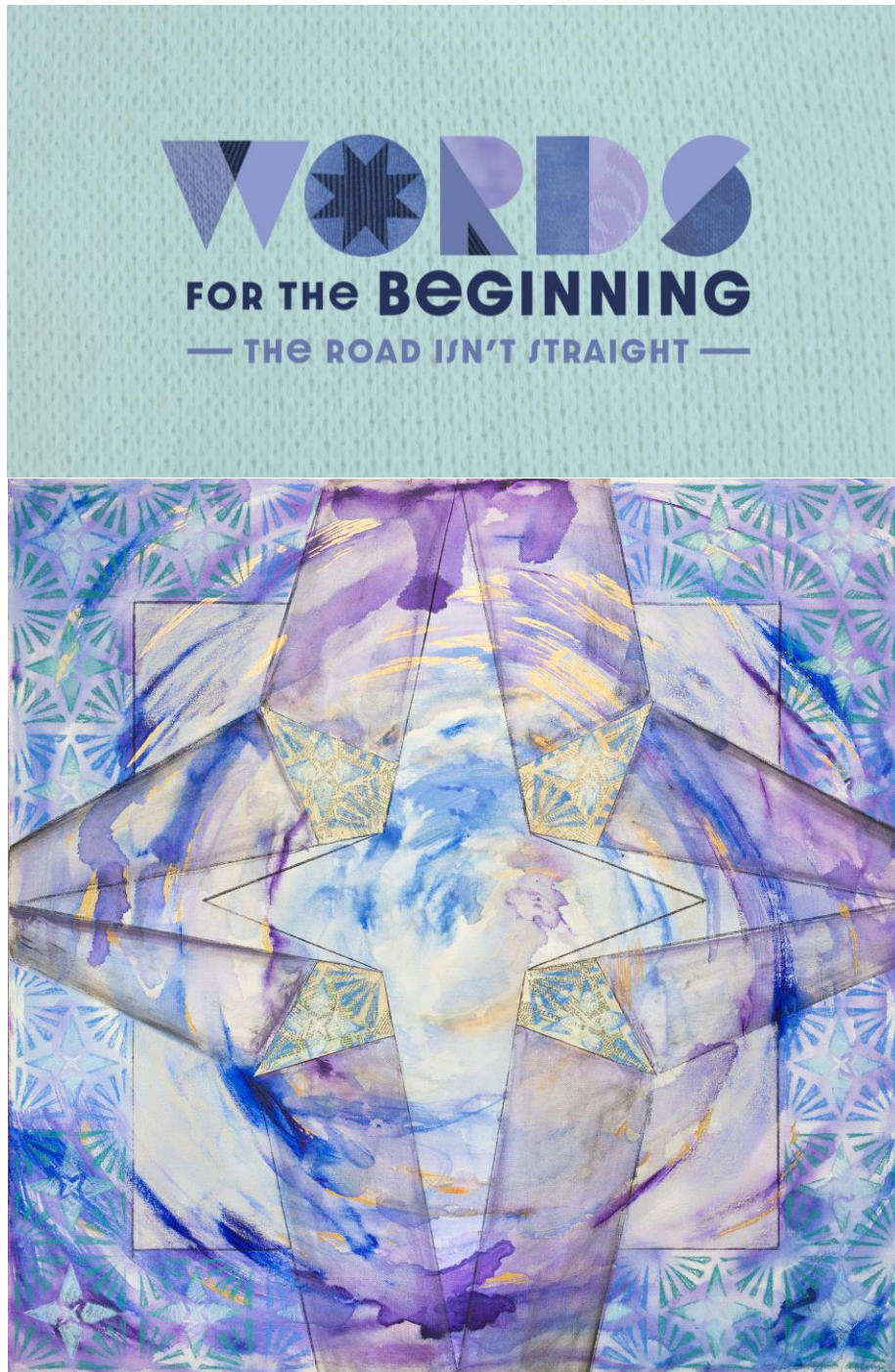


# Harrold Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Epiphany

Saturday, January 4, 2025 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 5, 2025 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM



# 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! Follow us on social media!
- **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-communicating 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

