

April 26, 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:**

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road  
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April 26, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 Early on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb only to find the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, to celebrate the good news: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

P Beloved church, Behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**C Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

P Sin and death shall reign no more.

**C Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

P Let this place resound with joy.

**C Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Thanks be to God!**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG:

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #499  
(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.**

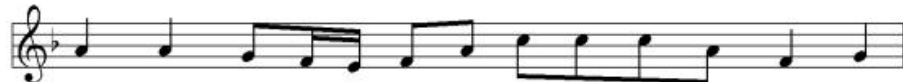
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

## HYMN OF PRAISE:



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



♩ We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.  
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O** God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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.*

**PROVISIONAL FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:7-15**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup> As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. <sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

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

### **PROVISIONAL PSALM: Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> **Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong; we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's | holy name.**

<sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

*Please stand as able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :**



## GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

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

### John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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:** *The Lord's My shepherd* #451  
(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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal  
and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs  
of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers.*

A Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to  
proclaim the good news of new life to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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 Merciful God,

**C** accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.**

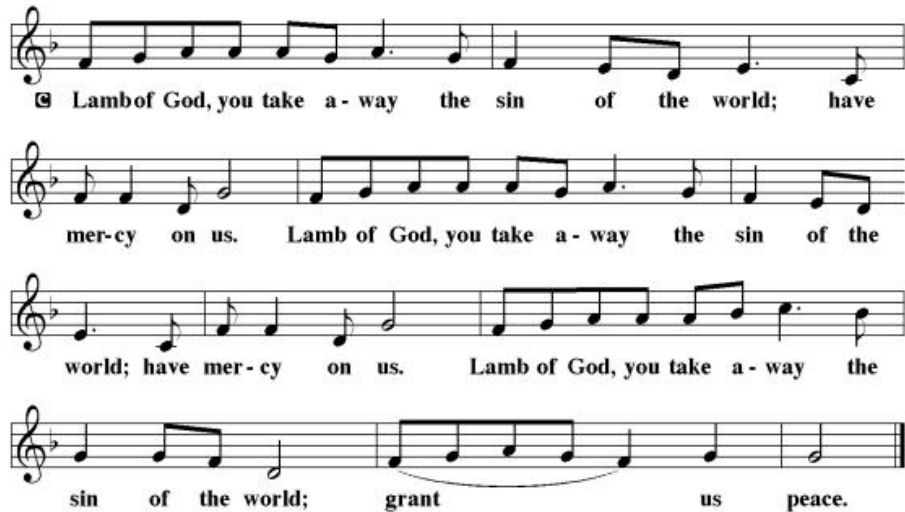
**P** Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 of new life. Receive the risen Lord. For those who will commune in your place. This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

*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 Holy One, through this meal you have made your  
home among us and are making all things new. Send  
us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our  
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In  
the name of Jesus,

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:**

*What a Fellowship's what a Joy Divine #780*  
(WOV Blue Hymnal)

### **DISMISSAL:**

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **THE POSTLUDE:**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

April 19, 2026	22
Last Year	30
Online April 12, 2026	59
Last Year	64

**STEWARDSHIP**

April 12, 2025	\$1940.00
Last Year	\$1945.00

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST** will be \$6.00 a plant and the last day to order is May 10. Order sheet is on the back table.

**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 Messiah University Percussion Ensemble, April 26, 3 PM.

**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).

## PLAN AHEAD

<b>April 19</b>	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
	Muhlenberg College Choirs	4:00 PM
<b>April 23</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
<b>April 26</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Messiah University Percussion Ensemble	3:00 PM
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>May 2</b>	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
<b>May 3</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
<b>May 4</b>	Social Ministry	9:30 AM
<b>May 7</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
<b>May 10</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
<b>May 14</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
<b>May 17</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
<b>May 21</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>May 24</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Day of Pentecost (Think Red)	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
<b>May 31</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	