

Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday November 10, 2024, 8 am, 10:30am



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 pastor as you leave worship. We hope you return soon!
- **Children's bags** 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.
- **An AED machine** can be found on the wall after the Ladies Room on the left.
- **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.

Our MISSION

***To Worship and Serve God,
Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors***

Our Vision

***Building Faith that's Open, Affirming, Authentic,
Positive, Inviting, and that Serves Others.***

GATHERING - *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome, Announcements, Carings and Sharings

Prelude Praise Him with Trumpets Harris

Confession and Forgiveness: *Please stand, as able.*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. You may kneel or stand.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn # 441 *Oh Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

Apostolic Greeting

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

Kyrie (page 184 in hymnal) *The assembly sings the refrain*

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *Refrain*

WORD- *We hear God's teachings to guide our path of serving.*

The Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray together **O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: : Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

¹ Naomi said to [Ruth,] “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” ⁵ She said to her, “All that you say I will do.”

^{4:13} So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: (10:30) *I was Hungry* (Hollinger)

Psalm: 127:

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, in vain the sentinel keeps vigil.

² **It is in vain to rise so early and go to bed so late;**

vain, too, to eat the bread of toil; for you, LORD, give sleep to your beloved.

³ Children are a heritage from the LORD,
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

⁴ **Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.**

⁵ Happy is the one whose quiver is full of them!

Such a one will not be put to shame when contending with enemies in the gate.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able

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

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 790 Day By Day

Please stand, as able

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

Prayers of the Intercession

(petitions)

...Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

(prayer concludes)

...**Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering *He Is Lord* Paxton

*Our Secure Tithe.ly
Giving Form*



Offertory # 681 We Plow the Fields and Scatter (vs 3)

We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure—
our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord,
for all your love.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray together. **Blessed are you, O God,
Source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling
One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn # 434 *Jesus Shall Reign*

Quiet Meditation

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude: Praise Him! Praise Him! Boyles

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THANK YOU to our Veterans for your service.

THIS WEEK....

Robyn OFFICE HOURS M-THUR. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM FRIDAY 9AM-NOON

Pastor Andrew is on vacation Monday - Friday

Sunday

8:00 am Worship

10:30 am Worship

11:45 am Common Threads

4:30 pm Taylor Swift Dance Party

Monday

9:00 am PS Speech

6:00 pm Joyful Noise

Tuesday

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:00 pm Book Study

7:30 pm Compassionate Friends

Wednesday

9:00 am PS Library

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday

9:45 am PS Library

3:00 pm Grief Support

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Friday

10 am Ladies Bible Study

Saturday

9:00 am Joyful Noise Rehearsal

10:00 am Soc. Hall Reserved

5:00 pm Worship w/ Com. &

Baptism

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in honor of my loving wife, Kerry for her birthday by Pastor Andrew.

THE ROSES ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God in celebration of Keith's 8th birthday! Love, Mom, Dad, Katelyn, Pappy & Grammy and are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Wanda Kanouff, Love the Kanouff's and in honor of Pastor Caroline on her birthday, Happy Birthday! Love Linda & Pat Boyer.

Service Participants:

Acolytes: 8:00 am Madison Hoffman

10:30 am Josh Hayes

Lectors: 8:00 am Beth Holsopple

10:30 am Christie O'Neill

Ushers: 8:00 am Dorinda Stempfer

10:30 am Cheryl Eckles

Altar Guild: Nancy Basile, Diane Ihlenfeld

Our Condolences to Linda Bricker's Family on her passing. Linda entered eternal life this past week. Linda's funeral was on Thursday at Bacha Funeral Home in Greensburg

Hempfield Manor Hymn Sing and Holy Communion

Our next Hymn Sing at Hempfield Manor will be on Tuesday December 17th at 6:30 pm. Come join us as we sing classic hymns that the residents have requested. All are welcome!

Food2Go4Kids Packers

A sign-up sheet is available in the Communication Area of the church to indicate you would like to help pack the food bags. Even if you have been packing all along, please sign the sheet. Packings are done on Thursday afternoons on the weeks that we are scheduled. I will call you when packers are needed. If you have any questions, please see or call Linda Boyer, 724-635-0339

HARVEST HOME COLLECTION

Harrold Zion's annual Fall Harvest Home monetary collection is for the benefit of Meals on Wheels. This fund raiser will run starting now until November 30, 2024. Volunteers from HZ faithfully continue to deliver meals five days a week to homes in our immediate area. Please make checks payable to Harrold Zion Lutheran Church with a note indicating, ***for Meals on Wheels***, and put in the offering plates, mail to the church, or drop off in the church office. Thank you for your faithful giving to this important Harrold Zion outreach.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A CHRISTMAS WREATH in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Robyn in the church office at 724-837-7327. There are a total of 18 wreaths available on a first come, first serve basis. The 22" wreaths will decorate the exterior doors of the church. The cost to sponsor a wreath is \$25.00.

POINSETTIAS: Poinsettias will again decorate our church on Christmas Eve. You are invited to purchase a 6 ½" plant at a cost of \$11.00 to help decorate the altar area. Plants can be picked up after the service you attend that evening or any time before the New Year. Any plants that are not picked up by January 1, 2024, will be given away or disposed of. Your purchase may be made "in memory of" or "in honor of" the person(s) of your choosing. Please indicate your preference and return the envelope with your payment. Orders are due by November 24th. Envelopes are available in the communication center.

SPONSOR A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS

Once again Harrold Zion will soon receive the information from the local school district on children who need to be sponsored for Christmas. Each family or person who wishes to purchase gifts for a child or children will receive the list of items the child would like for Christmas. If you wish to help with this Outreach Project, please sign the sheet in the Communication Area of the church. You may also contact Linda Boyer at 724-635-0339, or email her at linda-boyer@comcast.net. to indicate you want to help a child have a Merry Christmas. Once you have notified Linda of your desire to sponsor a child, you will receive instructions of what to purchase, how to wrap and tag the gifts, and when to return the wrapped and bagged gifts to the church. Last year Harrold

Zion sponsored 55 children. We look forward to continuing the sponsorship by HZ of needy children who benefit from this program through our local school district. Sign up sheets are in the Communication Center.

Building Fund

There are envelopes in the Communication Center for donations for our building fund. Our parking lot is complete and has been paid in full!!! Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

REVELATION FOR EVERYONE – Bible Study in the mysterious and wonderful vision of Saint John, the Divine.

Tuesday 11/19, 11/26 at 10am (in Social Hall)

FIRST COMMUNION

If your child is showing an interest in receiving the Sacrament, please check you schedule and consider attending a future event, or contacting Pastor Andrew for a session. Jesus extends a radical welcome to all at the Table. We are still learning how radical in love Jesus is! Come learn together—“There is a Place for You.” We use this helpful book by Pastor Daniel Erlander to help us understand our place at the Table.

Sign up by sending an email or text message to Pastor Andrew that you are interested.

BOOK STUDY: EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY by James Hazelwood

Are you interested in maturing as a Christian, but unsure about spirituality and practices? We are studying the Book *Everyday Spirituality* by James Hazelwood.

Final session on Section Three - November 21 at 6:30pm

See Pastor Andrew with any questions or if you have a request for a future book study.

Laugh with the Lutherans - Tickets are currently on sale after every service for the “Laugh With the Lutherans” comedy show on Friday Nov. 22nd. Ticket cost is \$50 per person which covers a catered meal and entertainment. Gianelli’s restaurant catered meal will include: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Stuffed Shells, Tossed salad, Parsley Potatoes, Seasoned Green beans, Fruit Cup, Dinner Roll, Dessert, and Drinks. A Wine bar will be available for an

additional charge. There will also be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. We currently have over a dozen different baskets/items for raffle (more details to come).

Fall Book Class: Pastor Caroline is offering a class this fall using the book, “Believe: Living the story of the Bible to become like Jesus,” edited by Randy Frazee. We will be doing the third 10 lessons of the book. We are having the class on Tuesdays, 3:00 PM, here at the church. It has begun on Tuesday, September 10th, and it will last 10 weeks. Please note there is a time change.

Donuts and Divine Discussion:

Share in a time of circular talks and circular snacks. Hangout with Pastor Andrew for a time of fellowship, casual Bible study, theological conversation, and if there are any current or news events, we will circle those in too! *This will be in the hole between the circle of the Sunday worship services (around 9:20-10:10) on November 17th.*

Christmas Cards for our homebound members. There is a list of homebound members in the communication center. If you think of anyone that should be on the list please call Robyn at the church office and we will update the list. We would like to have any additional names by Friday November 8th. The cards will be distributed on Sunday December 8th. Thank you!!!

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will be on the Weekend of November 23 & 24 (following each worship) for the purpose of voting on the nominees for serving on Council and adoption of the budget for next year.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:

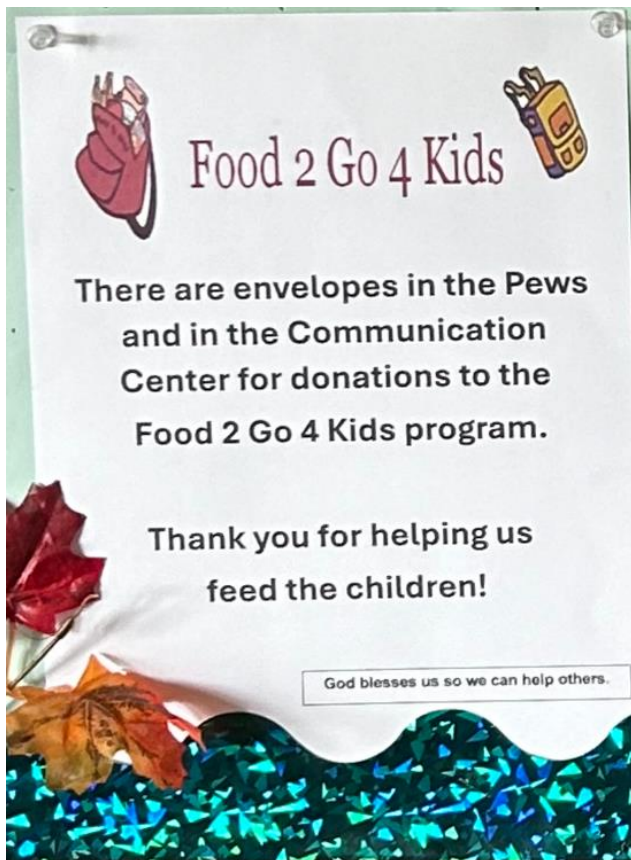
Altar Flowers: November 16/17(2 Vases)

Roses: November 16/17 (2 Roses), November 23/24 (2 Roses)

Candle: November 16/17 & November 23/24

Bulletin: November 16/17 & November 23/24

To sponsor items, please sign up in the Communication Center



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