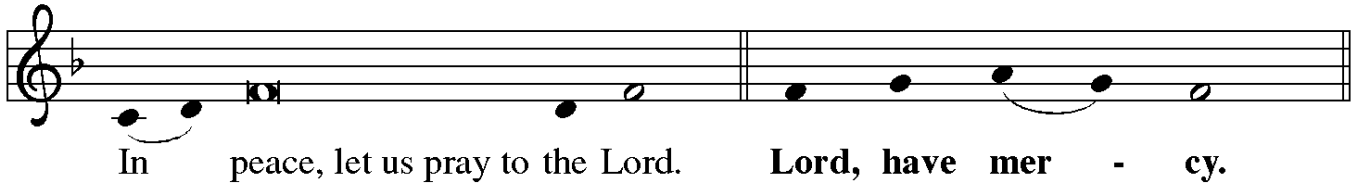
*To Worship and Serve God,  
Grow Disciples and Love our Neighbors*

Our Vision

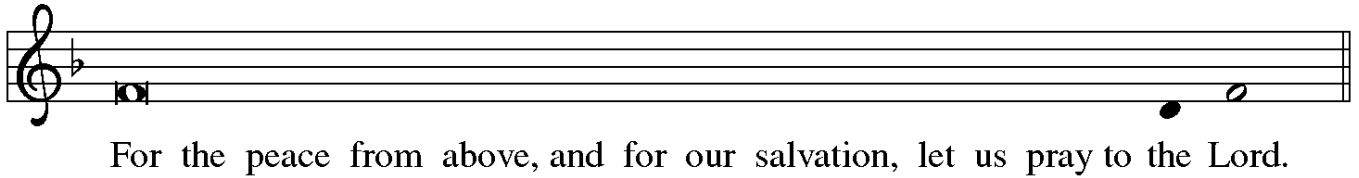
*Building Faith that's Open, Affirming, Authentic,  
Positive, Inviting, and that Serves Others.*



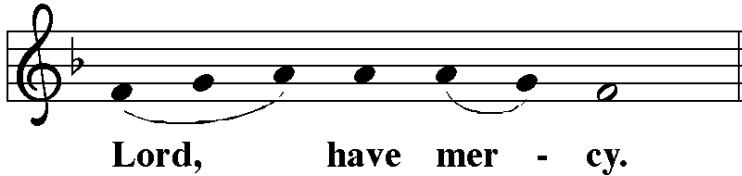
# Kyrie



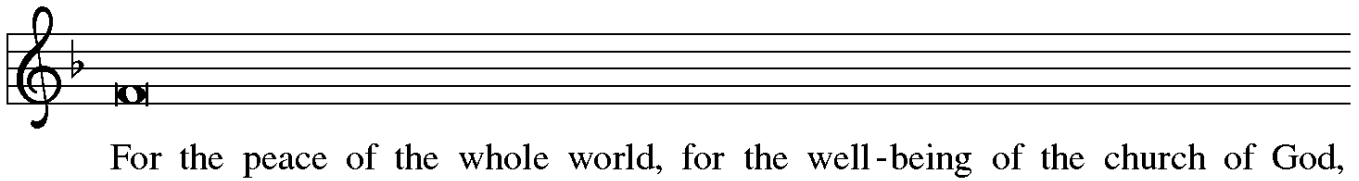
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



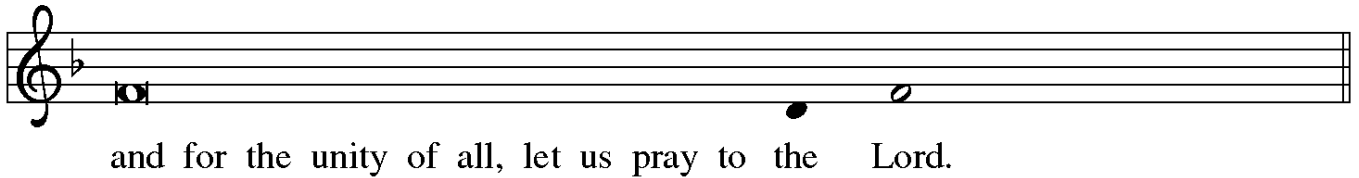
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



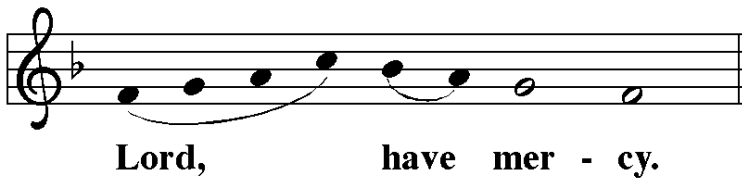
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



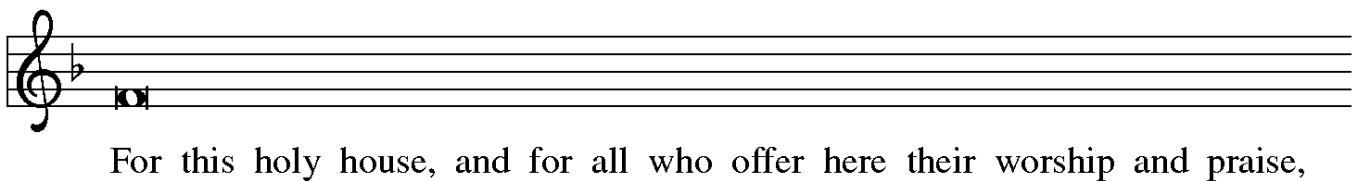
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



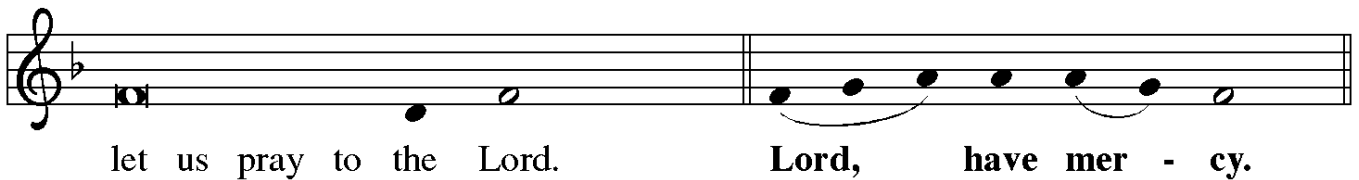
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



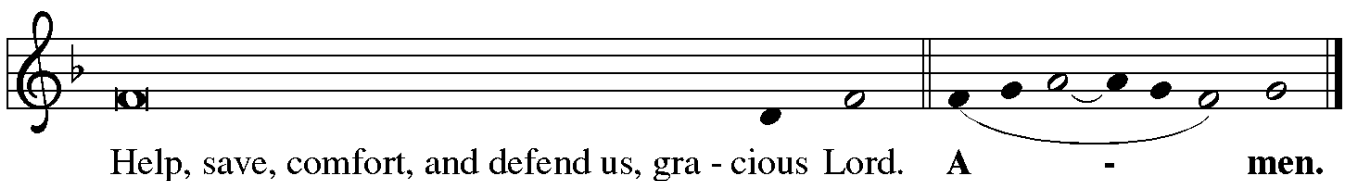
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

# Hymn 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.

## The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 10:30 AM Choir Anthem

*We Three Kings*

## Psalmody: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

- <sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. The word of the Lord.

**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.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

<sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

<sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Sermon

Hymn of the Day #302    *As With Gladness Men of Old*

## 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

(petitions)...Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

(prayer concludes)...**Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

8:00 & 10:30 AM Offering: *Seeking the Savior*    Sewell

**MEAL** – *We are built up and nourished to be the body of Christ in the world.*

## Offertory



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



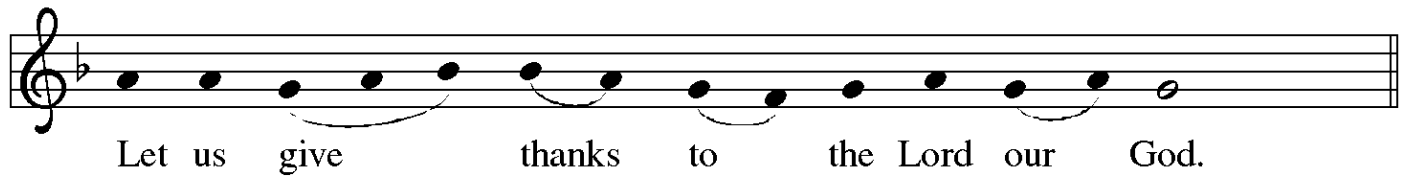
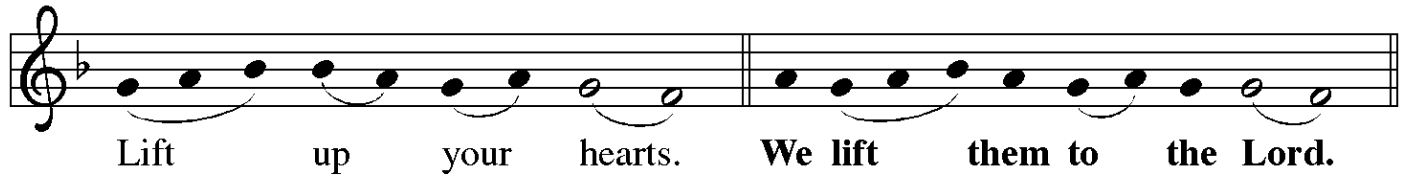
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offering prayer

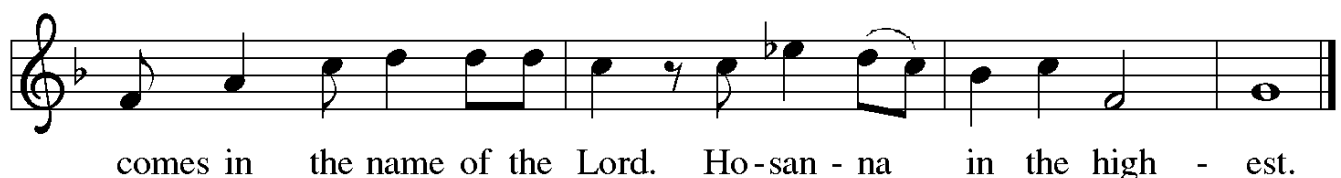
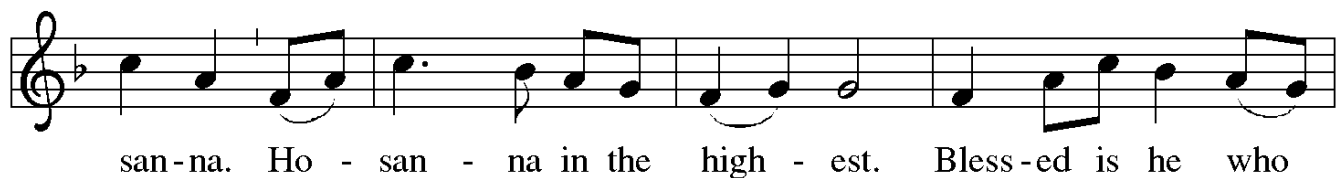
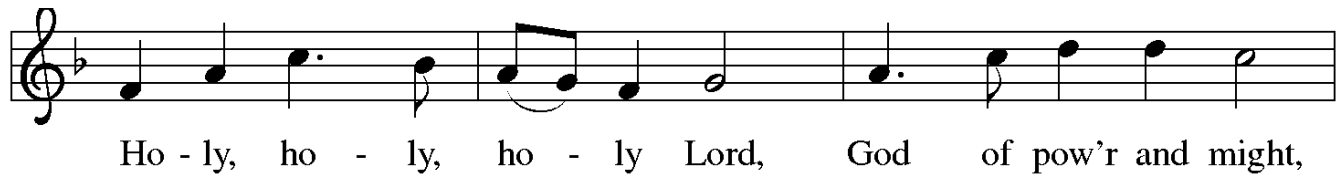
Let us pray together. **God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

## Choir Folder Dedication

## The Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface



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



Eucharistic Prayer (ELW III)

Holy One...the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on Earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

...Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

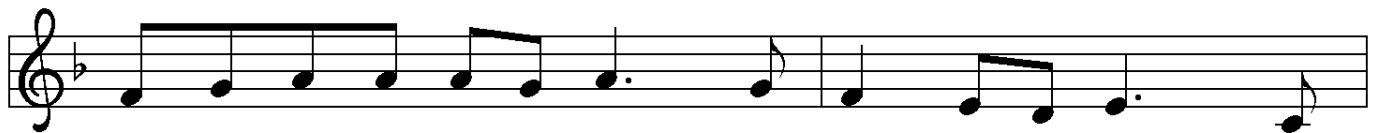
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

Breaking the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.

