

November 8, 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:

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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November 8 , 2026 Holy Communion
24th Sunday after Pentecost 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 We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.
C Surely, God is in this place
P God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.
C May we be renewed by the Holy Spirit.
P God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.
C Let us share God's love and life.
P The living Christ is with us.
C Praise the 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 our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *My Lord, What a Morning* **#627**
(WOV Blue Hymnal)

GREETING:

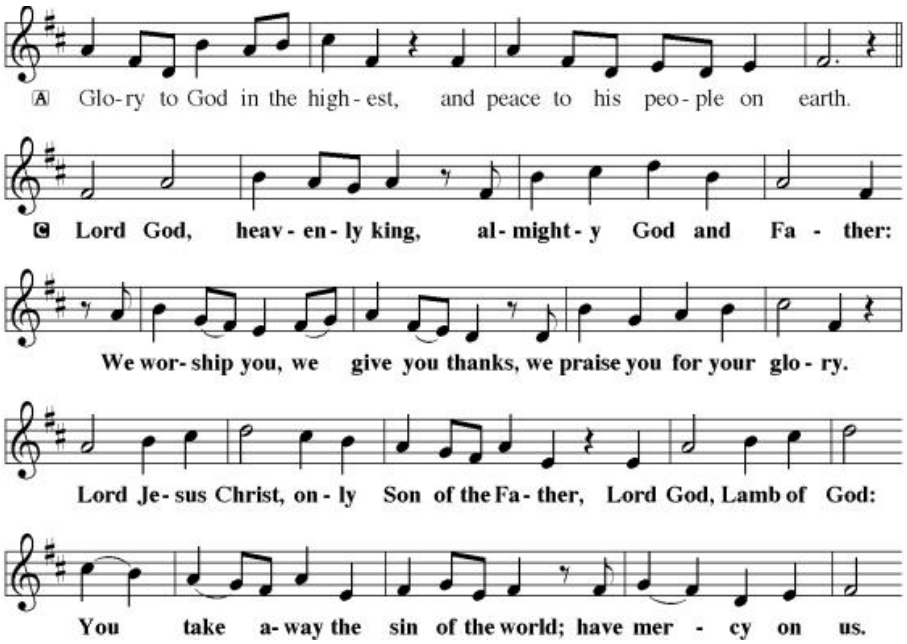
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

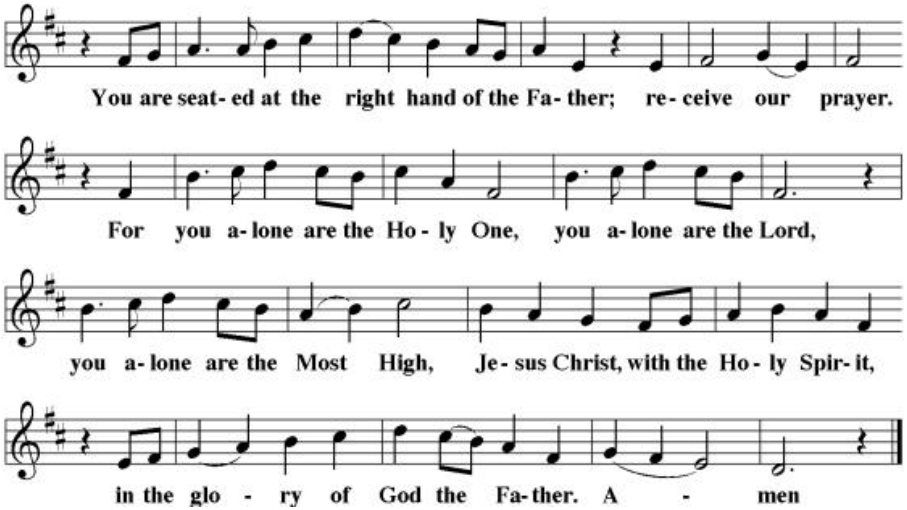
C And also with you.

KYRIE:

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 justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you
want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if
someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went
into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was
bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not
light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise
your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the
offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not

look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I
will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice
roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

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

PSALM: Psalm 70 (Read Responsively)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me
quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
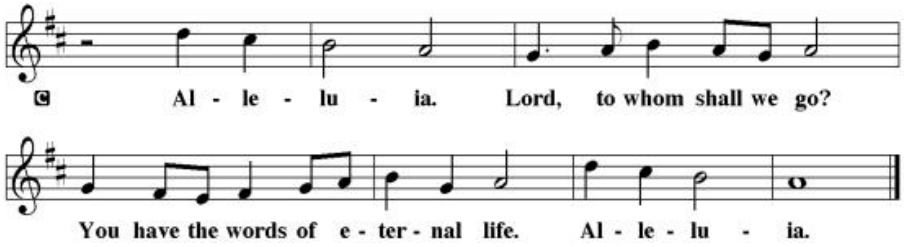
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and
sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not
grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we
believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For
this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who
are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by
no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord
himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from

heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds
together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we
will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one
another with these words.

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 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven
will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish,
and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps,
they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of
them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was
a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed
their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of

your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise replied,
‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 And
while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those
who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet,
and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women
came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he replied,
‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13 Keep awake,
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*
(LBW Green Hymnal) **#31**

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 United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

R God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
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.

T*he Lord's table is prepared.*

Offering brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P Eternal God,
C our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
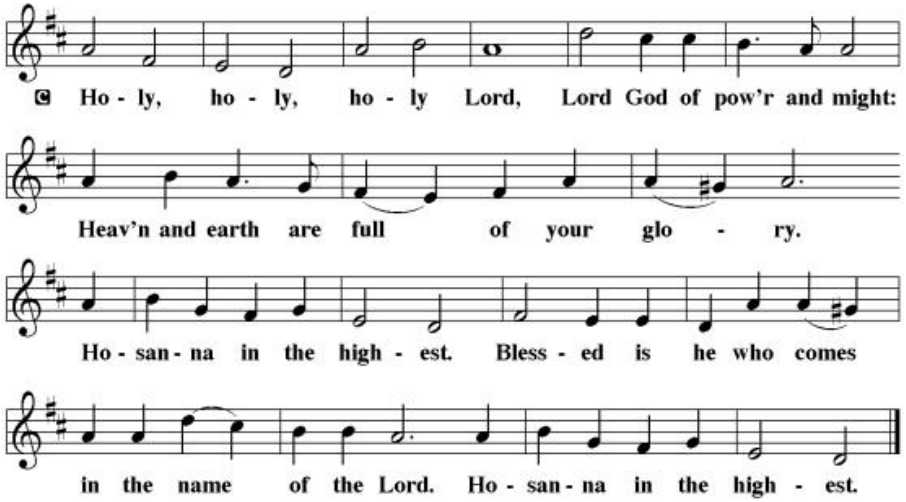
GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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; 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:



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**.

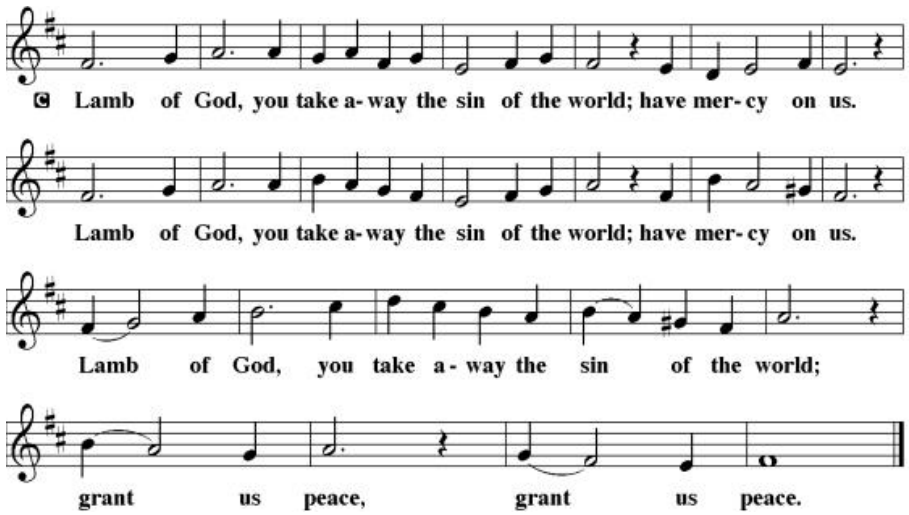
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared. For those who will commune in your place. This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

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. **(Green Hymnal #235)**

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 Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

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: *The Navy Hymn* **Tune #467**

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Lord God, our power evermore,
Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor,
Dive with our men beneath the sea;
Traverse the depths protectively.
O hear us when we pray, and keep
Them safe from peril in the deep.

Eternal Father, grant, we pray,
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;
Be thou the shield forevermore
From every peril to the Corps.

Lord, stand beside the men who build,
And give them courage, strength, and skill.
O grant them peace of heart and mind,
And comfort loved ones left behind.
Lord, hear our prayers for all Seabees,
Where'er they be on land or sea.

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
And those who on the ocean ply;
Be with our troops upon the land,
And all who for their country stand:
Be with these guardians day and night
And may their trust be in thy might.

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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This week's bulletin given to the Glory of God by Trish Leib in honor of her parents' November wedding anniversary.

ATTENDANCE

November 1, 2026	22
Last Year	24
Online October 25, 2026	56
Last Year	72

STEWARDSHIP

November 1, 2026	$ 1805.00
Last Year	$ 2884.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY is November 22, 2026, we will be having a gathering of food items to be brought to the front of the church during the passing of the peace. There will also be a basket for monetary donations.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE at Otterbien Methodist Church will be November 25, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The offering will be can goods or love offering all going to food pantry.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE are going to be $10.25 a piece. Sign up sheet is on the back table. Last day to order is November 29.

THE WOMEN OF OTTERBEIN have once again invited the Women of Mt. Zion to enjoy some fellowship and some delicious breakfast. November 21 at 9:00 AM. We must RSVP by November 12. See downstairs bulletin board.

MUSIC AT THE SPRING presents Harrisburg Harp Orchestra, Sunday November 8, 2026 at 3:00 PM at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg PA.
Boiling Spring.

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.

BIBLE STUDY on Lectionary Reading Tuesday online 1:00 PM.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor Jenn. We will begin our new study on Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

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WALKING WORSHIP will continue to meet at 2:00 PM at Spring Meadows Park, (address 640 West First Street gent, Shampoo,Toilet paper; paper towels, Tooth Paste.

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.

PLAN AHEAD

November 8	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
	Harrisburg Harp Orchestra	3:00 PM
November 15	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
November 17	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
November 19	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
November 21	Breakfast at Otterbein	9:00 AM
November 22	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service (Harvest Home)	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
November 24	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
November 25	Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at	
	Otterbien Methodist Church	7:00 PM
November 29	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service (Advent)	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
December 1	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
December 3	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
December 5	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM