

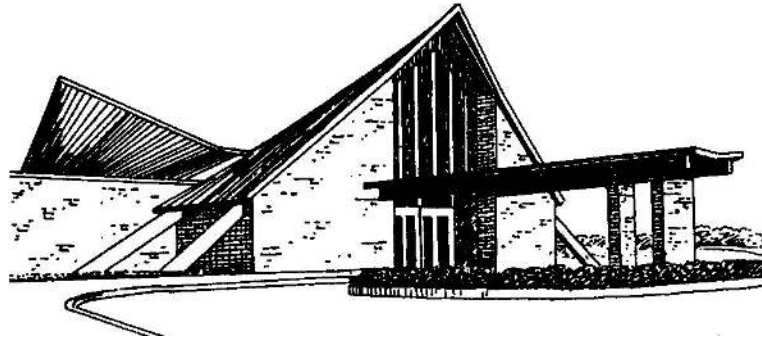
Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 2, 2022 – 9:30 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!
- **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.

Christmas 2

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Lullaby Jesus

Polish Carol

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C. Amen.**

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the

✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

Please rise

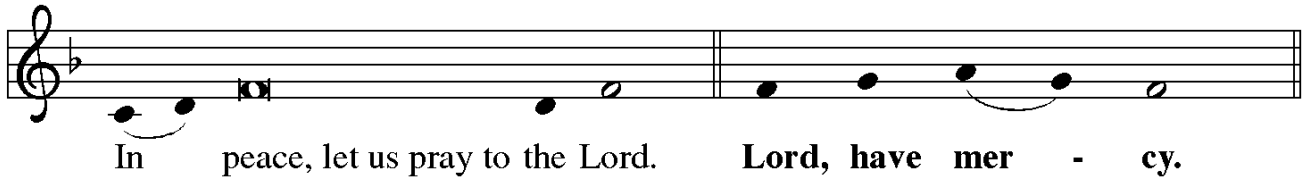
GATHERING HYMN #294

In the Bleak Midwinter

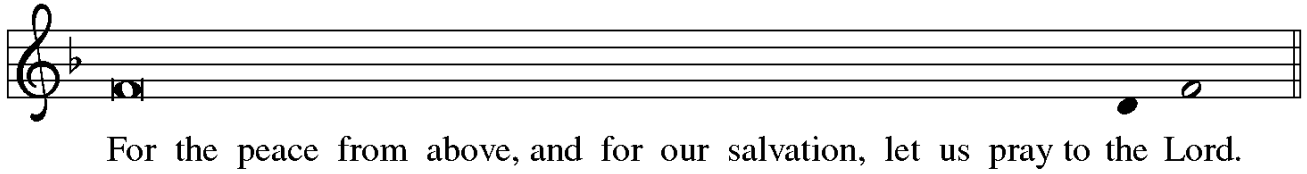
GREETING

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.**

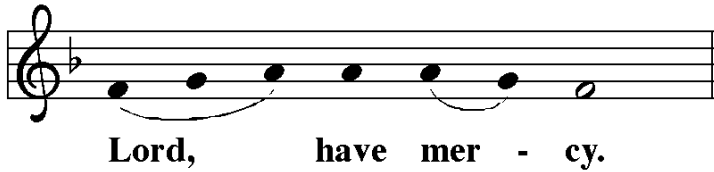
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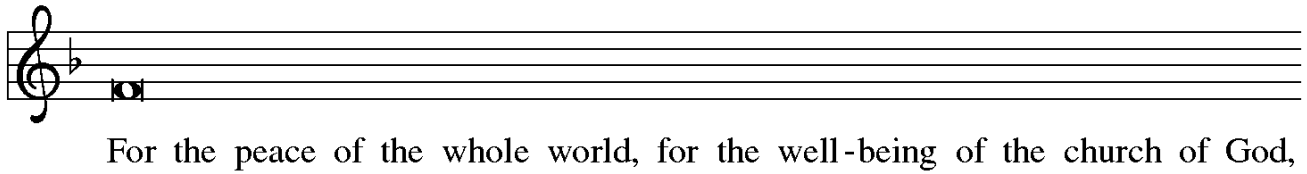
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



