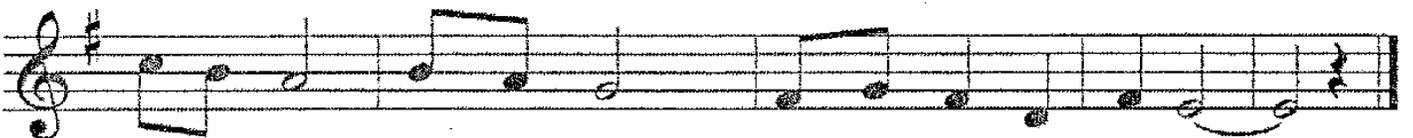
love burns low, from the ash - es may there rise



phoe - nix of our grow - ing.



Ho-ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win-ter.



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P. Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, + Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen

***The Kyrie**

P. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen.

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

P. Let us pray, Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath



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Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

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A. Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time. **C. How long, O Lord, how long?**

A. For those waiting for answered prayer:

C. Grant your steadfast patience.

A. For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

C. Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

A. For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

C. Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

A. For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

C. Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

A. Advent Prayer: God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C. Amen.**

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The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The LORD is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

(10:30 AM) The Anthem *When Will the Little King Come* Schram

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

***The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory.

²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Hymn of the Day #260 *The King Shall Come*

*Prepare
the way
of the
LORD.*

***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us, and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scripture; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***The Prayers of the Faithful**

Sharing of the Peace



Offering



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

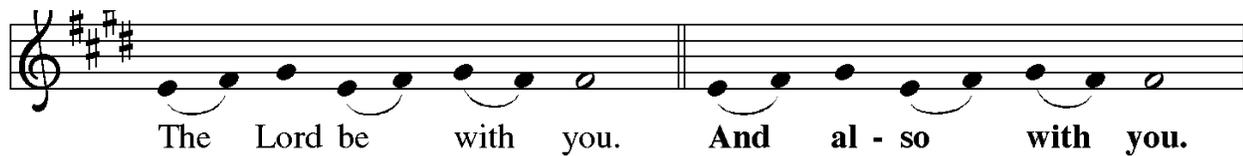
P. Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **C. Amen.**



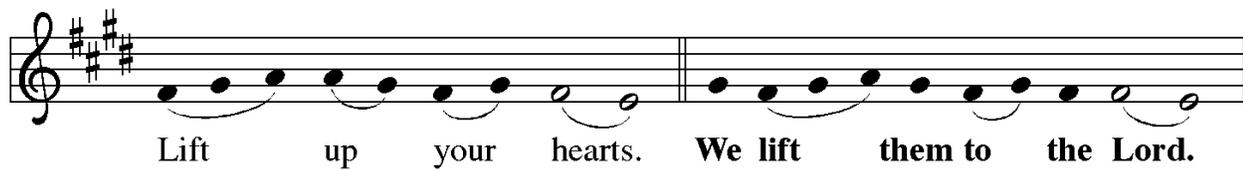
THE LORD'S SUPPER

"This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." - Matthew 26:28

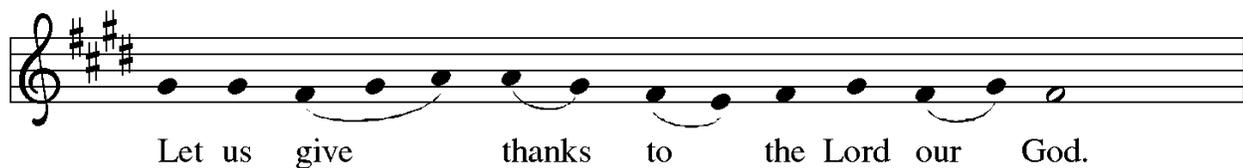
GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

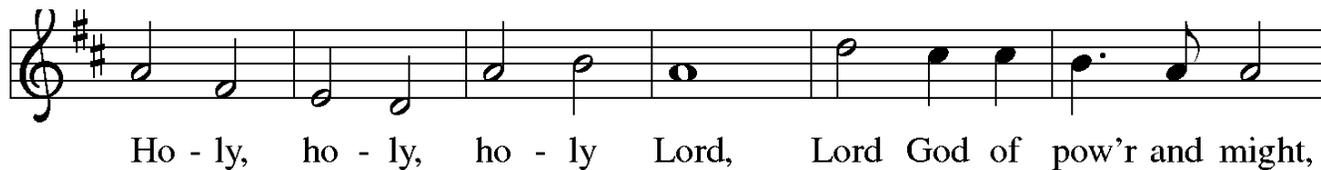


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

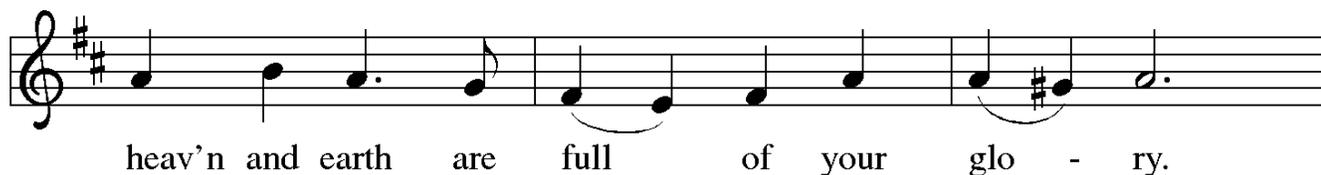


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



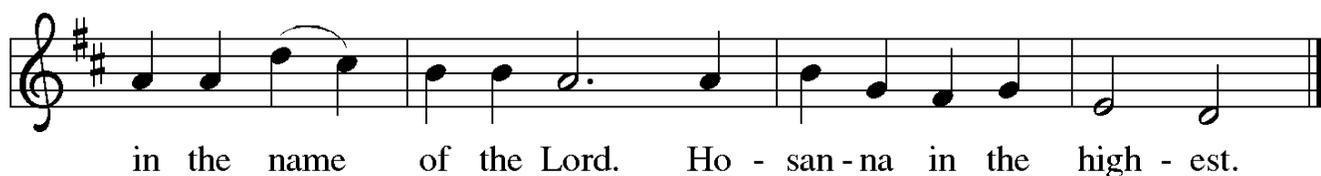
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION SONG



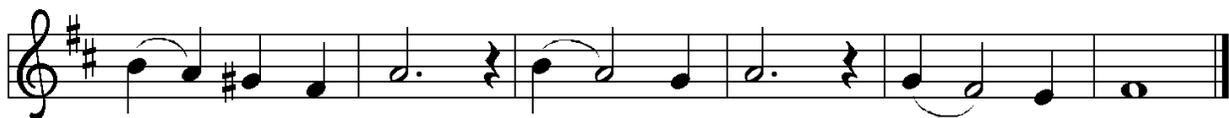
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS: #487, 248

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **C. Amen.**

PARTING COMMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG #244 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Christ is near.

C. Thanks be to God.

***The Postlude** 5:00 PM *Fling Wide the Door* Besemer
 8:00 & 10:30 AM *Hark, the Glad Sound* Nelson

Service Participants

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Cooper Anderson; 10:30 AM Andrew Robosky

Lectors: 8:00 AM TBD; 10:30 AM Mandy Kanouff

Communion Assistants: 5:00 PM Josh Chenoweth
 8:00 AM Tom Kubinec, Susie Eicher
 10:30 AM Erin Black, Kim Elias

Ushers: 8:00 AM Larry Myers
 10:30 AM Jerry Starenchak

Altar Guild: Nancy Basile, Diane Ihlenfeld

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God.

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

THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO Justin & Kylie Burns and family, on the death of Justin's father, R. Everett Burns. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE. Please pick your box of envelopes up as you leave. They can be found in the hallway to the right of the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED – If you are willing and able to serve in anyway on Christmas Eve, please contact Tammy at 724-837-7327 or email her at tammyhzlc@gmail.com. Specifically, we are looking for volunteers in the following areas: Families to dress as the Holy Family (all services), Lector (4:30 PM), Communion assistants (3:00 & 4:30 PM services), Ushers (all services), Acolytes, crucifers & banner bearers (all services). We look forward to celebrating Christmas in person this year and we hope to have many hands to make it extra special.

THE CHRISTMAS WREATHS that decorate the church doors are dedicated to the glory of God and in:

In loving memory of:

- my late husband, Tom Appleby by Barb Appleby
- my parents, Carl & Orel Divens by Barb Appleby
- Mom & Dad Boring by Peggy & Calvin, Donna & Miles, Kevin & Jen, Sandra, grandchildren & great-grandchildren
- Gene Fritz by Karen, Brian, & Rachel Fritz
- Bob by Dorothy Henry and family
- My husband, Ron, by Kathleen Herrod & family
- Dee, Love, Bill Holtzer
- William Rodock by Lee Kronenberger
- John Rodock by Nancy Corsaro & Martha Rodock
- My loving husband, Clark Riddle, by Betty
- Joan Starenchak by the Starenchak & Houston family
- James Buffalini, Frank & Mary Stempfer, and Raymond Stempfer by Bill & Dorinda Stempfer and family
- Scott P. & Evelyn B. Weyandt by Mark & Arlene Wagner
- Harry G. & Bessie B. Benson by Mark & Arlene Wagner
- David, Ethel & Ron Fry and Luther, Leona & Darlene Zundel by the Bernard Zundel family

In honor of:

- All of the volunteers who help to keep the church and office running. We are so blessed by all you do! ~Staff
- Denny Henry's birthday, Love, Your Family
- Dad & Mom by Deb Mertz

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due in the church office no later than December 8. The volunteers who send the newsletter out will be doing so Wednesday, December 15 so that they do not need to work the week of Christmas. Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@yahoo.com or placed in the mailbox on the secretary's door. We appreciate your cooperation!

