

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

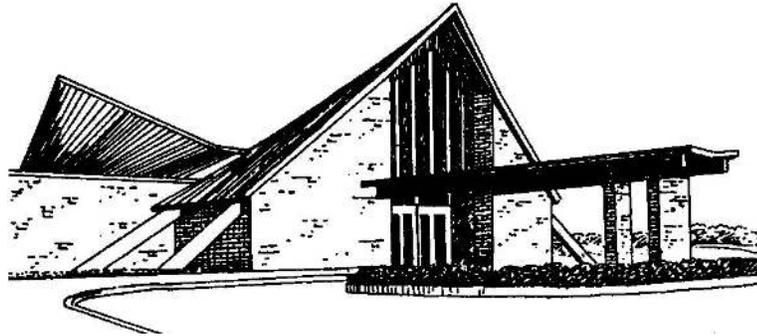
Saturday, January 8, 2022 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 9, 2022 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

724-837-7327

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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 pastors 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.

The Baptism of Our Lord

**Indicates standing, as able*

Welcome

The Prelude 5:00 PM *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* Berry
8:00 & 10:30 AM *Morning Meditation* Logan

*The Gathering Hymn #305 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

C. Amen.

P. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Pouring of the water)

P. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as sons and daughters, making us heirs of your promises and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C. Amen.

*The Apostolic 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.**

*Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



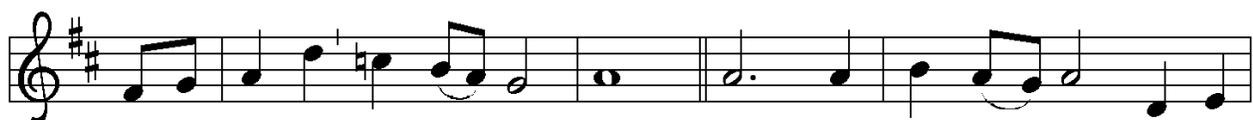
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



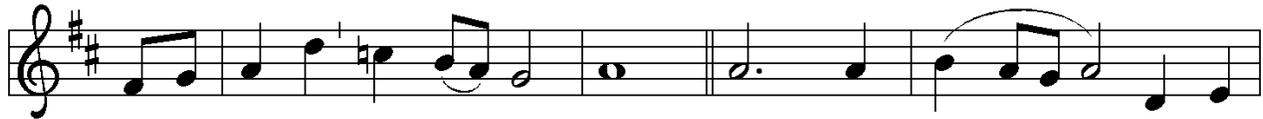
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called

you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

(10:30 AM) The Choir Anthem *Baptized in Water*

The Psalm: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

The Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

*The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

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

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

*The Affirmation of Baptism

P. Dear Friends, we give thanks to God as we present ourselves before God this day to affirm our baptism into Christ.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called us to yourself,

enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as we affirm the gifts and promises of Baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C. Amen.

P. As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C. I renounce them.

P. Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C. I renounce them.

P. Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C. I renounce them.

P. Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

C. In faith, I turn to Christ.

P. With the whole church, let us 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. You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C. I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P. Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

The Prayers of the Faithful

Sharing of the Peace – Joys and Concerns

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 the dreams of all; u -



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

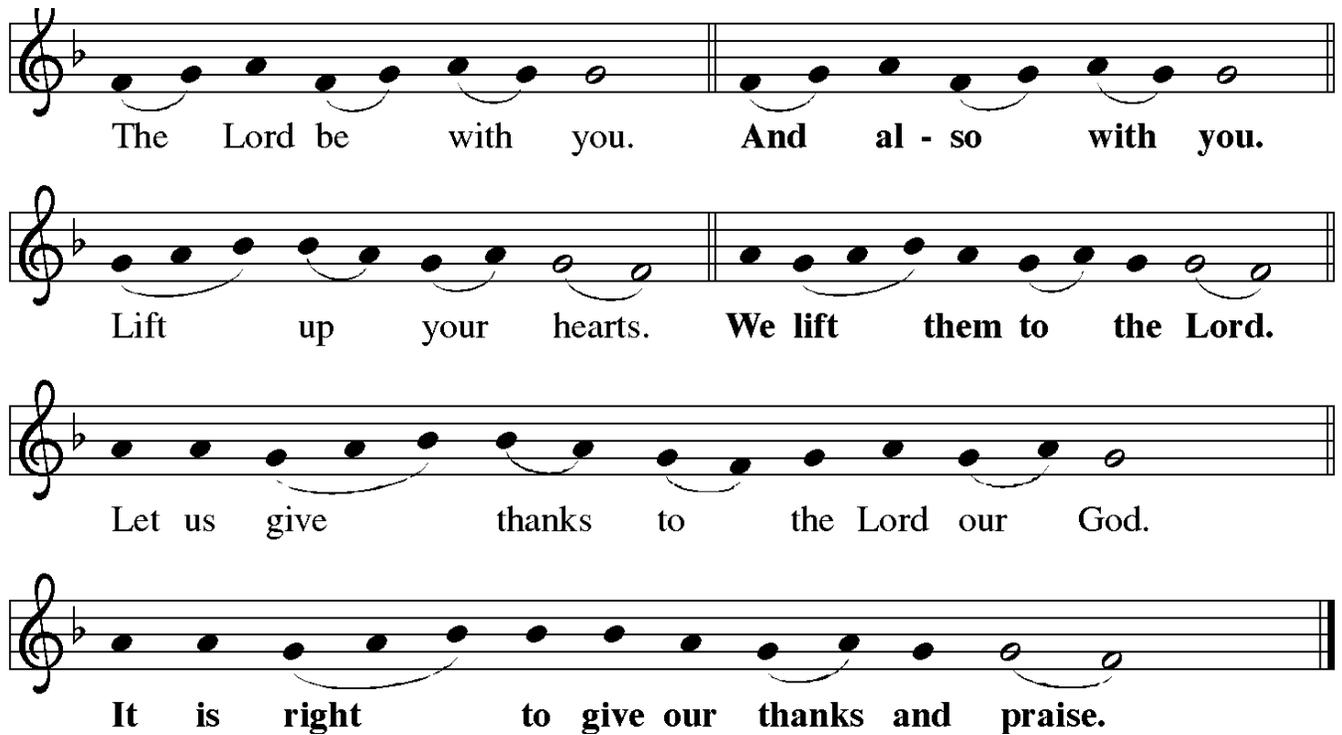


pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

P. Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **C. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving



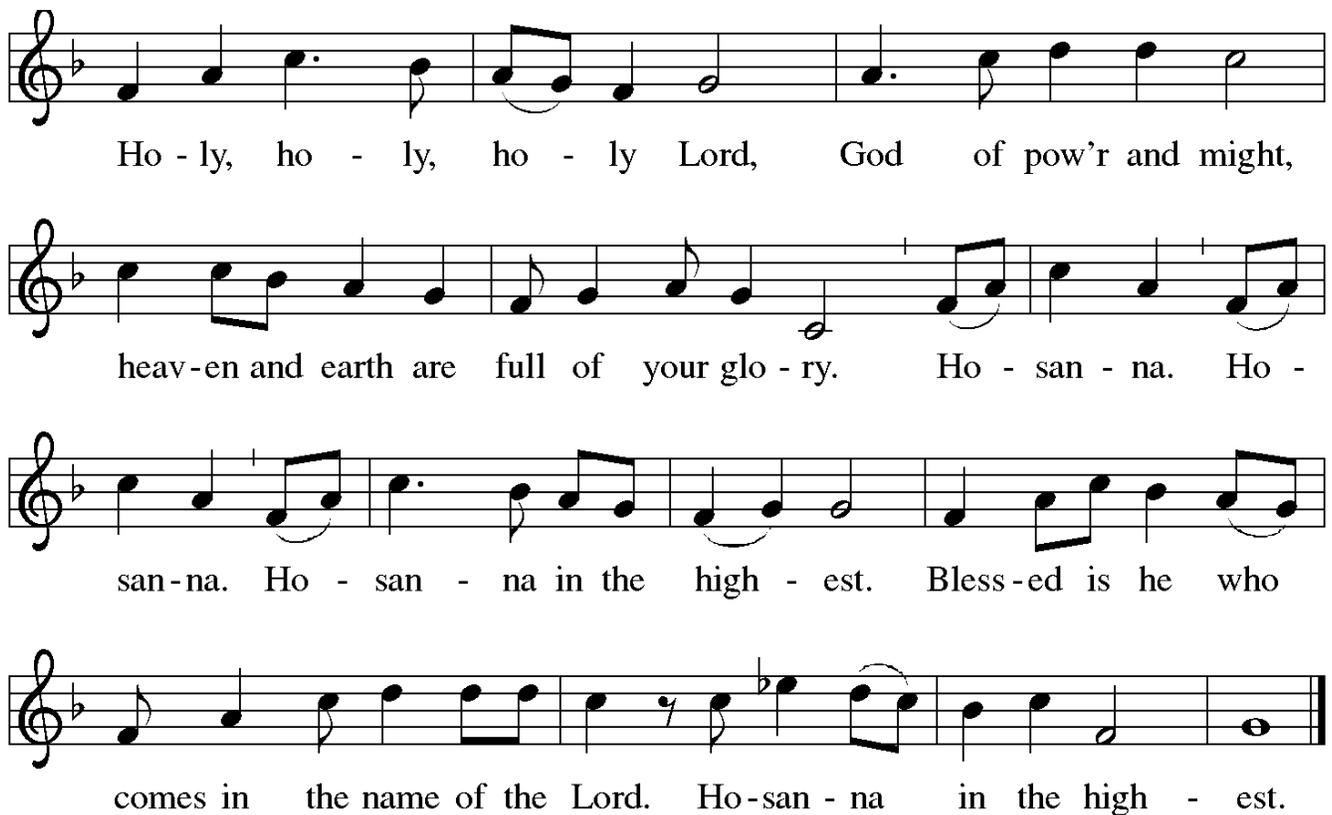
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



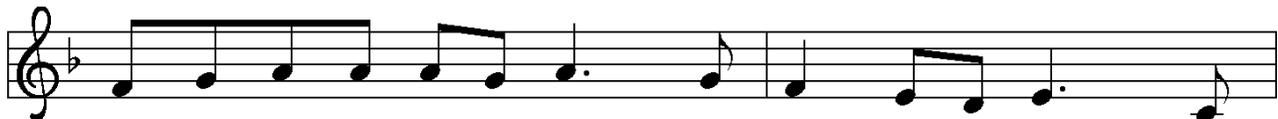
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*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.

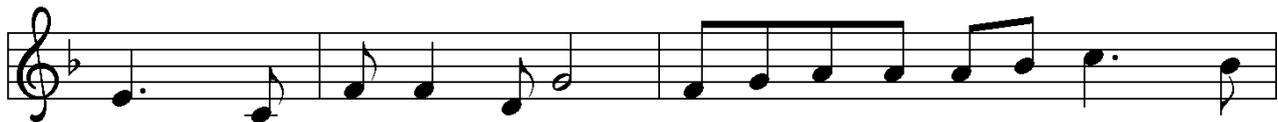
COMMUNION SONG



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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(8:00 & 10:30 AM) COMMUNION HYMNS #451, 454, 452

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **C. Amen.**

PARTING COMMENTS

*The Benediction

*The Sending Hymn #458 *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

*The Dismissal

P. Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C. Thanks be to God.