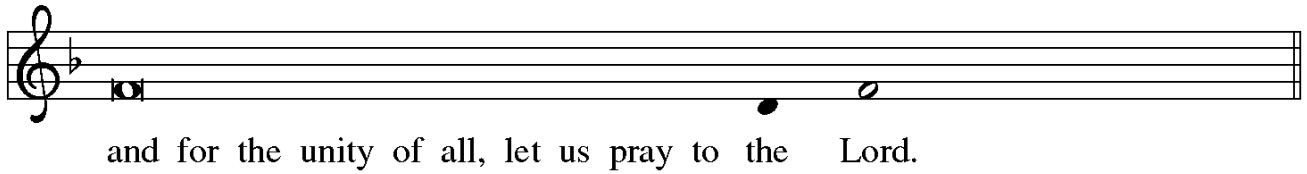
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



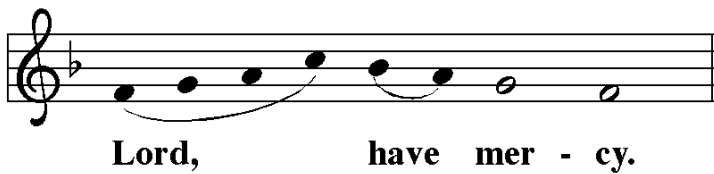
Lord, have mer - cy.



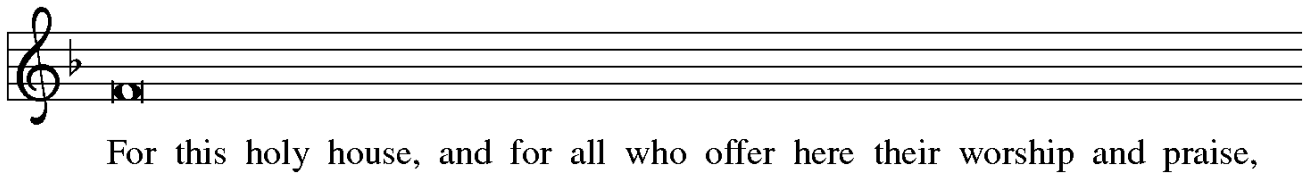
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



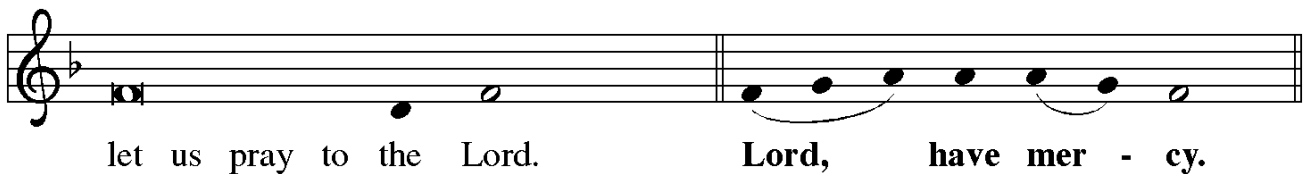
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



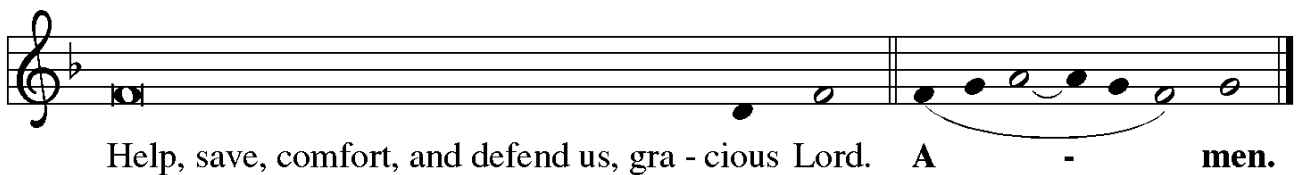
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #510 *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS & OFFICERS

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE - JOYS AND CONCERNS



OFFERING



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



bles - sing. 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 the dreams of all; u -



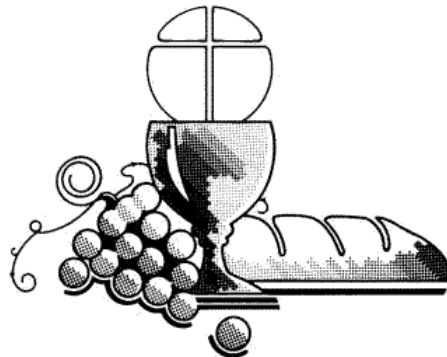
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



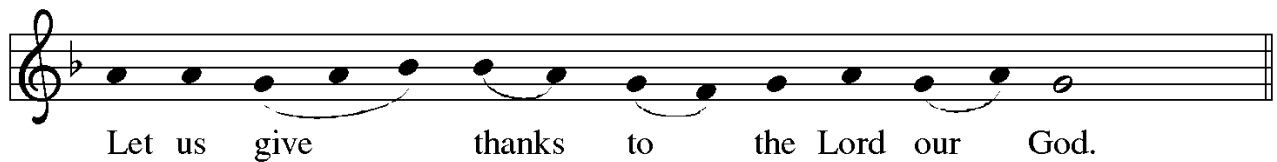
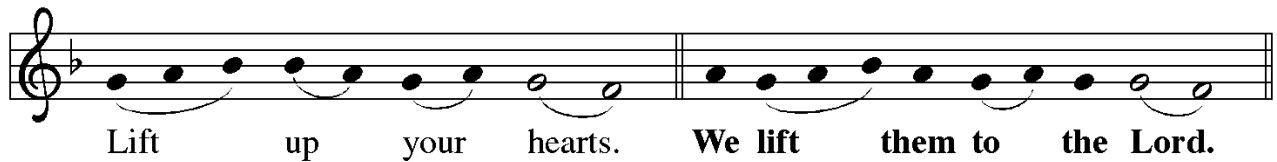
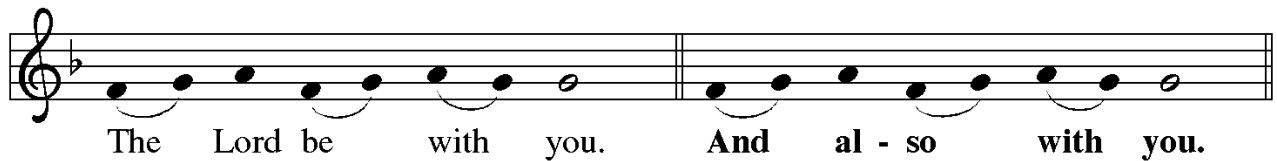
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

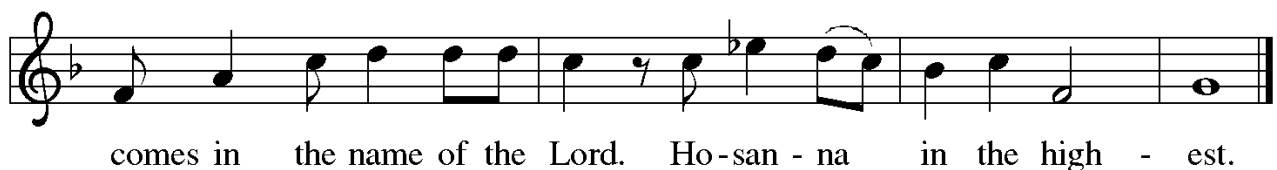
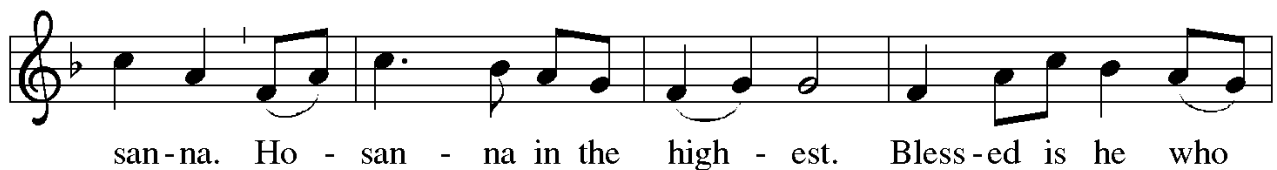
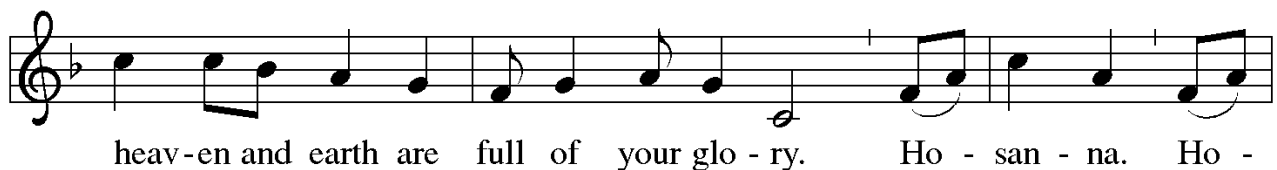
P. Let us pray. Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. **C. Amen.**



GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

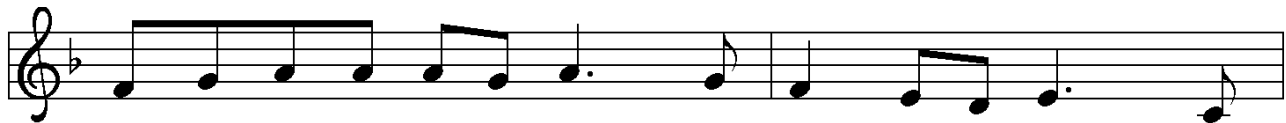


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

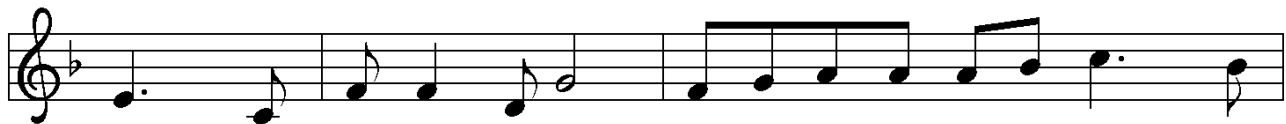
COMMUNION SONG



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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Let us pray. We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C. Amen.

PARTING COMMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG #287 *Let All Together Praise Our God*

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let Us All Rejoice

Anderson

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Bidding Prayers inspired by the original Lessons and Carols of 1880, using some of the original words.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Robert A. Free by Bonny Free; in celebration, Happy Birthday Judy Markle by George.

THANK YOU to Kelly Fannerella for serving as cantor.

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!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE LATEST TORNADOS. If you would like to make a donation, please memo the check or envelope "U.S. Tornados" and place it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Harrold Zion.

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.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASSES will resume January 9, 2022.

ATTENTION COMMITTEES: The year-end reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office by Monday, January 10. Reports can be emailed to tammyhzlc@gmail.com or placed in the mailbox on the Secretary's office door. Thank you!

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

SUNDAY

MONDAY

10:00 AM Quilting Ministry
1:00 PM Quilting Ministry
6:30 PM Property Committee

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

9:30 AM Epiphany Worship
Service
6:30 PM Council Meeting

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Group
Baptism of our Lord - Communion

SUNDAY

Baptism of our Lord– Communion
11:45 AM Fellowship Committee
4:00 PM Anniversary Committee

250 YEARS OF HARROLD ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

In August of 2022 we will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of our congregation. This area has a rich and important history and we need to make all aware. To do so we will start planning in January and are asking for any who love this church and history to help make it happen. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, January 9th, at 4:00 PM to get organized for this big event. If you have any questions, please contact John Millward at 724-635-0218 or Don Freeman at 724-834-0764.

In addition, if you want to familiarize yourself with some of the early history of our church you can read the book- *History of Old Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Near Harrold's*. Written by William Arter Zundel for the 150th anniversary of the church. It can be downloaded from Google Books, some hardcopies are still available from Amazon and Ebay or the Baltzer Meyer Historical Society said that they would print copies for \$12.00 each. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Communications Center if you want the print from Baltzer Meyer.

LET'S MAKE A SPLASH at the Winter VBS on January 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We will have games, a craft and snack. Please complete a registration form which can be found in the newsletter or the Communication Center.

ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER are due in the church office by 9:00 AM, January 15. Please email articles to tammyhzlc@gmail.com or place them in the mailbox on the secretary's door. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOLERS! YOU ASKED, SO WE ANSWERED! Please join us for high school Christian Education class beginning January 16, at 9:15 AM, in the Meeting Room. We will be using the curriculum from the ELCA, which discusses how today's world relates to the Bible. Please contact Pastor Caroline with any questions.

THE COLLECTION for "goats" will continue through August 2022 in honor of our 250th anniversary. We have currently raised \$7,124.62 which purchases 142 goats. We still need 108 goats to reach our goal of 250 goats (\$50 per goat), or \$5,400. 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: January 8 & 9, 2022

First lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalmody: Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Articles for the February newsletter are due by 9:00 AM, January 15
- High school Sunday school class to begin January 16, at 9:15 AM
- Axe Throwing – January 29
- Souper Bowl Valentine's Luncheon – February 13, at 11:30 AM.

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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.