



February 8, 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:

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after Epiphany

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.

EPIPHANY DIALOGUE

- P We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies: for the star that led the magi to the manger,
- C that the nations may see the light of Christ;**
- P for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,
- C that the Christ would save us all;**
- P for the proclamation from the mountain,
- C that Jesus will teach and guide us in truth.**
- P God has been revealed in Jesus, the Christ.
- C Let us rejoice and follow him. Alleluia!**

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 **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the

hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸When your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Our ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-10 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;**
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be**
kept in everlasting remembrance.

- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands | fast forever; they will hold up their | head with
honor.
- ¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash
their teeth and | pine away; the desires of the wicked
will perish.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 13-16

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come
proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior
speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among
you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to
you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My
speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive
words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and
of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human
wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature
we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age
or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But
we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God
decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of
the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would
not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart
conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"
—¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit
searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what
human knows what is truly human except the human spirit
that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly
God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received

not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. 14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

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

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

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

Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on

a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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 Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! #76
(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 As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

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

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our 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 God of majesty,
C **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

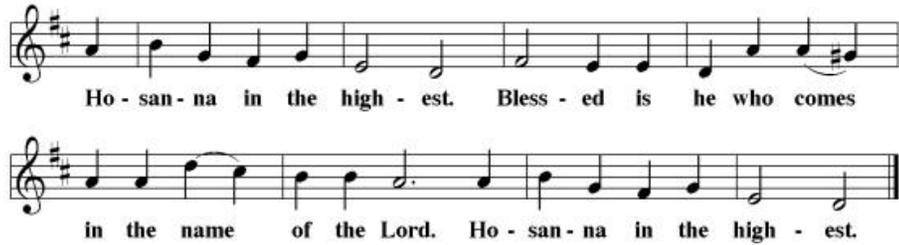
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

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. In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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, 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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

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 Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have

seen and heard, 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: *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*
(LBW Green Hymnal) #265

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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

ATTENDANCE

February 1, 2026	24
Last Year	27
Online January 26, 2026	Snow
Last Year	87

STEWARDSHIP

February 1, 2025	\$ 2567.50
Last Year	\$ 4007.76
Includes Threefold Rent	\$ 1719.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

SCOUT SUNDAY is often celebrated the Sunday before February 8, where Scouts participate in religious services to reaffirm their commitment to Scouting values. Scout Sunday emphasizes the twelfth point of the Scout Law; “A Scout is Reverent.” It provides an opportunity for Scouts to reflect on their faith and demonstrate their commitment to the community service.

TAX RETURN - Anyone wanting one please let Roxann Clay know.

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.

February 9	<i>Harriet</i>
February 16	<i>Six Triple Eight</i>
February 23	<i>Hidden Figures</i>
March 9	<i>An Ordinary Hero: Story of Joan Trimpauer Mulholland</i>

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 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/21, and 3/28, starting at 8:30 AM.

WALKING WORSHIP will continue to meet at 2:00 PM at Spring Meadows Park, (address 640 West First Street Boiling Spring.

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.

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

FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2025-2026 The Baltimore Consort February 22, 2026, 4 PM. Muhlenberg College Choirs April 19, 2026 at 4 PM. Flyer on bulletin downstairs

TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH presents
Music at the Spring 2025-2026 The Great American
Songbook with Jeff Coon, February 15, 3 PM, Filament,
March 22, 3 PM, Messiah University Percussion Ensemble,
April 26, 3 PM.

SOCIAL MINISTRY is asking for donations to help the
Monroe Elementary School nurse. We will be collecting
now till the end of February the following items:

Leggings all size	Chap Stick
Sweatpants all size	Kleenex
Ankle Socks all sizes	Travel Size Deodorant
Underwear	Ziplock Bags
Girls all sizes	Sandwich
Boys up to size 8	Quart

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](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

February 8	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
February 9	Stories of Women	7:00 PM
February 12	Walking tour	2:00 PM
February 15	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	The Great American Songbook	3:00 PM
February 16	Stories of Women	7:00 PM
February 18	Ash Wednesday	7:30 PM
February 19	Walking Tour	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
February 22	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
	The Baltimore Consort	4:00 PM
February 23	Stories of Women	7:00 PM
February 26	Walking Tour	2:00 PM
March 1	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
March 5	Walking tour	2:00 PM
March 7	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM