



March 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:**

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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March 8, 2026  
Third 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 confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*  
(LBW Green Hymnal) #250

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Let us pray.

C **Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why

do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”<sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”<sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”<sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go.<sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.<sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 95 (Read Responsively)**

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God’s presence | with  
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | LORD  
with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of

God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. Oh, that  
today you would | hear God's voice!

**8 "Harden | not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that  
day at Massah | in the desert.**

**9** There your ancestors | tested me, they put me to the test,  
though they had | seen my works.

**10** **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The  
heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know  
my ways.'**

**11** Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
They shall never come | to my rest.' "

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

<sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our

Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4th chapter.

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

**John 4:5-42**

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and

he would have given you living water.”<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water”<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you

speaking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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:**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
(LBW Green Hymnal) #499

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our  
faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**THE 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 Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers.*

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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 O God,

C **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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. 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:

## SANCTUS:

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 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 Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*Please be seated.*



**C** 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** God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* #327  
(LBW Green Hymnal)

## DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE:

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The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Rick and Sandy Goodman.

## ATTENDANCE

March 1, 2026	18
Last Year	21
Online February 22, 2026	133
Last Year	64

## STEWARDSHIP

March 1, 2025	\$ 609.50
Last Year	\$ 792.00

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Passion Reading	Mt. Zion	5:30 PM
Maundy Thursday	Mt. Zion	7:30PM
Good Friday	St. John	7:00 PM
Easter Breakfast	Mt. Zion	9:00 - 10:00 AM
Easter Sercice	Mt. Zion	11:00 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**CONGREGATION MEETING** will be March 22, 2026, after the Worship Service.

**PASSION READING SERVICE** there will be a dinner and a reading of the passion play on March 31, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

**EASTER FLOWERS** order sheet is on the back table. Last day to order is March 15, 2026.

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY** - Black History Month - "Stories of Women". Our program will be held at Christ-Duncannon beginning at 7:00 pm. Lisa and I are happy to drive anyone up who doesn't want to drive themselves. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**March 10 (Tuesday)**     *An Ordinary Hero:  
Story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland*

**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 March 22, 2026. Proceeds go to help New Hope and Monroe Elementary School Families. Shaping dates are 3/14, 3/21, and 3/28, starting at 8:30 AM.

**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.

**TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH** presents Music at the Spring 2025-2026 Filament, March 22, 3 PM, Messiah University Percussion Ensemble, April 26, 3 PM.

**FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2025-2026** Muhlenberg College Choirs April 19, 2026 at 4 PM. Flyer on bulletin downstairs

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

**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](mailto: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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor Jenn.** Lent will begin on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and so we will begin a Lenten Sunday School session on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year, we are going to spend time on Jesus's Sermon on the Mount utilizing Amy Jill Levine's book [https://www.amazon.com/Sermon-Mount-Levine/dp/1501899899/ref=sr\\_1\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/Sermon-Mount-Levine/dp/1501899899/ref=sr_1_1). Just like with Advent, you are welcome to get the book to read along and deepen your study, or just walk through with our Sunday conversations, and I will do my best to present the material and guide our conversations. This will run through Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## PLAN AHEAD

<b>March 8</b>	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
<b>March 9</b>	Social Ministry Meeting	9:30 AM
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Stories of Women</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 12</b>	WalkingWorship	2:00 PM
<b>March 14</b>	Shaping of eggs	8:30 AM
<b>March 15</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
<b>March 19</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>March 21</b>	Shaping of eggs	8:30 AM
<b>March 22</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Congregational Meeting	(after Service)
	Filament	3:00 PM
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>March 26</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
<b>March 28</b>	Shaping of eggs	8:30 AM
<b>March 22</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>March 29</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>March 31</b>	Passion Reading Service with dinner	5:30 PM
<b>April 2</b>	Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
<b>April 3</b>	Good Friday	7:00 PM
<b>April 4</b>	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
<b>April 5</b>	Easter Breakfast	9:00 - 10:00 AM
	Easter Worship	11:00 AM