



August 17, 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:

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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August 17, 2025
10th 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 People of God, we have been raised with Christ to new life;

C Freed from every fear and granted every grace.

P The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

C The earth reveals God's splendor.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C God's Word shines forth in glory.

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: *Let the Whole Creation Cry* #242
(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: *My Lord of Light* #796 (WOV Blue Hymnal)



- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

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

PSALM: Psalm 82 (Read Responsively)

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

² **“How long will you | judge unjustly,
and show favor | to the wicked?**

³ Save the weak | and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak | and the poor;
deliver them from the power | of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they
wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,
and fall like | any prince.’”

⁸ **Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations | for your own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

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 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 12:49-56

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: *If God Himself Be for Me* **#454**
(LBW Green 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 Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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**

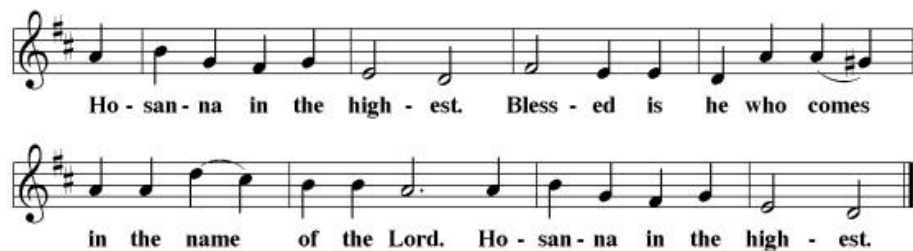
PREFACE:

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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 The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
(WOV Blue Hymnal) #649

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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Acknowledgement for the Opening: Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion – Liturgies for Year C, Vol. 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p.116, 120.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Sue Sunday.

ATTENDANCE

August 10, 2025, 2025	21
Last Year	19
Online August 3, 2025	49
Last Year	86

STEWARDSHIP

August 10, 2025	\$ 790.00
Last Year (includes rent \$1635.00)	\$2770.00

MONTH OF AUGUST LISTEN FOR GOD

- Week 3 Pray the Lord's Prayer. Sit in silence for 15 min.
Week 4 Pray the Lord's Prayer. Sit in silence for 20 min.

PLAN AHEAD

August 17	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
August 19	Music and Worship	2:30 PM
August 21	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
August 24	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
August 26	Husk Corn	9:30AM
	Pick Chicken	1:00 PM
August 27	Wine and Cheese Wednesday	7:00 - 8:30 PM
August 31	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
September 6	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
September 7	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
September 8	Social Ministry Meeting	9:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHICKEN CORN SOUP On August 26th we will be husking corn at 9:30 AM and picking chicken at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to help.

CHICKEN CORN SOUP SALE Social Ministry will be making soup on September 6, it will be \$9.00 a quart and must be pre ordered by August 31. 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.

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)
Blue/Black Pens (No Gel)
Pencils (Unsharpened)
Pencil Sharpeners
Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
Ruler (Centimeter & Inch)

Personal Care Kits

Towels (27 x 52 Dark)
Nail Clipper
Toothbrush
Soap (3 or 4 oz)

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.

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. Sixth and last one is August 27, 2025. Information on left bulletin board downstairs.

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.

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.

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 .