*Please be seated.*

Lamb of God



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.

*The proclamation is shared for those communing at home (online) or in pew with an all-in-one kit.*

*Sharing the elements:*

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.

*Each person may respond:*

**Amen.**

### Description of Star Words

Please pick up your Star Word for the year when you come up for Holy Communion

*The leaders share Holy Communion.*

*The assembly is invited to come forward by the direction of the ushers by the center aisle and receive Holy communion, then return via the side aisle.*

*We will receive by continuous distribution.*

8:00 & 10:30 AM Please join us in singing the following Communion hymns:

#310, 487

**SENDING** – *We are set out to share hope and make disciples.*

Post-Communion Blessing      *You are invited to stand.*

### Prayer after Communion

Holy God who lights our way,

**We thank you for this moment of respite along the journey, a moment to be filled with good things, reminded of our belovedness, and sent out to be your hands and feet in the world. Though we'd often prefer a straightforward, step-by-step plan for our lives, you've instead given us an invitation to wander, to seek, to take a different road, to be guided by a star.**

May these star words be a map to you,

**guiding us to look under every rock and around every corner, seeking you out everywhere, because everywhere is exactly where you are.**

And next year, when the road leads back to this very place,

**may we find that you were with us every step of the way.**

**With hope we pray, Amen.**



**Epiphany:** God's love is not a distant concept but deeply personal reality tailored to each of us. Christ's birth makes the vastness of God personal. God's love extends to each of us today. God sees all facets of who we are and all we hold, weaving our sorrows and joys into a larger design of grace and redemption. The first of three Epiphany squares is the heart. "Love knows your name." The love of God is ready for your embrace. The square was created by Nancy Alcorn. Thank you, Nancy.

**OFFICE HOURS M- Thursday is 9 am–2 pm and Friday is 9 am – 12 noon**

**SUNDAY**

8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion

**MONDAY**

9:00 am PS Meeting Room

10:30 am & 1:00pm Quilting

6:00 pm Joyful Noise

**TUESDAY**

1pm-6:30 pm Blood Drive

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 am PS Library

3:00 pm Grief Support Group

6:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Adult Choir

**THURSDAY**

9:45 PS Library

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**FRIDAY**

8:00 am Sanctuary Reserved

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

11:00 PS Library

**SATURDAY**

8:00 am Sanctuary Reserved

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

9:15 am Parent's Breakfast

11:45 am Fellowship Committee

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Marilyn Rassmann on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday from Frank Rassmann.

**A BIG THANK YOU ONE AND ALL from Pastor Andrew, Pastor Caroline, Robyn, Debby, Laurie, Melanie and Joanne for all of the Christmas gifts, cards, prayers and warm words of appreciation!**

**Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Group** will meet at 5:30 pm – 7 pm

**January Clothing Drive** Harrold\_Zion will once again hold the January Clothing Drive for the benefit of the Salvation Army in Greensburg, and it runs until January 31. Gently used, clean items and new items can be donated. PLEASE don't make bags or boxes too heavy for church

volunteers to lift up from the Communication Area and load into their vehicles for delivery to the Salvation Army building in Greensburg. Thank you.

### **Harrold Zion Chili & Soup Cook-off and Bake-off**

On Saturday January 18th we will be having our annual Chili and Soup Cook-off competition and Bake-Off competition. It's time to break out your favorite secret family recipes' and show off your culinary skills! Individuals may bring in as many soup and/or chili crock pots, to be part of the competition, as they would like. We will have a free-will donation for all attending the event and we are asking for a donation of a can or two of soup to be donated for the Westmoreland Food Bank. There is more information in the January newsletter including details and rules. Sign-up in the communication to participate.

**TAKING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** We are in need of a few people to volunteer to take communion to the homebound. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Pr. Caroline ([pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolinehzlc@gmail.com)).

**PARENT'S BREAKFAST GROUP** will meet in the Social Hall on Sunday, January 12, at 9:15 AM. Join us for a time of breakfast and fellowship.

**ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Please email your report for the 2024 Annual Report to [robynhzlc@gmail.com](mailto:robynhzlc@gmail.com) no later than January 15. Thank you!

### **PICK YOUR SEAT SUNDAY (January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) Pick Your Seat**

playoffs, the Common Threads committee will be turning the church sanctuary into a sports arena. To supplement your weekly giving, we will be promoting our second annual "Pick Your Seat Sunday". This is meant to be a fun social activity and not force people from their comfort zone or life-long seat. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and get out of your weekly routine and sit someplace different in church. The front third of the church will be the cheap bleacher seats (\$1 per person), the middle third of the church will be the Box seats (\$5 per person) and the back third of the church will be the luxury boxes (\$10 per person seating). If you would like to participate, tickets will be purchased in the Narthex. Stewardship Ushers will help you to your seats. We



hope you will join us for this different and fun event. Wear your favorite team Jersey this day!

**We are in need of a few more USHERS.** We are planning for the next year ahead. Would you prayerfully consider serving your Lord in this way? Please let Rob Hepler or Pastor Fitch know if you are interested.

**Lutherlyn Youth Retreat:** Are you ready for a winter youth retreat? January 17-19, 2025, Lutherlyn is having a retreat for 4th-12th graders (campers will be divided by age groups and stay in cabins with cabin leaders from the summer staff). GAGA ball in the snow, Bible study, the bouldering room, songs, worship, friends, indoor and outdoor games, lots of your summer camp favorites, and fun in the wonderful winter weather! Harrold Zion will cover the cost for any that want to go!  
Registration deadline: January 6th, 2025 (Register online)

**JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE NIGHT** Friday February 7th 6:00pm, \$10 a person  
Come participate in Harrold Zion's second puzzle race night and this time there will be wine for purchase. No matter what your puzzling skills are, it will be a night of fun, laughter, and competition. The concept is easy - get a team of 2-4 people and assemble a 500- piece puzzle as fast as you can. There will be a prize awarded for the 1st team finished. Pizza, non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks will be provided, and each team will be provided a puzzle. Space is limited to 15 teams. +Sign up in the communication center and indicate a team captain. The team captain will be responsible for collecting the other team members money to turn in. If you would like to participate but don't have a partner or team, no worries, sign up anyways; we've got you covered! Any questions can be directed to Mandy Kanouff 724-433-9882

## **The Choir Folders have been donated by:**

The Nestor Family

Paul & Nancy Pienody

Rev. Richard & Linda Neuman In Loving Memory of Donald Moyer

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Joyce Lynn Helmetzi In Loving memory of my father, Steve Helmetzi

Joyce Lynn Helmetzi In Loving memory of my mother, Viola Helmetzi

Gwen Faulk In Loving memory of my dear husband Robert Faulk

Bernard Zundel In Loving memory of Leona Zundel

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Ann Wineman In Loving memory of J. Paul Wineman

Susan & Rick Yaksic In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren

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Dave & Robyn Henry In Honor of Dorothy Henry

Dave & Robyn Henry In Loving memory of Bob Henry

Kim Elias In Honor of my Grandchildren

Kim Elias In Loving memory of Richard W. Cribs & Grandson Henry Soskc

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Dale Mertz

Marilyn Brown In Loving memory of Joe Brown, a former Choir member

***Thank you to all who have donated !!!***

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**

**Altar Flowers:** January 11, 12 (2 vases), January 18,19 (2 Vases), January 25,26 (2 Vases)

**Roses:** January 11,12 (2 Roses), January 18,19 (1 Rose),  
January 25,26 (2 Roses)

**Candle:** January 11,12, January 18,19, January 25,26

**Bulletin:**, January 11,12, January 18,19, January 25,26

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

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