



September 14, 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:

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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September 14, 2025
14th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Rejoice, O people of God

C **Because God has gathered us in from the wilderness.**

P Rejoice, O people of God

C **Because God has swept away the darkness of despair.**

P Rejoice, O people of God

C **Because no one is ever lost from God's sight.**

P Rejoice, O people of God

C **Because Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners like us.**

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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

C **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
(LBW Green Hymnal) **#526**

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 Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
① 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.
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
③ 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.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I 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.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they

shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- ² **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness, and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- ³ For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ev er before me.
- ⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my | mother’s womb.
- ⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ **Let me hear | joy and gladness; that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out | all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING: Timothy 1:12-17

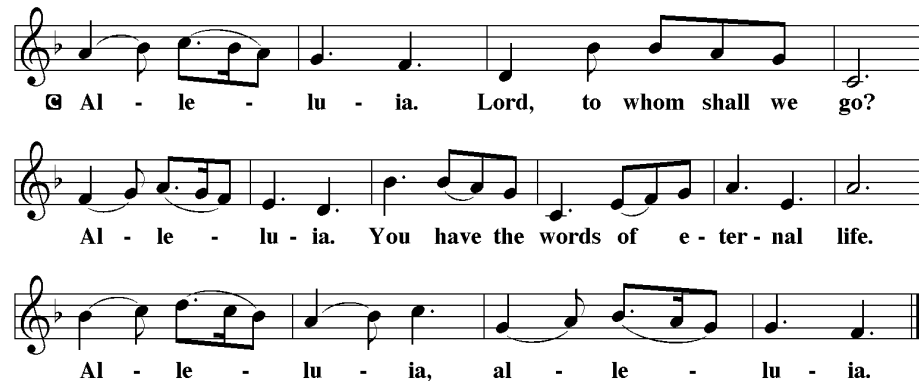
¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and

worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :



GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th chapter.

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

Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the

one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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 *Softy and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*
(WOV Blue Hymnal) **#734**

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 Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

P We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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 Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

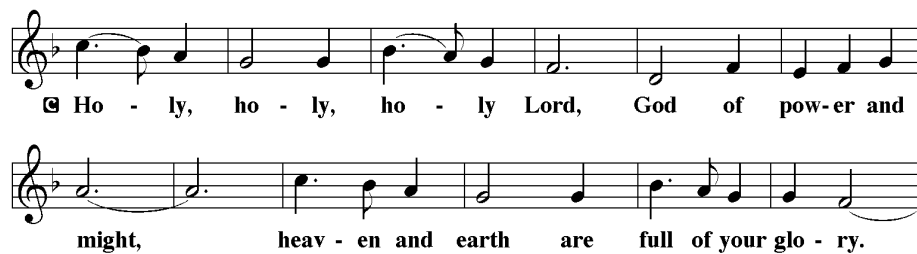
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

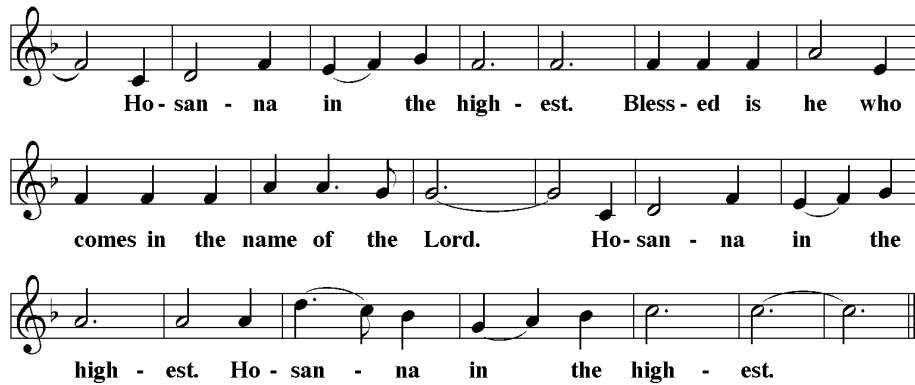
PREFACE:

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, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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.

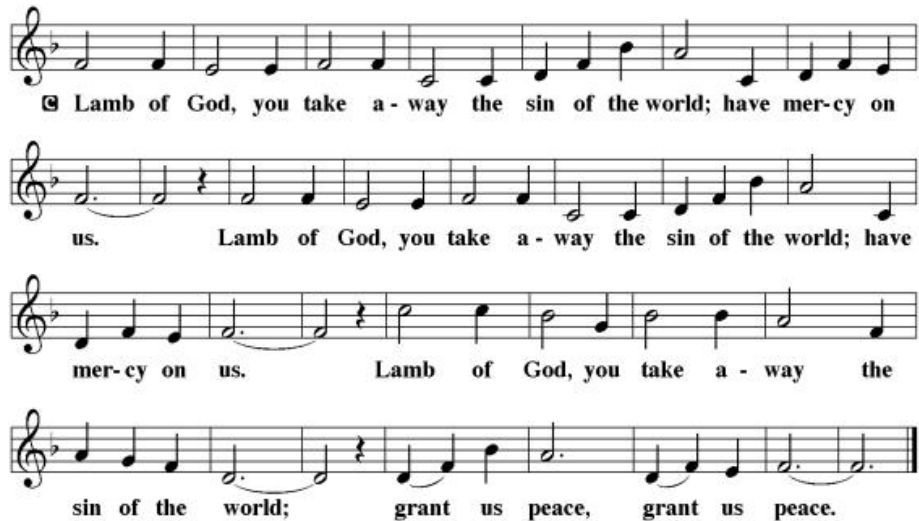
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into**

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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to
this meal of mercy.

Please be seated.



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 O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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: *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*
(LBW Green Hymnal) **#196**

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Jan Fritchey.

Correction

Last Weeks bulletins were given to the Glory of God by Rick and Sandy Goodman.

ATTENDANCE

September 7, 2025	21
Last Year	24
Online August 31, 2025	Not Recorded
Last Year	69

STEWARDSHIP

September 7, 2025	\$1660.00
Last Year	\$1188.00

PLAN AHEAD

September 14	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
September 18	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
September 21	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Assemble LWR Kits	(after service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
September 28	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
October 4	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALKING WORSHIP As the fall is beginning to take shape around us, Pastor Jenn is considering offering a Walking Worship opportunity if there is interest. This is as simple as it sounds, we would simply gather at the church to walk together (weather permitting), and Pastor Jenn would offer brief moments of scripture and prayer while we enjoy a time of fellowship together. Days and times would be coordinated once we figure out if there would be interest. Friends, family, and neighbors are welcome to join us! Please let Pastor Jenn know if you are interested.

NOISY OFFERING for CPARC begins September 14. We will collect donations the second through fifth Sundays through out this fall. The money donated will provide the residents of the Churchtown home with spending money. We will accept coins (noisy), bills (not so noisy), and checks (made out to Mt. Zion with CPARC on the memo line). Please give generously to help our neighbors.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - LEARNING ABOUT THE NICENE CREED - Sunday AT 7:00 PM VIA Zoom
Flyer has information and an email has been sent also.

IF INTERESTED in being a First, Second and Psalm reader please let Sandy Goodman 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.elc.duncannon@gmail.com .

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE NOW ON SALE here are the list of supplies we will be needing for the School and Personal Care kits. Lists are on back table.

School Kits

Spiral Bound Notebook (70 Pages)
Scissors (Blunt)
Blue/Black Pens (No Gel)
Pencils (Unsharpened)
Pencil Sharpeners
Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
Ruler (Centimeter & Inch)

Personal Care Kits

Towels (27 x 52 Dark)
Nail Clipper
Toothbrush
Soap (3 or 4 oz)

We will be assembling them after service on the 21st.

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.

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.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to respond to urgent needs, provide emotional and spiritual care, and support cleanup and long-term recovery. Please make checks payable to Mt. Zion and put Lutheran Disaster in the memo line.

WALKING TOUR Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. there will be a Walking Tour of Churchtown led by Sharon Nelson and Sue Sunday. This tour will start in Mt. Zion's parking lot and will feature the 230 years of Mt. Zion and the stories and homes of Churchtown's Civil War veterans. We will be joined by Col. (Ret.) Terrence Beltz, the author of *Unclaimed Valor: the history of the 130th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry*, Many of the men from the Churchtown area served in the 130th, led by our very own Civil War hero, Col. Henry Zinn.