



April 27, 2025

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:

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

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

P Early on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb only to find the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, to celebrate the good news: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

P Beloved church, Behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

C Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P Sin and death shall reign no more.

C **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

P Let this place resound with joy.

C **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Thanks be to God!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as able.

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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*
(LBW Green Hymnal) #135

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

KYRIE:

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

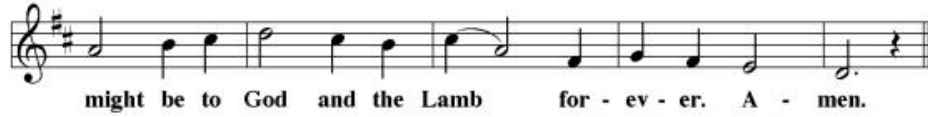
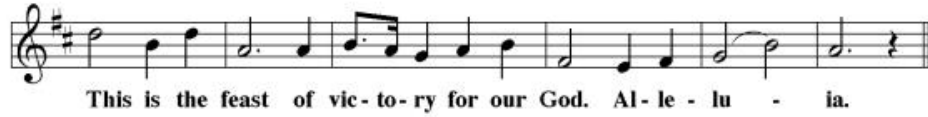
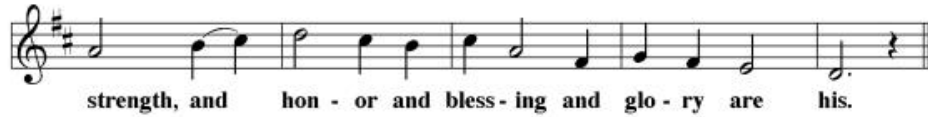
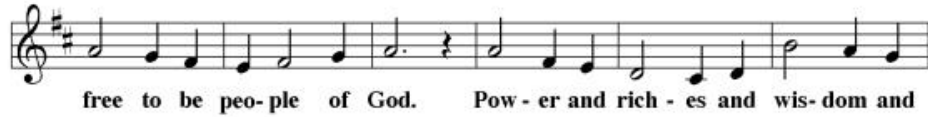
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE:



PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29 (Read Responsively)

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of
the righteous: "The right hand of the | LORD acts
valiantly!**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the
LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

²⁰ "This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righteous may
enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**

- 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.
- 23 **By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.**
- 24 This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- 25 **Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**
We pray to you, LORD, pro per our days!
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD; we bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- 27 **The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.**
- 28 You are my God, and | I will thank you; you are my God, and I | will exalt you.
- 29 **Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

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 John the 20th chapter.

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

John 20:19-31

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 : *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*
(The Blue Hymnal) #675

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 God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers

A Here us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER:

P Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C **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, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:





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, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you. giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C **Amen**

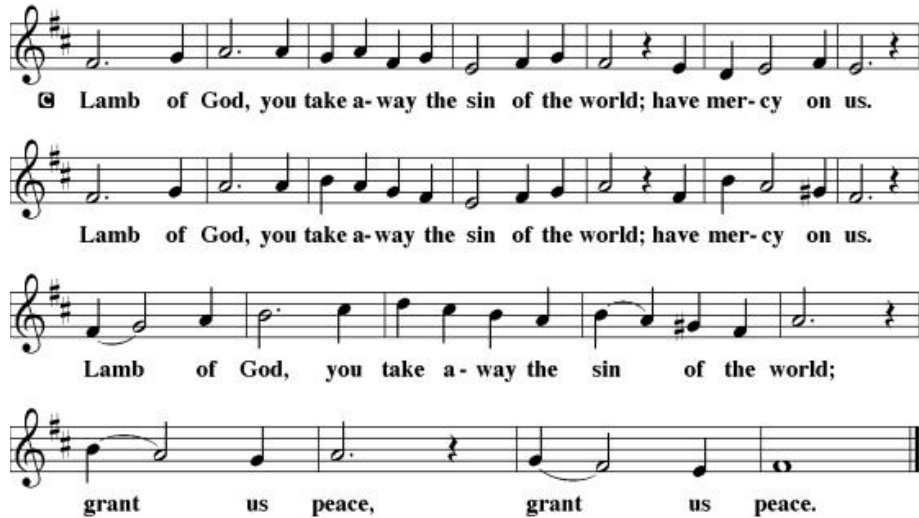
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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 Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING:

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* #131
(LBW Green Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE:

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The bulletins are given to the glory of God by the congregation.

ATTENDANCE

April 20, 2025	30
Last Year	21
Online April 13, 2025	64
Last Year	128

STEWARDSHIP

April 20, 2025	\$1945.00
Last Year	\$1477.00

PLAN AHEAD

April 27	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom.	7:00 PM
May 1	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
May 4	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Penny Sunday	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
	Music at the Spring	3:00 PM
May 7	Social Ministry Meeting	9:30 AM
	Anniversary Meeting	10:00 AM
May 4	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Penny Sunday	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
	Music at the Spring	3:00 PM
May 15	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
May 18	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
May 25	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
May 26	Memorial Day Service	10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONROE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY Honoring Col. Henry Zinn, Monroe's very own Civil War Hero Monday, May 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m. in Mt. Zion Cemetery In the event of inclement weather, these services will be held at the Monroe Township Municipal Building.

MUSIC AT THE SPRING presents Hershey Handbell Ensemble. Sunday May 4, 2025. Card on the bulletin board downstairs.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - GENESIS - SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM flyer has information and an email has been sent also.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE There have been many disasters including wildfires, hurricanes, tornados wars and famines. Your support is needed. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you allow us to mobilize quickly for disasters. Please make checks payable to Mt. Zion and put Lutheran Disaster in the memo line.

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.

IF INTERESTED in being a First, Second and Psalm reader please let Sandy Goodmen know.

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 .

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.

WE CELEBRATE OUR 230TH ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 29TH. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 29.

Morning worship will begin at 10 a.m. Bishop James Dunlop will preach, followed by a ham dinner. We will need a count. Sign up sheets will appear April 27.

We will invite former Pastors and former members and their families. We need you to help us make a list of former members, with contact information

Send names and contact info to mtzionluth@gmail.com or put the info in the blue basket in the back of the sanctuary.

There are note pads and pens if you need them. Please write legibly!

There is more to come on ways you can get involved.

FINE ARTS AT FIRST We are invited to join Fine Arts at First for their 30th concert season. The third will be The Chenault Duo Organists on May 18, 2025, at 4 PM.

Brochure on down stairs bulletin board.

SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHTS 2025 July 18, Hershey Park Stadium. Pihl Wickham, Brandon Lake and Josiah Queen. Card on Left bulletin board downstairs. There is a code on the card for pre-sale tickets.