

# **Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **Advent 3**

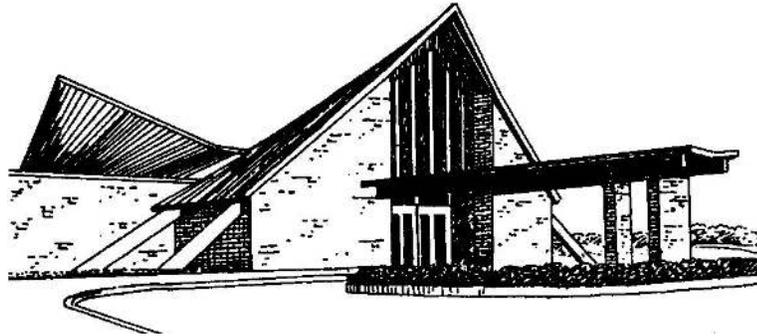
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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

- **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 *Once in Royal David's City* Page  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* Kosche

## The Gathering Hymn #242 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

### \*The Confession and Forgiveness

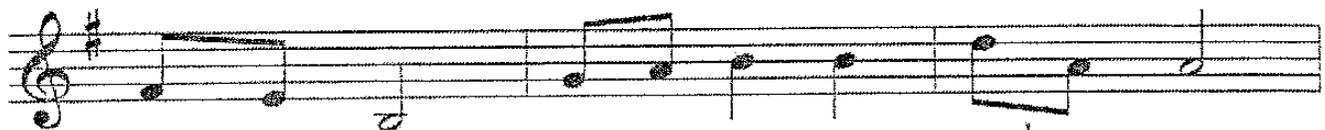
P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free. **C. Amen.**

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



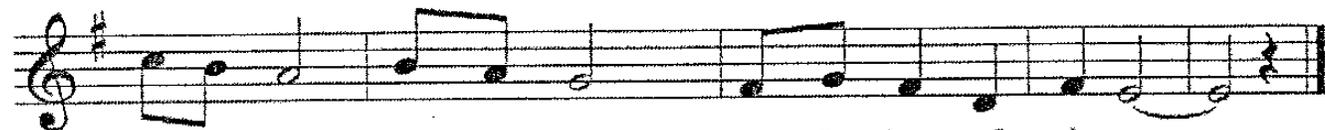
sol-i-tude, fill the si-lent, ic-y night;  
death comes near, hold us, Spir-it, calm our fear,



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,

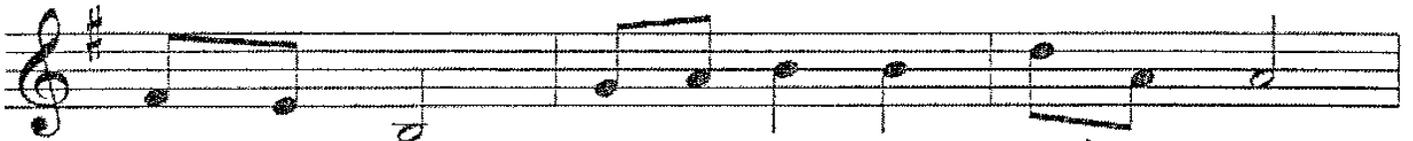
**C. we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us.**

**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.**

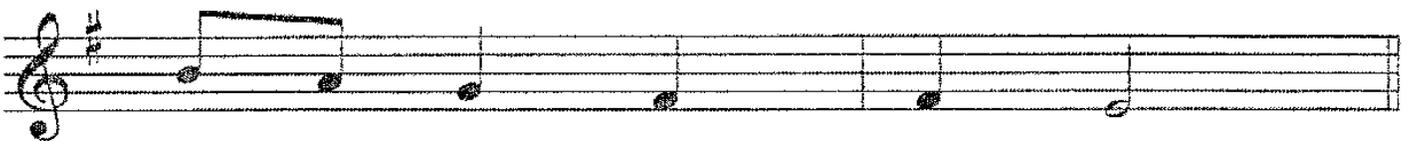
**Congregation Sings – Warm the Time of Winter**



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



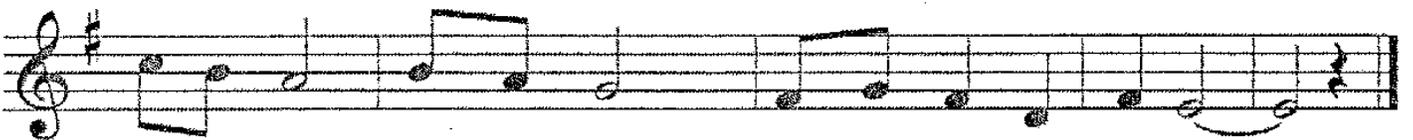
love burns low, from the ash - es may there rise



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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**



## Congregation Sings – *Christ, Be Our Light*

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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 Children's Message

### The First Lesson: [Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

*The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in

all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.  
The word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**(10:30 AM)** Anthem      *Will You Travel to Bethlehem?*      Price/Besig

**The Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-6

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy<sup>l</sup> One of Israel.

**The Second Lesson:** Philippians 4:4-7

*Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
The word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Holy Gospel:** Luke 3:7-18

*John the Baptist heralds the mighty one who is coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.*

*P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.*

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”

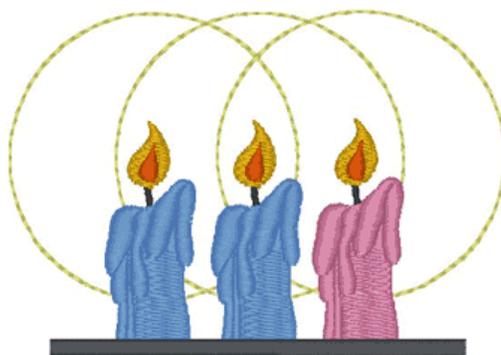
<sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Hymn of the Day #249** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*



**Joy**

### **\*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.**

*\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the son" is a later addition to the Creed*

### **\*The Prayers of the Faithful**

(8:00 & 10:30 AM conclude the Prayers with the Lord's prayer)

### **Sharing of the Peace**



## Offering



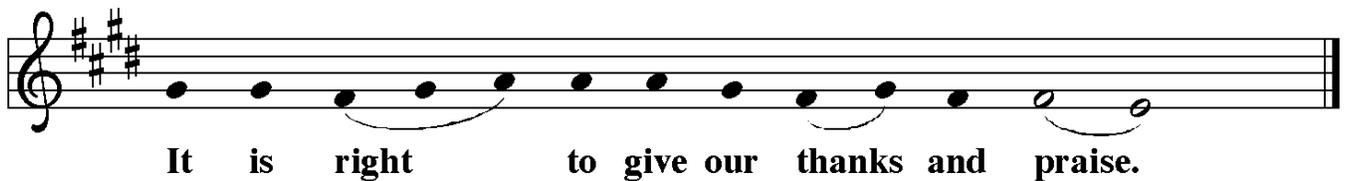
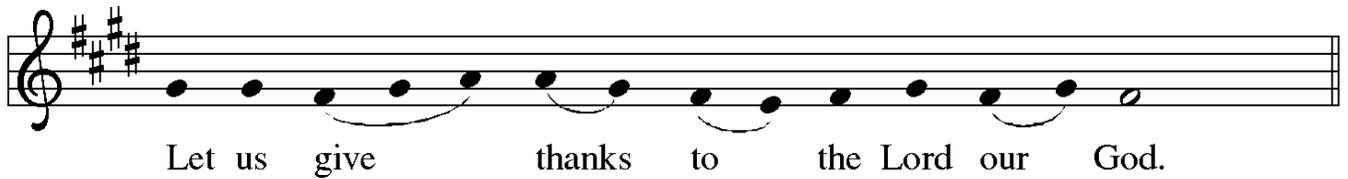
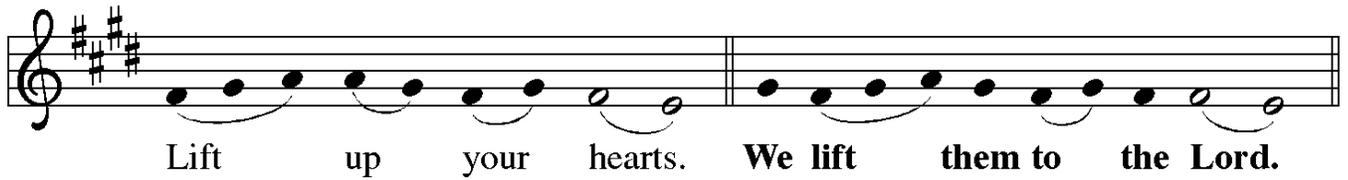
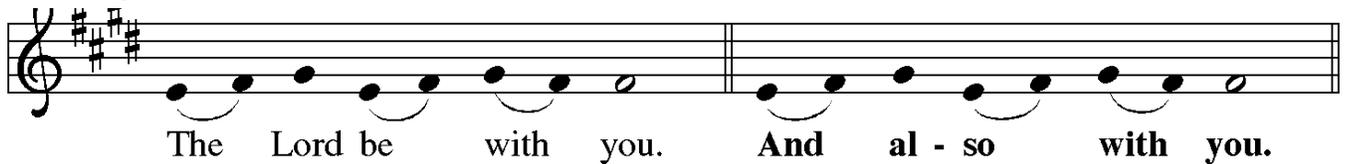
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering Prayer

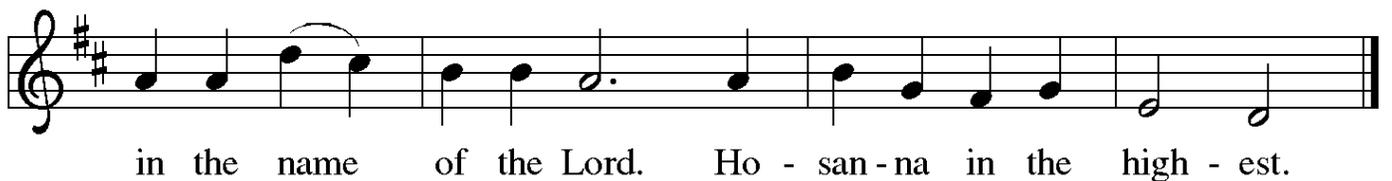
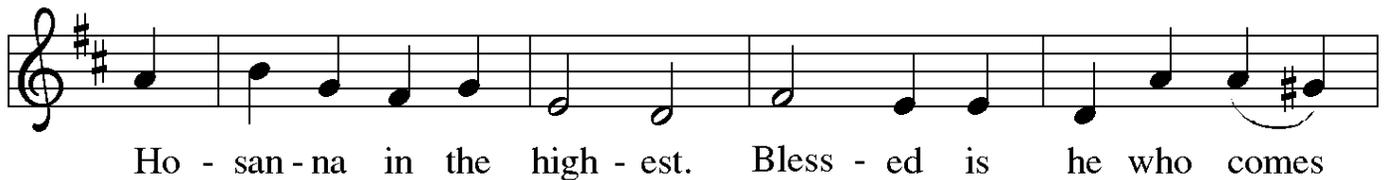
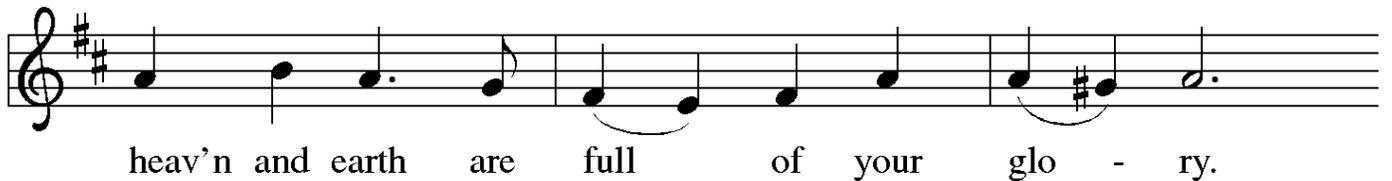
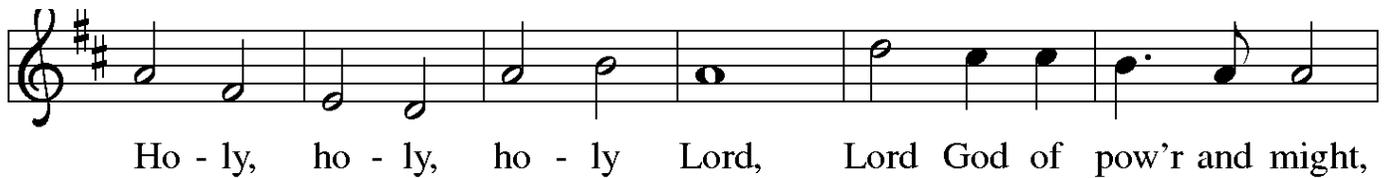
P. Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **C. Amen.**



(5:00 PM) GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



## (5:00 PM) 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.**

### (5:00 PM) 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.

### (5:00 PM) COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### (5:00 PM) 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 #267 *Joy to the World*

### MOMENT OF MEDITATION

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Christ is near. **C. Thanks be to God.**

<b>*The Postlude</b>	5:00 PM	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Fedak
	8:00 & 10:30 AM	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Johnson

**Service Participants**

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Anna Dansak; 10:30 AM Ella Kanouff

Lectors: 5:00 PM Denise Nenni

8:00 AM Linda Boyer; 10:30 AM Melissa Houston

Communion Assistants: 5:00 PM Mike Henaghan

Ushers: 8:00 AM Jeff Lydic, Regis Bombach

10:30 AM Rick Yaksic, Pat Keffer, Frank Rassmann, Ken Kibler,  
Rob Hepler

Altar Guild: Susie Eicher, Mary Lou Millward

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration: Happy 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dale & Judy, by Dale and Deb Mertz.

**THIS IS COMPASSION WEEKEND.** If you wish to contribute to the Harrold Zion “children” through Compassion International, please use a pew envelope and be sure to indicate “Compassion Child”.

**HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES?** If not, please pick up your box of envelopes up as you leave. They can be found in the hallway to the right of the Sanctuary.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE MEMBER UPDATE FORM,** please pick one up in the Communication Center as you leave worship. 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, the offering plate, or you can mail it to the church. Thank you!

**THIS SUNDAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO BRING OPERATION REINDEER GIFTS.** Thank you so much to all who donated!

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

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

**SUNDAY**

12:00 PM Virtual Christmas  
Caroling

**MONDAY**

5:00 PM Thyme for Herbs  
6:30 PM Joyful Noise rehearsal &  
party

**TUESDAY**

7:00 PM Council meeting at  
Bonny's  
7:30 PM Compassionate Friends

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM Communion service  
10:00 AM Newsletter mailing  
4:30 PM Drive up Communion  
Distribution  
5:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

PS Christmas Program  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**FRIDAY**

7:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved  
PS Christmas Program  
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

**SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved  
Joyful Noise practice in Sanctuary

**SUNDAY**

9:30 AM Sunday School parent  
meeting  
9:15 AM Kids program rehearsal  
10:30 AM Joyful Noise  
10:30 AM Children's Christmas  
program  
12:00 PM Elf in Scottsdale

**ATTENTION 2021 & 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS:** This Tuesday, December 14, the council meeting will be at 7:00 PM, at Bonny Free's home. All current and new 2022 council members are invited to attend the meeting and Christmas party. Please bring a snack to share.

**WE WILL BE OFFERING "DRIVE-THRU" COMMUNION** kits this 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 next Sunday, 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:** next 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 next Sunday, December 19, at the 10:30 AM service.

**REHEARSAL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, AT 6:00 PM** for all who are participating in one or more of the Christmas Eve services (this includes acolytes, Holy family, etc.).

**LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:** December 18 & 19

First lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Psalmody: Psalm 80:1-7

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Annual report – Committee reports due in office January 10
- Winter VBS – SPLASH! – Saturday, January 15, at 1:00-3:00 PM
- Axe Throwing – January 29

#### **ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:**

Altar Flowers – January 2 (1 vase), January 9, 16, 23, 30 (2 vases)

Bulletin – December 19, 26, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Eternal candle – December 26, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

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

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**Longest Night/Blue Christmas service**

Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 PM

A service for those who may be struggling due to a death of a loved one, loss of job, etc.

**Christmas Eve services**

3:00 & 4:30 PM

Family oriented services  
with communion and candle-lighting

7:00 & 10:00 PM

Candlelight services with communion and special music

**Christmas Day**

Happy Birthday Jesus!

No 5:00 PM worship service

**Sunday, December 26**

One service at 9:30 AM

Lessons & Carols

**New Year's Day**

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

No 5:00 PM worship service

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

One service at 9:30 AM

We will celebrate the second Sunday  
of Christmas with communion.