ARTICLES & INFORMATION FOR BULLETINS NOW THROUGH JANUARY 2nd are due in the church office no later than 9:00 AM Friday, December 10. Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@yahoo.com or placed in the mailbox on the secretary's door. We appreciate your cooperation!

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

SUNDAY

Advent begins

Last Day for Hannah's socks

MONDAY

No Preschool

10:30 AM Quilting Ministry

1:00 PM Quilting Ministry

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Communion service

1:00 PM Food 2 Go packing

5:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

SUNDAY

Advent 2

11:30 AM National Youth
Gathering

12:00 PM Social Hall Reserved

CARDS FOR SHUT-INS – In the years past, our shut-ins have been delighted to receive a stack of Christmas cards from their church family. If you are interested in sending cards to our shut-ins this Christmas, please pick up a list of names in the Communication Center, sign your cards, and bring them to the church by Sunday, December 5. We will deliver them when we go caroling. *Please add Donna Cope to your list for cards.

WE ARE BRINGING BACK THE CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH SANTA!

Saturday, December 11, at 6:00 PM, the Fellowship Committee will host a potluck dinner. They will provide the meat, rolls and beverages. Please bring a covered dish or dessert for 8-10 people. Please sign up in the Communication Center if you plan to join us in the festive time.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING will be online this year. We will meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 12, at 12:00 Noon. We will then record live as we sing. All are welcome. Please dress festive.

WE WILL BE OFFERING “DRIVE-THRU” COMMUNION kits Wednesday, December 15, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. We will continue to offer “communion to go” each month. Please watch bulletins and newsletters for dates. *The next date is December 29.

“ELF” THE MUSICAL IS COMING to Geyer Theater in Scottsdale. Fellowship is sponsoring an event for our congregation to go see this on December 19, at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person. Please sign up in the Communication Center if you would like to attend. Please contact Joanne Gebhardt with any questions.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS: Sunday, December 19, at 9:30 AM, we invite you to gather in the Social Hall for a continental breakfast and to share your ideas of what is important to you as we search for a new Pastor.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held Sunday, December 19, at the 10:30 AM service.

NEXT WEEKEND AS YOU ENTER the church, you will receive your bulletin and a form. We are working hard to update our records and the first step begins with you. Please complete the form and return it to the Communication Center, the church office, or you can mail it back to the church. Thank you!

OPERATION REINDEER – The tree is decorated with reindeer tags in the Narthex. Each tag has an item to be purchased and returned to the church for delivery to the Westmoreland Mental Health facility in Latrobe. If you are worshipping from home, you do not need a gift tag – you can purchase any of the items listed in the November newsletter or you can send monetary donations to the church (checks payable to Harrold Zion). Gifts should be brand new and unwrapped. Please place all donations in the Communication Center no later than Sunday, December 12.

THE COLLECTION for “goats” will continue through August 2022 in honor of our 250th anniversary. We have currently raised \$6,934.62 which purchases 138 goats. We still need 112 goats to reach our goal of 250 goats (\$50 per goat), or \$5,600. 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.

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: December 4 & 5

First lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalmody: Psalm 66

Second Lesson: Phillippians 1:3-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Christmas Eve rehearsal (acolytes, Holy family, etc.) – Monday, December 20, at 6:00 PM
- Longest Night service – Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 PM
- Christmas Eve services: 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM
- Christmas Day – no 5:00 PM worship service
- Sunday, December 26 – one worship service at 9:30 AM
- New Year's Day – no 5:00 PM worship service
- Sunday, January 2, 2022 – one worship service at 9:30 AM
- Annual report – Committee reports due in office January 10
- Winter VBS – SPLASH! – Saturday, January 15, at 1:00-3:00 PM

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – December 12, 19 (2 vases)

Bulletin – December 5, 12, 19, 24, 26

Eternal candle – December 5, 12, 24, 26

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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Debby Schlegel, Custodian

Joanne Gebhardt, Sunday Organist

Melanie Altman, Saturday Organist

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NOTES:

HARROLD ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a family of believers who seek to provide an open and caring environment where all are welcome and can experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, we believe the Lutheran Confessions to be a faithful interpretation of Scripture, and our ministry revolves around the “Word and Sacraments”.

We are committed to being good stewards of God’s creation by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed. Thus we respond to human need with acts of love and compassion, as we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.