

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

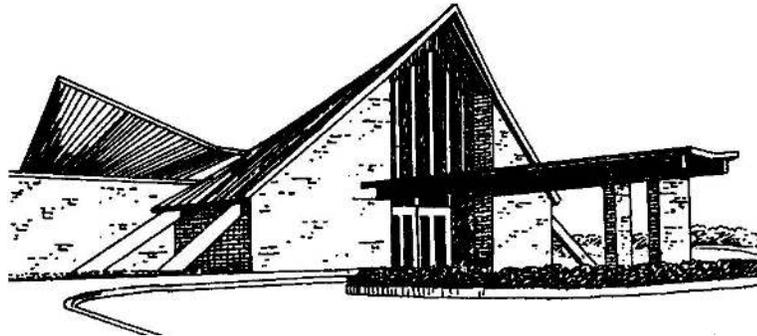
Pentecost 9

Sunday, August 7, 2022 – 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 Communication Center at the rear of the church, to the right as you exit, and take a Welcome Packet which is filled with information about Harrold Zion. Please introduce yourself to the pastors as you leave worship. We hope you return soon!
- **Children's bulletins** are available in the Narthex.
- **There is a prayer request book** on a podium in the Welcome Center. Please write name(s) in the book prior to the service to have names included in the prayers.
- **Large print bulletins** are available from any usher for those needing them.
- **Hearing devices** are available from any usher for those needing them.
- **Receiving Holy Communion** - We believe the body and blood of Christ to be present in the bread and wine. All who are baptized are invited to share in this meal. Please come forward at the usher's direction. Non-communing children may come forward for a blessing. If you desire communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers so that you may receive communion there.

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**Indicates standing, as able*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

I Shall Not Want

Clarke

*The Gathering Hymn #771 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

*The Greeting

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

C. And also with you.

P. You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C. a people holy to the Lord our God.

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

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

P. One does not live by bread alone,

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



*The Scripture Song



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

*The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

Children's Message

The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation



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



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



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



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



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

*The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

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

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he

will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

*The Hymn of the Day #638 *Blessed Assurance*

*The Response to the Word

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

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

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

C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P. Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C. pray in the Holy Spirit.

P. Keep yourselves in the love of God;

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

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

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

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

Please kneel, as able

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

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

Please rise

*The Sharing of the Peace - Joys & Concerns

*The Offering

*The Offertory



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



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



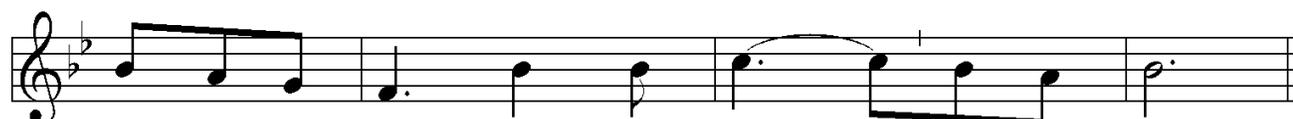
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



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



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



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

*The Offertory Prayer

P. Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

*The Great Thanksgiving, Proper Preface, and Sanctus

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Agnus Dei

P. Lamb of God,

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

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

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

Please be seated

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Hymns: #763, 685

*The Communion Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

P. Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **C. Amen.**

*The Benediction

*The Sending Hymn #836 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Silent Meditation

*The Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*The Postlude *Introduction and Allegro* Handel

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Service Participants

Lectors: 8:00 AM TBD, 10:30 AM Linda Thompson

Acolytes: 8:00 AM Emily Dansak, 10:30 AM Nina Tyler

Communion Assistants: 5:00 PM TBD

8:00 AM Don Freeman, Denise Harshman

10:30 AM Mandy Kanouff, Lloyd Fait

Ushers: 8:00 AM Jason Barnhart

10:30 AM Bonny Free, Kevin Kurimsky

Altar Guild: Rita Heasley, Lisa Zundel

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration: Happy Birthday great-granddaughter, Lucy Brown, with love from Granny Marilyn Brown; in memory of loved ones by Denny & Sue Ernette.

THE FLOWERS BY THE BAPTISMAL FONT are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Kylie Veverka's birthday by Mom & Dad.

THE ETERNAL CANDLE is dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our granddaughter, Siena, by Mel & Cindy Veverka.

THE CONGREGATION EXPRESSES OUR SYMPATHY TO Bob Fox and family on the death of his wife, Bev Fox. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.

FAREWELL BREAKFAST - Please join us Sunday, August 28, between 9:00 and 10:00 AM, for a farewell breakfast. The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the breakfast. We will provide breakfast foods such as donuts, muffins, sweet rolls, fruit, juices, and coffee. Come wish Pastor West and Mary Beth the best on their next adventure.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE CALL COMMITTEE, Harrold Zion and potential pastoral candidates.

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE would like to thank the Evangelism committee for donating the bookmarks for the 250th anniversary celebration. Also, there are still anniversary booklets available in the Narthex. Please help yourself to a booklet.

FAMILY SPLASH DAY! Grab your swimsuit, a towel, sunscreen, and join us for our annual splash day, this Sunday, August 7, at 2:00 PM. Water games, balloons and our giant water slide will remind us of our baptisms through water and the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK....

OFFICE HOURS M-F 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:15 AM Philippians Bible Study
2:00 PM Family Splash day

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

***No book study this week

7:00 PM Photography Class

MONDAY

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Knitting Ministry
6:30 PM Mutual Ministry
7:30 PM Compassionate Friends

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Communion Service

SUNDAY

9:15 AM Philippians Bible study

11:45 AM Fellowship Committee

PASTOR CAROLINE'S BOOK STUDY continues every Wednesday evening, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM through August (except August 10), in The Meeting Room. They are currently reading "What is the Gospel", by Bishop Kurt F. Kusserow (our synod bishop). If you have suggestions for future book studies, please contact Pastor Caroline at 724-837-7327 or pastor-carolinehzlc@gmail.com.

HAVE YOU DESIGNATED YOUR THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANT?

Thrivent members have two grants they can use each year for a fundraiser, service project, educational event, etc. Each grant is \$250. This is a great way to help the church and the community. Currently, we are preparing for Rally Day (September 11) and soon to be announced book studies. If you would like to help defer some of the cost for these or any project, please call Tammy (724-837-7327) or a member of the Evangelism Committee, for ideas. Tammy has directions for applying available upon request.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION IS OPEN. Forms can be found on the Christian Education bulletin board, which is located by the Ladies Room in the Christian Education hallway.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP - A recent Gallup poll found that 29% of people in the US believe the Bible is a collection of "fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man." Christianity is under attack...in our schools, in the media, on TV, and in our culture. With so much negativity, one might even begin to doubt and ask, 'is the New Testament even reliable as an account of what happened?' At the **MEN'S BREAKFAST next Saturday, AUGUST 13TH**, we'll discuss that topic and learn some truths about how the New Testament was transmitted and why its account can be trusted. Our time together is intended to build confidence in the New Testament and what we read about the early church. **Join us for breakfast at 8:00 AM. We'll conclude by 9:15 AM**, so you'll have the rest of the day to go about your usual Saturday obligations. Ross Thompson will lead this session.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due in the church office next Monday, August 15, at 9:00 AM. Articles can be emailed to tammyhzlc@gmail.com or placed in the mailbox on Tammy's office door.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – The fellowship committee is sponsoring an outdoor movie on August 19, at 8:00 PM at the pavilion. We will be showing "Sing 2". Bring a blanket to lay on the hillside or a lawn chair if you prefer to sit. This event was a huge hit last year and we are excited to offer it again. This is a family friendly movie that ALL ages will enjoy. We will provide popcorn, snacks and beverages. Thrivent is sponsoring this also. Come rain or shine. The movie will be shown in the Social Hall if there is inclement weather. Please sign up in the Communication Center so we can plan snacks and drinks accordingly. Looking forward to seeing you there!

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: August 13 & 14

First lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalmody: Psalm 82

Second Lesson: Hebrew 11:29-12:2

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Backpack Blessing – August 20 & 21
- Rally Day – September 11
- Pet Blessing – October 9
- Game Night – October 14
- Holiday Gifts & Talent Show – October 22

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Altar Flowers – August 14, 28 (2 vases)

Bulletin – August 14, 28; Eternal candle – September 11, 18

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

To sponsor items, please sign up in the Communication Center.

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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.