



March 29, 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, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

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March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday

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 Hosanna to the Son of David.  
C **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
P Behold you king comes to you, O Zion,  
C **Ride on in the cause of truth, And for the sake of justice.**  
P Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever;  
C **And the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter.**  
P You have loved righteousness and hated evil;  
C **therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

## **BLESSING OF THE PALMS:**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

We praise you O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless the branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *Prepare the Royal Highway*  
(LBW Green Hymnal) #26

## **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 Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

**The Coming Ruler of God's People**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant  
with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 118; 1-2, 19-29 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter  
through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate of the LORD;**

**the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

**22The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

23This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**24This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

25Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**26Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

27The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the  
festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

**28You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

29O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

*Please stand as able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter.

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

### Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The

crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”<sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**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:** *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*  
(LBW Green Hymnal) #121

**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** Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers.*

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**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 O God,

C **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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. 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:

**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.

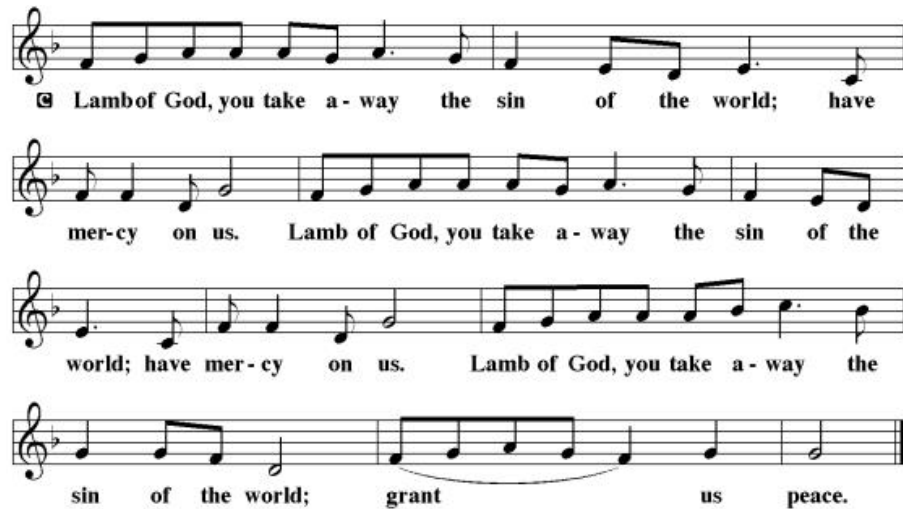
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive**

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. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*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 God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, 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:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #108  
(LBW Green Hymnal)

## DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE:

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The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Ed and Sandy Guido.

## STEWARDSHIP

March 22, 2025	\$ 1800.00
Last Year	\$ 1198.98

## ATTENDANCE

March 22, 2026	24
Last Year	25
Online March 15, 2026	Not recorded
Last Year	74

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Passion Reading	Mt. Zion	5:30 PM
Maundy Thursday	Mt. Zion	7:30PM
Good Friday	St. John	7:00 PM
Easter Breakfast	Mt. Zion	9:00 - 10:00 AM
Easter Sercice	Mt. Zion	11:00 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11 AT 1:00 PM**, all are invited to begin discussion and planning for Mt. Zion moving forward, now that we have a called pastor. Topics include better use of available space in our building; identifying things we no longer use/need that can be sold, donated or discarded; better organization of storage; completion of unfinished projects. Discussion can include new ideas and what we can do to engage more members/new members/visitors.

**PASSION READING SERVICE** Dinner Church will be held on March 31, 2026, at 5:30 PM. In this meal we will share food, sing hymns, light candles, and experience fellowship, Jesus' Passion according to St. Matthew will be read during the meal and the holy Eucharist will be celebrated with in the reading. We will worship together in this simple way as we anticipate the coming of our Lord's Passion.

**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.

**FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2025-2026** Muhlenberg College Choirs April 19, 2026 at 4 PM. Flyer on bulletin downstairs

**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). 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **PLAN AHEAD**

<b>March 31</b>	Passion Reading Service with dinner	5:30 PM
<b>April 2</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
<b>April 3</b>	Good Friday	7:00 PM
<b>April 4</b>	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
<b>April 5</b>	Easter Breakfast	9:00 - 10:00 AM
	Easter Worship	11:00 AM
<b>April 7</b>	Music and Worship	2:30 PM
<b>April 9</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
<b>April 11</b>	Planning Meeting	1:00 PM
<b>April 12</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>April 16</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM