



September 6, 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:

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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September 6, 2026
Fifteen 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We are called to proclaim the good news:

C **God is at work!**

P This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

C **God is at work in the world still today!**

P In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

C **When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.**

P When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

C **God is at work in us!**

P In our service today and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

C **God is at work through our hands!**

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 pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG:

	<i>Gods Work, Our Hands</i>	<i>ACS 1000</i>
Melody	<i>Earth and All Stars.</i>	<i>LBW 558</i>

God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us;



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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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:



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



G 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.

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P Let us pray.
- C **Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40 (Read Responsively)

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your
teaching; I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18th chapter.

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

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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: *Listen, God Is Calling* #712
(WOV Blue Hymnal)

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 Trusting God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A God of life, we pray,
C **hear us when we call.**

P Receive these and all our prayers, gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit

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 Holy God,

**C giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring,
fruit of the earth and the work of human hands,
that they may be used to your purposes for life
and love in the world. 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.

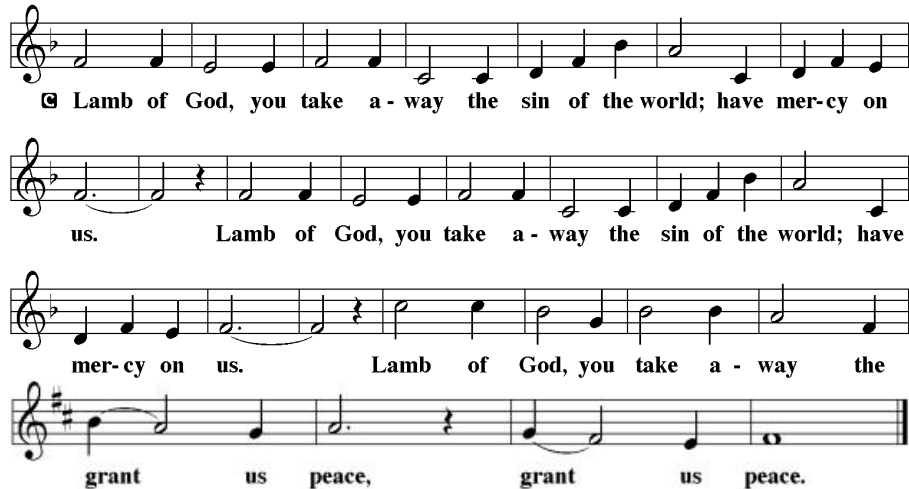
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on**

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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! 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.

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 Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished
us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled
with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live
your love for others.

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: *How Great Thou Art* **#532**

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the
world!

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE:

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This week’s bulletin given to the Glory of God by Rick and Sandy Goodman.

ATTENDANCE

August 30, 2026	26
Last Year	17
Online August 23, 2026	89
Last Year	55

STEWARDSHIP

August 30, 2026	\$ 1724.44
Noisy Offering	\$ 159.44
Last Year	\$ 680.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND PLANNING MEETING will be held Saturday September 26, at 1:00 PM.

FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2026-2027 Hanover Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet September 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM. The Baltimore consort October 26 at 3:00 PM. Hershey Handbell ensemble April 24, 2027 at 7:00 PM.

CHICKEN CORN SOUP SALE Social Ministry will be making soup on September 12, 2026, it will be \$9.00 a quart and must be pre ordered by September 6, 2026 It can be picked up between 2:00 - 4:00 PM, if paying by check please make it out to Mt. Zion. Monies will be used for Thanksgiving/Christmas dinners for Monroe Elementary School families that need a little help. Sign up lists on back table and downstairs bulletin board.

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

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.

WALKING WORSHIP will continue to meet at 2:00 PM at Spring Meadows Park, (address 640 West First Street Boiling Spring.

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

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.

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)
Erasers (2 inch)
Pencil Sharpeners
Ruler (Centimeter & Inch)

Personal Care Kits

Towels (27 x 52 Dark)
Nail Clipper
Toothbrush
Soap (4 or 5 oz)
Wide tooth combs
(No Pics)

PLAN AHEAD

September 6	Penny Sunday	
	Sandwich making after service.	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
September 8	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
September 10	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
September 12	Chicken Corn Soup making	8:00 AM
September 13	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
September 15	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
September 17	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
September 20	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Fine Arts at First	3:00 PM
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
September 22	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
September 24	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
September 26	Planning Meeting	1:00 PM
September 27	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
September 29	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
October 1	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
October 3	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM

