



July 20, 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:**

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road  
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July 20, 2025  
6th 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 We gather in this place, some empty, some filled,  
some whole, some broken:
- C **yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.**
- P We come and hear the witness of ordinary people,  
who have shown us the way of Christ:
- C **trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.**
- P We come to the table of grace so we might be fed by  
the Bread of Life:
- C **that graced, we may serve others; that healed, we may bring hope to the world.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

C **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG:

*Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak #403*  
(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:

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 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING:**      **Genesis 18:1-10a**

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

**PSALM: Psalm 15**      **(Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to  
their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a  
neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor  
those who | fear the LORD. They have sworn upon  
their health and do not take | back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they  
take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these  
things shall never be | overthrown.

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28**

**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 10th chapter.

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

**Luke 10:38-42**

**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**    *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*  
(LBW Green Hymnal)        **#316**

## **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**     In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers*

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

**P**     Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus

**C**     **Amen.**



## PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please stand as able*

*The Lord's table is prepared*

*Offering brought forward*

## OFFERING PRAYER:

P Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.**

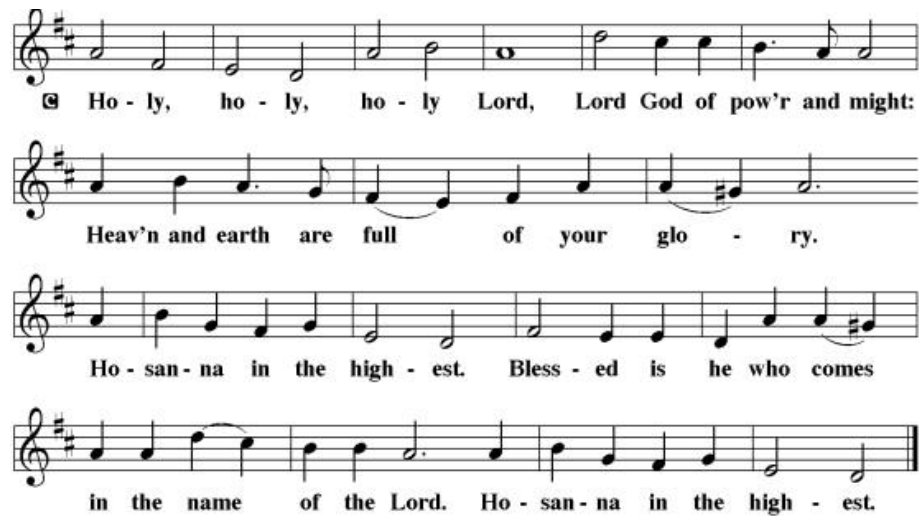
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you. giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are 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** Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*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, 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** Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we  
drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your  
love 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:** *O Savior, Precious Savior* #514  
(LBW GreenHymnal)

**DISMISSAL:**

**P** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE:**

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### **ATTENDANCE**

July 13, 2025

Last Year 23

Online July 6, 2025

Last Year 24

### **STEWARDSHIP**

July13, 2025

Last Year \$1102.00

## PLAN AHEAD

|                  |                              |                 |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>July 20</b>   | Sunday School for children   | (after Service) |
| <b>July 24</b>   | Council Meeting (New Date)   | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>July 25</b>   | Christmas in July            | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>July 27</b>   | Lite Breakfast               | 8:00 AM         |
|                  | Worship Service              | 8:30 AM         |
|                  | Sunday School for children   | (after Service) |
| <b>July 30</b>   | Wine and Cheese Wednesday    | 7:00 - 8:30 PM  |
| <b>August 2</b>  | Community Dinner             | 5:00 - 6:30 PM  |
| <b>August 3</b>  | Lite Breakfast               | 8:00 AM         |
|                  | Worship Service              | 8:30 AM         |
|                  | Penny Sunday                 |                 |
|                  | Sunday School for children   | (after Service) |
|                  | Adult Sunday School via Zoom | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>August 10</b> | Lite Breakfast               | 8:00 AM         |
|                  | Worship Service              | 8:30 AM         |
|                  | Sunday School for children   | (after Service) |
|                  | Adult Sunday School via Zoom | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>August 17</b> | Lite Breakfast               | 8:00 AM         |
|                  | Worship Service              | 8:30 AM         |
|                  | Sunday School for children   | (after Service) |
|                  | Adult Sunday School via Zoom | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>August 19</b> | Music and Worship            | 2:30 PM         |
| <b>August 20</b> | Council Meeting              | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>August 24</b> | Lite Breakfast               | 8:00 AM         |
|                  | Worship Service              | 8:30 AM         |
|                  | Sunday School for children   | (after Service) |
|                  | Adult Sunday School via Zoom | 7:00 PM         |
| <b>August 24</b> | Lite Breakfast               | 8:00 AM         |
|                  | Worship Service              | 8:30 AM         |
|                  | Sunday School for children   | (after Service) |
|                  | Adult Sunday School via Zoom | 7:00 PM         |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY** Come join us for an evening of enjoying the singing of the Christmas carols that we love. The ones we only have a short period of time to enjoy singing in church in December. July 25, 2025. Offering will be a donation to New Hope.

### **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.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and will work with other partners as well 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.

**WINE & CHEESE WEDNESDAYS** For many years, St. Paul's Enola has hosted during the summer. This year they have put together another outstanding group of speakers and are inviting us all to join. It's very casual and a way to enjoy a summer evening. Fourth one is July 30. Information on left bulletin board downstairs.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - GENESIS - SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM** flyer has information and an email has been sent also.

**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 Goodman know.

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