



November 16, 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 end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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November 16, 2025
23rd 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, who forgives
all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God,

C you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you,
✚ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *How Firm a Foundation* #507
(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:



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.
Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our
ruler and guide, we may live through what is
temporary without losing what is eternal, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM: Psalm 98 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ² **O LORD, you have made | known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶ **With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸ **Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**
- ⁹ The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without

paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21st chapter.

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

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take

place?”⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.”⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom;¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.”¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.”¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify.¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance,¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name.¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
(LBW Green Hymnal) **#294**

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 Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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 God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

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.

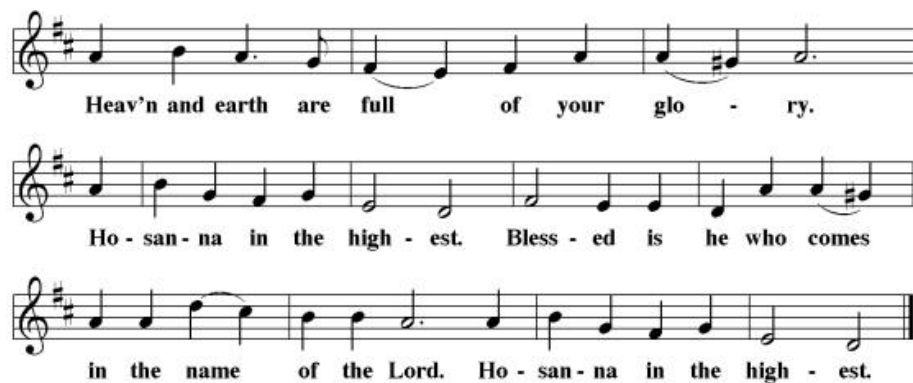
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

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:





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 There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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 God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body
and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your
good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden
us to love and serve in Christ's 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: *When Peace, like a River* #346
(Green Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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 Connie
Witter in memory of Merle.

ATTENDANCE

November 9, 2025	19
Last Year	24
Online November 2, 2025	67
Last Year	70

STEWARDSHIP

November 9, 2025	\$ 762.03
Includes Noisy Offering	\$ 87.03
Last Year	\$1270.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY is November 23, 2026, we will be having a gathering of food items to be brought to the front of the church during the passing of the peace. There will also be a basket for monetary donations.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE at Otterbien Methodist Church will be November 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM. The offering will be can goods or love offering all going to food pantry.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE order form is on the back table along with the price list. Last day to order is November 30, 2025.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF OTTERBEIN cordially invite our ladies to the annual Ladies' Thanksgiving Breakfast Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

NOISY OFFERING for CPARC We will collect donations the second through fifth Sundays through out this fall. Last Sunday November 30.

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

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 The Great American Songbook with Jeff Coon, February 15, 3 PM, Filament, March 22, 3 PM, Messiah University Percussion Ensemble, April 26, 3 PM.

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

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.

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.

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.

PLAN AHEAD

- November 16** Noisy Offering
Sunday School for children (after Service)
Adult Sunday School via Zoom 7:00 PM
- November 20** Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- November 22** Thanksgiving Breakfast 9:00 AM
- November 23** Worship Service 8:30 AM
Harvest Home ingathering
Noisy Offering
Sunday School for children (after Service)
Adult Sunday School via Zoom 7:00 PM
- November 26** Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 PM
- November 30** First Sunday in Advent Worship 8:30 AM
Noisy Offering (Last Sunday)
Sunday School for children (after Service)
Adult Sunday School via Zoom 7:00 PM
- December 6** Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM