



Apri; 6, 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 have not 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.

We invite you to partake in Holy communion if you are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ Jesus. 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:

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road S
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April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

- P In this season of wandering and wilderness temptations,
C We follow our faithful Lord.
P Through troubled times and difficult journeys,
C We follow our faithful Lord.
P It is God who sustains us, amidst the empty promises of this world.
C We follow our faithful Lord.
P In the Lord is our trust, our protection, and our strength.
C We follow our faithful Lord.
P Come, let us worship the one whom we serve.
C We follow our faithful Lord

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen

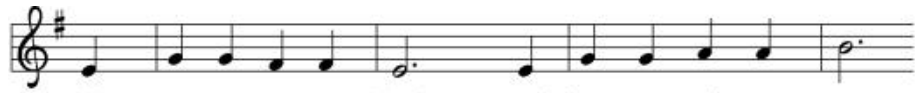
GATHERING SONG: *Take My Life, that I May Be* #406
(LBW Green Hymnal)

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.**

KYRIE:



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

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

PSALM: Psalm 126 (Read Responsively)

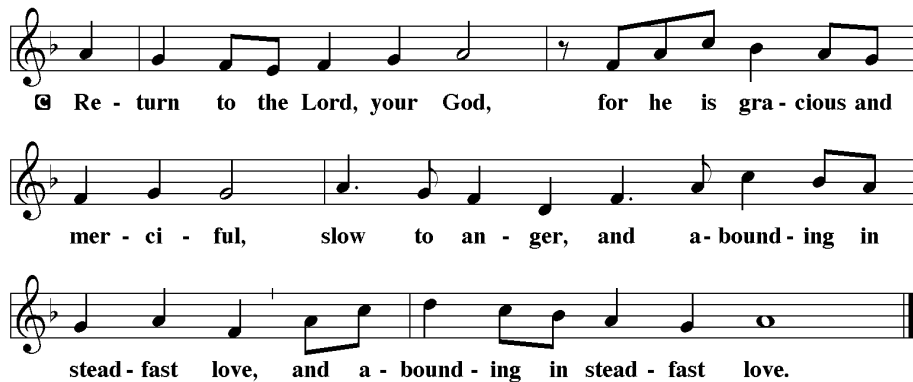
- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
- ² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with | shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great | things for them.”**
- ³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
- ⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses | of
the Negeb.**
- ⁵ Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.
- ⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come
again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 12:1-8

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: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
(LBW GreenHymnal) # 293

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 Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the
church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers

A God in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. C **Amen.**

PEACE:

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

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.

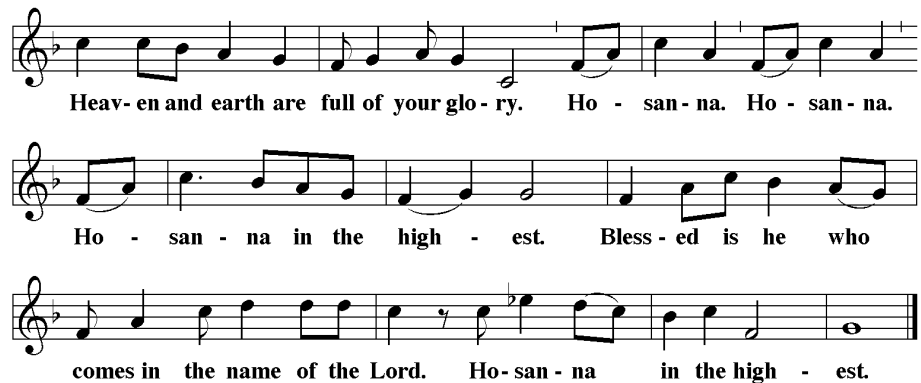
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na.

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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, and 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, 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 All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square symbol containing the letter 'R'. The second staff has a measure with a fermata over the word 'us'. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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 Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us
and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love
and grace in our communities, that your liberating
love might nourish the world into freedom, in the
name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus #487*
(LBW Green Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE:

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ATTENDANCE

March 30, 2025	21
Last Year	37
Online March 23, 2025	67
Last Year	52

STEWARDSHIP

March 30, 2025	\$3125.00
Includes Threefold rent	\$1719.00
Last Year	\$2192.00
Includes Threefold rent	\$1635.00

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday	Mt. Zion	7:30 PM
Good Friday	St. Johns	7:00 PM
Easter Breakfast	Mt. Zion	9:00 - 10:00 AM
Easter Service	Mt. Zion	11:00 AM

PLAN AHEAD

April 6	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
April 8	Music and Worship	2:30 PM
April 12	Egg shaping Day	8:30 AM
April 13	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
April 17	Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
April 18	Good Friday St. Johns	7:00 PM
April 20	Easter Breakfast	9:00 - 10:00 AM
	Easter Worship	11:00 AM
April 24	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
April 27	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
May 1	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 April 7, 2025. Proceeds go to help Monroe Elementary School Families. Shaping date 4/12, starting at 8:30 AM.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE will be at 11:00 AM on April 20, 2025. There will be an Easter Breakfast from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Sign up sheets on left side bulletin board downstairs.

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.

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.

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 .

ADULT LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL - DIETRICH BONHOEFFER STUDY- SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM flyer on back table has information and an email has been sent also.

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.

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.