*The Postlude 5:00 PM *Celebration*
 8:00 & 10:30 AM *Praise Him!*

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Service Participants

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Anna Dansak; 10:30 AM Hailey Uhrinek

Lectors: 5:00 PM Pastor

8:00 AM Ross Thompson; 10:30 AM Tony Gacek

Communion Assistants: 8:00 AM Bob & Susie Eicher

10:30 AM John Millward, Jack Molnar

Ushers: 8:00 AM Bonny Free, Judy Markle

10:30 AM David Cronin, Alex Hayes, Bob Majcher, Brad Zundel

Altar Guild: Susie Eicher, Dorothy Henry

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert (Bob) Henry by Dorothy Henry; in celebration and Happy Birthday Judy Markle by George.

THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO Bonnie Schnupp and family on the death of Bonnie's husband, Richard (Dick) Schnupp. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

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".

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!

THE INSTALLATION OF DEACON MICHELLE KUNKLE is this Sunday, January 9, at 6:30 PM, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (126 N. 4th St., Youngwood), with Word and sacrament worship. Michelle was previously a member of Harrold Zion and many of her family members, including her parents, Curtis & Rita Heasley, are still members. Masks and physical distancing will be observed.

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

SUNDAY

11:45 AM Fellowship Committee
4:00 PM Anniversary Committee

MONDAY

9:00 AM Annual Reports due
6:30 PM Worship & Music Committee
7:00 PM Thyme for Herbs

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Knitting Ministry
7:30 PM Compassionate Friends

WEDNESDAY

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

6:30 PM Food 2 Go Packing

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Social Hall Reserved

THURSDAY

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

FRIDAY

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY

Newsletter Articles due

9:00 AM Joyful Noise rehearsal

1:00 PM Winter VBS

SUNDAY

11:30 AM Evangelism Committee

10:30 AM Joyful Noise worship

OUR PERSONNEL COMMITTEE is seeking new members. We will be updating our staff job descriptions and writing an employee policy manual in February. The committee also meets only if we need to hire a new staff member (other than a Pastor), and to do annual employee performance reviews in September. If you have any experience in staff management or personnel relations or just want to get involved in this type of committee work, please contact Bob Eicher (724-689-2319).

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

ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER are due in the church office by this Saturday, January 15, at 9:00 AM. Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@gmail.com or placed in the mailbox on the Secretary's office door. Thank you!

ALTAR CARE consists of members of our congregation serving Our Lord by preparing our place of worship for services. This includes preparing the Altar for the celebration of Holy Communion and cleaning the Altar following the service. Those scheduled work in teams of two or more on a monthly basis. We are in need of volunteers to assist in this ministry, especially on Saturday nights and between services on Sundays. A training session will be held in late January to refresh the memories of those currently serving and for those who wish to learn more about this ministry.

Please see the February newsletter for a schedule of who serves on Altar Guild and what month. You will notice that we need some help in June, July and September. If you are interested in joining this ministry or have concerns about the schedule, please contact Susie Eicher at 724-925-9746.

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 hard-copies 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 this Saturday, 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.

HIGH SCHOOLERS! YOU ASKED, WE ANSWERED! Please join us for high school Christian Education class beginning next Sunday, 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 PICK UP YOUR 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES if you have not done so. They can be found in the hallway to the right of the Sanctuary.

THE COLLECTION for "goats" will continue through August 2022 in honor of our 250th anniversary. We have currently raised \$7,289.62 which purchases 145 goats. We still need 105 goats to reach our goal of 250 goats (\$50 per goat), or \$5,250. Please make checks payable to Harrold Zion.

SNOW DAYS – If the Hempfield Area School District is closed for a snow day, the church office will be closed as well. Worship services will continue unless there is a state of emergency forbidding people to be on the road.

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: January 15 & 16

First lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalmody: Psalm 36:5-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Gospel: John 2:1-11

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Axe Throwing – January 29, at 2:00 PM
- Souper Bowl Valentine's Luncheon – February 13, at 11:30 AM.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

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

Bulletin – January 16, 23, 30; Eternal candle – January 16, 23, 30

Sign up to sponsor items in the Communication Center.

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