



January 4, 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:**

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

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January 4, 2026  
Epiphany of Our Lord

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!**



## **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** **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.**

## **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; our sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in 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.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Read Responsively)**

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to <sup>1</sup> the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your <sup>1</sup> people righteously  
and the <sup>1</sup> poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity <sup>1</sup> to the people,  
and the <sup>1</sup> hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush <sup>1</sup> the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and <sup>1</sup> moon endure,  
from one generation <sup>1</sup> to another.
- <sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon <sup>1</sup> the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup> In his time may the <sup>1</sup> righteous flourish; and let there be  
an abundance of peace till the moon shall <sup>1</sup> be no more.
- <sup>10</sup> **May the kings of Tarshish and of the <sup>1</sup> isles pay  
tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba <sup>1</sup> offer  
gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup> May all kings bow <sup>1</sup> down before him,  
and all the nations <sup>1</sup> do him service.
- <sup>12</sup> **For the king delivers the poor who cry out <sup>1</sup> in  
distress, the oppressed, and those who <sup>1</sup> have no  
helper.**
- <sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives <sup>1</sup> of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood <sup>1</sup> 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 in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

A The word of the Lord.      C **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.

### GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to Mathew the 2nd chapter.

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

**Matthew 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi 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 in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

**SERMON:**

*Please stand as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*      #649  
(WOV Blue Hymnal)

P      Blessing of the New Hope ingathering.

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

**THE 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 Scriptures; 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:**

P Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray  
boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in  
need.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers.*

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we  
commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your  
boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus  
Christ 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**      *Deck the Halls*

*Please stand as able.*

*The Lord's table is prepared.*

*Offering brought forward.*

## Offering Prayer:

P God of glory,

C **great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace through Christ our Savior. 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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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.

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.

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 God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

*Please be seated.*



**C** 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 Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

**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:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* #651  
(WOV Blue Hymnal)

**DISMISSAL:**

**P** Glory to God in the highest!

**C And peace to God's people on earth!**

**P** Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE:**

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**ATTENDANCE**

December 28, 2025	8
Last Year	22
Online December 21, 2025	79
Last Year	81

**STEWARDSHIP**

December 24, 2025	\$ 578.00
Last Year	\$ 865.00
December 28, 2025	\$ 2647.57
Last Year	\$ 1115.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**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)

**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

**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>.

So, this leaves us the time in between, from January 4<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Sunday School on January 25 (Lisa & I are at a Synod retreat) or February 1 (Lisa & I are on vacation as of the evening (i.e. we'll be at church in the morning but leaving right after for Disney)) which will leave us five Sundays. What I thought that we might try is listening in on a few of the classes that have been presented by the Bible for Normal People group. The link is here for you to look through: <https://thebiblefornormalpeople.com/classes/> You can click into the classes to get a description. I am a "member" so I have full access to these classes for us to listen to. Often, these are led by bible scholars and theologians and not just the two podcasters. Let me know if any of these sound interesting to you. If this isn't a good idea, I can try to come up with another small-ish session that will get us through to Lent.

**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.

**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.

## PLAN AHEAD

<b>December 28</b>	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
<b>January 4</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>January</b>	Social Ministry Meeting	9:30 AM
<b>January 11</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>January 15</b>	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>January 17</b>	Shaping Eggs	8:30 AM
<b>January 18</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>January 24</b>	Shaping Eggs	8:30 AM
<b>January 25</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	No Adult Sunday School	
<b>January 27</b>	Music and Worship Meeting	2:30 PM
<b>February 1</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>February 7</b>	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM