



October 19, 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:

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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October 19, 2025
19th 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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

C **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand. **#731**

(WOV Blue 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 Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Christ have mercy.
C **Christ, have mercy.**
P Lord, have mercy.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's 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.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ 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.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

II 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.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

**C O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you
are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely
day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your
enduring justice for all this suffering world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word **#230**
(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 Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for
the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your
everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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 Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what
you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on
the uncertainty of riches but on you, who richly
provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to
bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

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, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. 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.

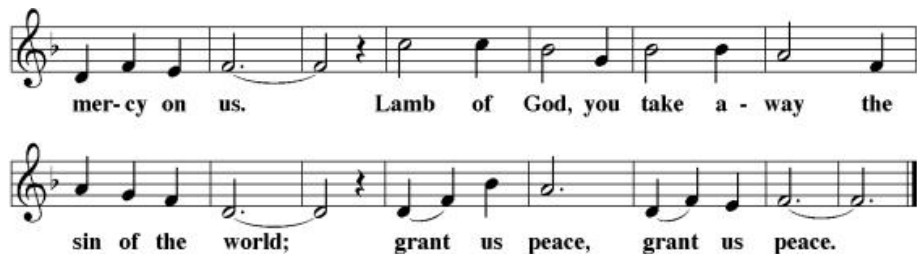
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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 O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this 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: *Jesus, Still Lead On* **#341**
(LBW GreenHymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

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 Blaine Leib.

ATTENDANCE

October 12, 2025	15
Last Year	17
Online October 5, 2025	97
Last Year	73

STEWARDSHIP

October 12, 2025	\$ 718.38
Includes Noisy Offering.	\$ 43.38
Last Year	\$1511.27
Includes Noisy Offering	\$ 266.26

PLAN AHEAD

October 19	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Fine Arts at First	4:00 PM
October 25	Walking Tour	1:00 PM
October 24	Movie Night	6:00 PM
October 26	Reformation Sunday (Consider Red)	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
November 1	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM

CHANGE CLOCKS'S BEFORE BEDTIME

November 2	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Penny Sunday	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOVIE NIGHT INVITATION - COCO You are invited to join us on Friday, October 24 for an evening of fellowship filled with beautiful artistry and heart-warming music as we journey with a young boy as he learns about himself, his family, and restoring relationships by uncovering untold stories.

We will be gathering at 6:00 at the Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (115 Church St., Duncannon) to watch Disney's Coco (came out in 2017). Movie start time will be 6:30. If you can bring some snacks to share, that's wonderful, but it is not required. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome! If you need a ride up to Duncannon, please let me know. Lisa and I are happy to carpool.

WALKING TOUR Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. there will be a Walking Tour of Churchtown led by Sharon Nelson and Sue Sunday. This tour will start in Mt. Zion's parking lot and will feature the 230 years of Mt. Zion and the stories and homes of Churchtown's Civil War veterans. We will be joined by Col. (Ret.) Terrence Beltz, the author of *Unclaimed Valor: the history of the 130th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry*, Many of the men from the Churchtown area served in the 130th, led by our very own Civil War hero, Col. Henry Zinn.

TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH presents Music at the Spring 2025-2026 Big Sky Quartet, November 9, 3 PM, The Great American Songbook with Jeff Coon, February 15, 3 PM, Filament, March 22, 3 PM, Messiah University Percussion Ensemble, April 26, 3 PM.

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.

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.

NOISY OFFERING for CPARC We will collect donations the second through fifth Sundays through out this fall. The money donated will provide the residents of the Churchtown home with spending money. We will accept coins (noisy), bills (not so noisy), and checks (made out to Mt. Zion with CPARC on the memo line). Please give generously to help our neighbors.

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 .

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 - LEARNING ABOUT
THE NICENE CREED - SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM VIA
ZOOM** flyer has information and an email has been sent
also.