



March 9, 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 have not 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.

We invite you to partake in Holy communion if you are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ Jesus. 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:

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road S
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March 9, 2025
First 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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
(WOV Blue Hymnal) #780

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:



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- ² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my
stronghold, my God in whom I | put my trust.”**
- ⁹ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰ **no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come |
near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor
them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

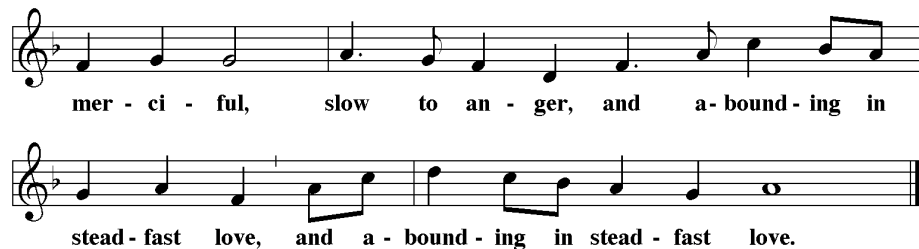
SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

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 4th chapter.

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

Luke 4:1-13

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:

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days **#99**
(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 With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers

A God in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

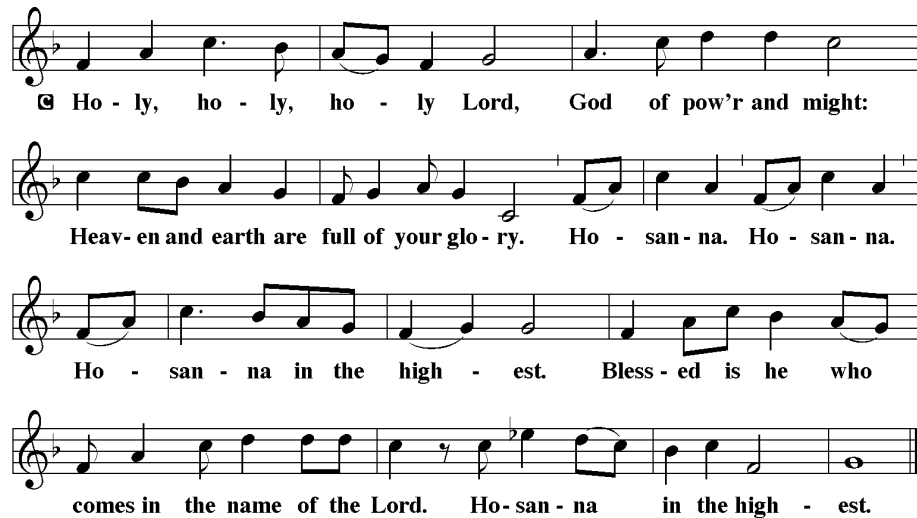
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and

suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, and 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

CC Amen.

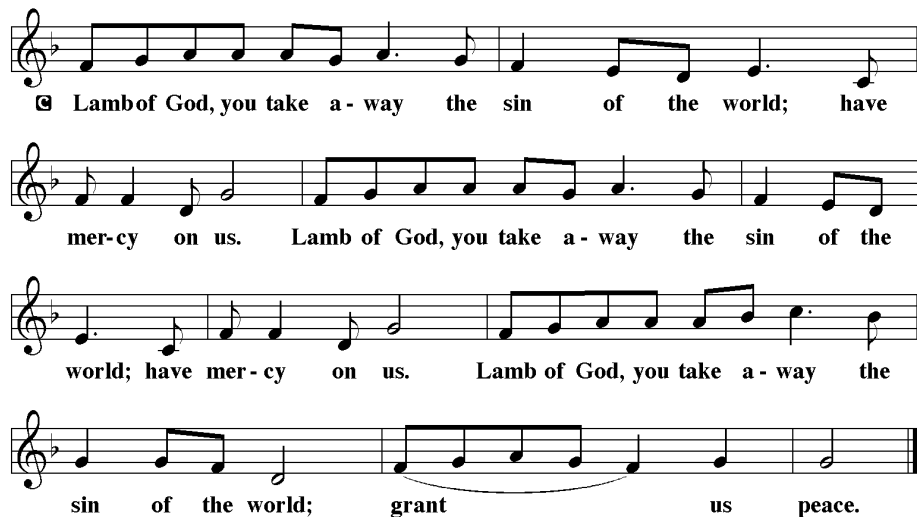
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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 Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: *Once He Came in Blessing* #312
(LBW Green Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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Opening Dialogue adapted from a dialogue written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life. <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Sally Shambaugh.

ATTENDANCE

February 23, 2025	21
Last Year	21
Online February 16, 2025	84
Last Year	44

STEWARDSHIP

February 23, 2025	\$ 792.00
Last Year	\$2437.00
(included Threefold rent 1635.00)	

PLAN AHEAD

March 11	Music and Worship	2:30 PM
March 15	Egg Shaping Day	8:30 AM
March 16	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
March 20	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
March 22	Egg shaping Day	8:30 AM
March 23	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
April 1	Community Dinner	5:00 -6:30 PM

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE will be at 11:00 AM on April 20, 2025. There will be an Easter Breakfast from 9:00 - 10:00 AM.

MT. ZION is now ready to ask members to search their hearts and pray about serving on the Call Committee. We will be seeking three members to volunteer.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE Over the last few days, multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California. This disaster is just one of many — including hurricane, war and famine. Your support is needed. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you allow us to mobilize quickly for disasters. Please make checks payable to Mt. Zion and put Lutheran Disaster in the memo line.

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 April 7, 2025. Proceeds go to help Monroe Elementary School Families. Shaping dates are 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 and 4/12, 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.

IF INTERESTED in being a First, Second and Psalm reader please let Sandy Goodmen 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 .

ADULT LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL - DIETRICH BONHOEFFER STUDY- SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM flyer has information and an email has been sent also.

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.

FINE ARTS AT FIRST We are invited to join Fine Arts at First for their 30th concert season. The second will be The third will be The Chenault Duo Organists on May 18, 2025, at 4 PM. Brochure on down stairs bulletin board.