



March 1, 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:

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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March 1, 2026
Second 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 *What Wondrous Love Is This* #385
(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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and

the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

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

PSALM: Psalm 121 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ² **My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor**
sleep;
- ⁵ the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your |**
coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”
⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit

the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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: *Lift High the Cross* **#377**
 (LBW Green Hymnal)

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.

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.

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: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
(LBW Green Hymnal) **#482**

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 the
congregation.

CHANGE CLOCKS SATURDAY NIGHT

ATTENDANCE

February 22, 2026	14
Last Year	21
Online February 15, 2026	103
Last Year	84

STEWARDSHIP

February 22, 2025	\$2853.00
Last Year	\$ 970.00

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 9

*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 2/28, 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

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. 18th and so we will begin a Lenten Sunday School session on Feb. 22nd. 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. 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 29th.

PLAN AHEAD

March 1	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
March 5	Walking tour	2:00 PM
March 7	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
March 8	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
March 9	Social Ministry Meeting	9:30 AM
	Stories of Women	7:00 PM
March 14	Shaping of eggs	8:30 AM
March 15	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
March 19	Walking Tour	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
March 21	Shaping of eggs	8:30 AM
March 22	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Congregational Meeting	(after Service)
	Filament	3:00 PM
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
March 26	Walking Tour	2:00 PM
March 28	Shaping of eggs	8:30 AM
March 22	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
March 29	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
March 31	Passion Reading Service with dinner	5:30 PM

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 Service	Mt. Zion	11:00 AM