



February 1, 2026

8:30 AM

MT.ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HISTORICAL VILLAGE OF CHURCHTOWN  
BOILING SPRINGS PA 17007

## **WELCOME!**

The members of Mt. Zion extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please sign the guest register in the main entrance of the church. If you do not have a church home and are seeking one, we would love to have you join us. Please speak to the Pastor or to any of our members if you would like to learn more about our community of faith.

All are invited to the communion table. Bread and wine are used as the elements of this meal. Grape juice is also available for those who do not drink wine. There is also a gluten free choice. Children who do not commune may receive a blessing.

### **About today's lesson:**

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

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MT. ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
325 Old Stonehouse Road  
Boiling Springs PA 17007

February 1, 2026  
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion  
Service 8:30 AM

**SILENT PRAYER:**

Lord, graciously hear us, for we seek you alone. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Please stand as able.*

**EPIPHANY DIALOGUE**

- P We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies: for the star that led the magi to the manger,
- C **that the nations may see the light of Christ;**
- P for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,
- C **that the Christ would save us all;**
- P for the proclamation from the mountain,
- C **that Jesus will teach and guide us in truth.**
- P God has been revealed in Jesus, the Christ.
- C **Let us rejoice and follow him. Alleluia!**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interest at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!* #553  
(LBW Green Hymnal)

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in  
giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in  
heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice,  
and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our  
words and deeds the world may see the life of your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” <sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten

thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**PSALM: Psalm 15 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | their  
friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor  
those who | fear the LORD. They have sworn upon  
their health and do not take | back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they  
take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these  
things shall never be | overthrown.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to

those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

*Please stand as able*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :**



### **GOSPEL:**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

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

**Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” <sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**C     Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:**

**SERMON:**

*Please stand as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
(LBW Green Hymnal)     **#294**

P     Living together in trust and hope, we confess our  
faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED:**

**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**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

**P** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers.*

**A** Merciful God,  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

**PEACE:**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us share the peace with one another.

*Please stand as able.*

*The Lord's table is prepared.*

*Offering brought forward.*

**Offering Prayer:**

P God of majesty,  
C **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

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**

**PREFACE:**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying. Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

*Please be seated.*



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, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION** We will be communing by tables. Please follow the instruction of the usher. **Communion hymn of meditation** is played until everyone has communed.

*Please stand as able.*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER:

P Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have

seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING:**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN:** *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* #343  
(LBW Green Hymnal)

**DISMISSAL:**

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE:**

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The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by the Sally Shambaugh..

**ATTENDANCE**

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| January 25, 2026        | Snow |
| Last Year               | 22   |
| Online January 18, 2026 | 162  |
| Last Year               | 85   |

**STEWARDSHIP**

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| January 25, 2025 | Snow       |
| Last Year        | \$ 1225.00 |

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SOUPER SUNDAY** It is that time of year again. February 8, 2026, AFC will be chicken, NFC will be beef, Non committed will be any kind you want to bring. Soup will be taken to New Hope.

**Education Opportunity** - Black History Month - "Stories of Women". Our program will be held at Christ-Duncannon beginning at 7:00 pm. Lisa and I are happy to drive anyone up who doesn't want to drive themselves. If you have any questions, please let me know.

February 9            *Harriet*

February 16        *Six Triple Eight*

February 23        *Hidden Figures*

March 9            *An Ordinary Hero:*

*Story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland*

**WALKING WORSHIP** will continue to meet at 2:00 PM at Spring Meadows Park, (address 640 West First Street Boiling Spring.

**EGGS - PEANUT BUTTER AND COCONUT** - \$1.50 each or \$15.00 a dozen. Sign up sheet on back table and downstairs on bulletin board. Last Sunday to sign up will be March 22, 2026. Proceeds go to help New Hope and Monroe Elementary School Families. Shaping dates are 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/21, and 3/28, starting at 8:30 AM.

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**THE BULLETINS** To sign up the chart to sponsor bulletins, (\$25), is located on left bulletin board inside church doors. As this is part of our budget please sign up.

**FROM PASTOR JENNIFER** If you are in need of a home visit, or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Jennifer at 734-576-2025 or [pastorjenn.clc.duncannon@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjenn.clc.duncannon@gmail.com)

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY/FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

will be making Ham and Bean and Vegetable Soup  
February 7, 2026, it will be \$9.00 a quart and must be pre  
ordered. Last day to order is February 1, 2026. Lists are in  
back of church and bulletin board downstairs. Proceeds will  
be used to help families at Monroe Elementary School at  
Thanksgiving and Christmas time and New Hope.

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**SOCIAL MINISTRY** is asking for donations to help the  
Monroe Elementary School nurse. We will be collecting  
now till the end of February the following items:

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Leggings all size     | Chap Stick            |
| Sweatpants all size   | Kleenex               |
| Ankle Socks all sizes | Travel Size Deodorant |
| Underwear             | Ziplock Bags          |
| Girls all sizes       | Sandwich              |
| Boys up to size 8     | Quart                 |

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor  
Jenn.** Lent will begin on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and so we will begin a  
Lenten Sunday School session on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year, we  
are going to spend time on Jesus's Sermon on the Mount  
utilizing Amy Jill Levine's book [https://www.amazon.com/  
Sermon-Mount-Levine/dp/1501899899/ref=sr\\_1\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/Sermon-Mount-Levine/dp/1501899899/ref=sr_1_1). Just  
like with Advent, you are welcome to get the book to read  
along and deepen your study, or just walk through with our  
Sunday conversations, and I will do my best to present the  
material and guide our conversations. This will run through  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.



**TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH** presents  
Music at the Spring 2025-2026 The Great American  
Songbook with Jeff Coon, February 15, 3 PM, Filament,  
March 22, 3 PM, Messiah University Percussion Ensemble,  
April 26, 3 PM.

**FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2025-2026** The Baltimore Consort  
February 22, 2026, 4 PM. Muhlenberg College Choirs April  
19, 2026 at 4 PM. Flyer on bulletin downstairs

**NEW HOPE'S DILLSBURG CENTER SPECIFIC  
NEEDS:** Canned chicken, tuna or beef stew, Canned fruit  
and fruit cups, Canned vegetables, Peanut Butter, Juice and  
juice boxes, Ketchup and mustard, Diapers, wipes, diaper  
cream, Feminine hygiene products, Laundry detergent,  
Shampoo, Toilet paper; paper towels, Tooth Paste.

### **Mt. Zion 2026 Council**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | Sue Sunday      |
| Vice President |                 |
| Secretary      | Sandy Guido     |
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|                | Pat Hardy       |
|                | Trish Leib      |
|                | Mike McCullough |
|                | Jeff Moyer      |
|                | Sally Shambaugh |

## PLAN AHEAD

|                    |                             |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>February 1</b>  | Sunday School for children  | (after Service) |
|                    | Adult Sunday School         | 7:00 PM         |
|                    | Last day to order soup      |                 |
| <b>February 5</b>  | Walking Worship             | 2:00 PM         |
| <b>February 7</b>  | Community Dinner            | 5:00 - 6:30 PM  |
| <b>February 8</b>  | Lite Breakfast              | 8:00 AM         |
|                    | Worship Service             | 8:30 AM         |
|                    | Sunday School for children  | (after Service) |
| <b>February 9</b>  | Stories of Women            | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>February 12</b> | Walking tour                | 2:00 PM         |
| <b>February 15</b> | Lite Breakfast              | 8:00 AM         |
|                    | Worship Service             | 8:30 AM         |
|                    | Sunday School for children  | (after Service) |
|                    | The Great American Songbook | 3:00 PM         |
| <b>February 16</b> | Stories of Women            | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>February 18</b> | Ash Wednesday               | 7:30 PM         |
| <b>February 19</b> | Walking Tour                | 2:00 PM         |
|                    | Council Meeting             | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>February 22</b> | Lite Breakfast              | 8:00 AM         |
|                    | Worship Service             | 8:30 AM         |
|                    | Sunday School for children  | (after Service) |
|                    | Adult Sunday School         | 7:00 PM         |
|                    | The Baltimore Consort       | 4:00 PM         |
| <b>February 23</b> | Stories of Women            | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>February 26</b> | Walking Tour                | 2:00 PM         |