



October 4, 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:

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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October 4, 2026 Holy Communion
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 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 We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship
 God.
C **Surely, God is in this place**
P God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.
C **May we be renewed by the Holy Spirit.**
P God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.
C **Let us share God's love and life.**
P The living Christ is with us.
C **Praise the Lord!**

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 pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #482
(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 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



G 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 **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice

vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

(Read Responsively)

⁷ Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹ You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered | by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken | down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :



GOSPEL:

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

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

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls. ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please stand as able.

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of 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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new,
we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

R Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up
these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; 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 creation,

C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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.**

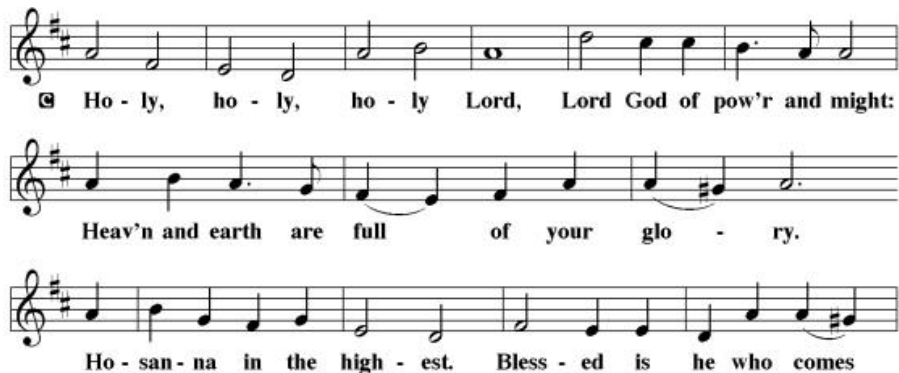
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



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.**

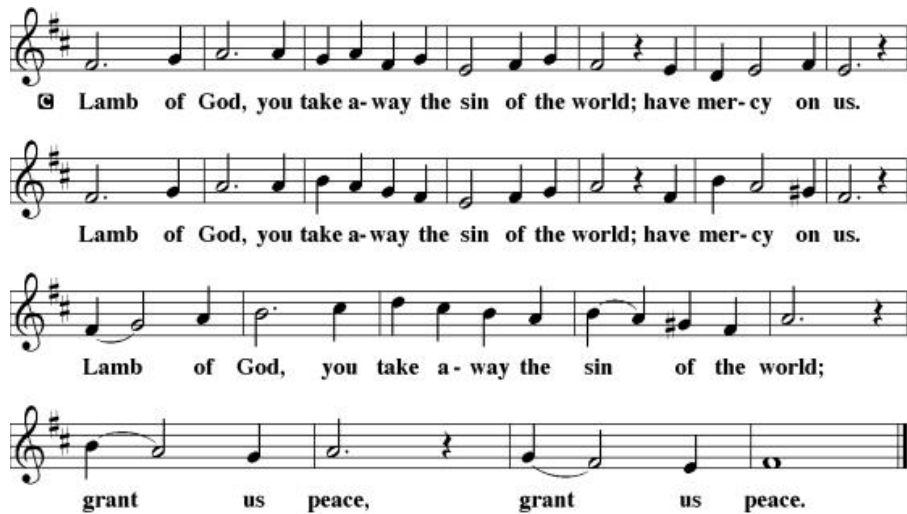
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! 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, grant us peace.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us." The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "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 Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy
and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this

table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*
(LBW Green Hymnal) **#433**

DISMISSAL:

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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This week's bulletin given to the Glory of God by Julie Jones.

ATTENDANCE

September 27, 2026	21
Last Year	18
Online September 20, 2026	71
Last Year	39

STEWARDSHIP

September 27, 2026	\$ 410.00
Last Year	\$ 1408.79
Includes Noisy Offering	\$ 48.79

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT Pastor Jenn will be offering a five-week study session to review and discuss the ELCA Social Statement: Human Sexuality - Gift and Trust. The ELCA is currently engaged in a discernment period on possible changes to the statement and seeks feedback from church members like us. A study guide will be provided. We will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 8:00.

October 7 @ Mt. Zion

October 14 @ Christ Lutheran

October 21 @ Mt. Zion

October 28 @ Christ Lutheran

FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2026-2027 The Baltimore consort October 26 at 3:00 PM. Hershey Handbell ensemble April 24, 2027 at 7:00 PM. Brochure on bulletin board downstairs.

BIBLE STUDY on Lectionary Reading Tuesday online 1:00 PM.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor Jenn. We will begin our new study on Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

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.

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE NOW ON SALE here are the list of supplies we will be needing for the School and Personal Care kits. Lists are on back table. We will be assembling the kits after Worship Service on October 11.

School Kits

Spiral Bound Notebook (70 Pages)
Scissors (Blunt)
Erasers (2 inch)
Pencil Sharpeners
Ruler (Centimeter & Inch)

Personal Care Kits

Towels (27 x 52 Dark)
Nail Clipper
Toothbrush
Soap (4 or 5 oz)
Wide tooth combs
(No Pics)

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.

PLAN AHEAD

October 6	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
October 7 @ Mt. Zion		6:00 -8:00 PM
October 8	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
October 11	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Assembling LWR Kits after service	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
October 13	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
	Music and Worship Meeting	2:30 PM
October 14 @ Christ Lutheran		6:00 -8:00 PM
October 15	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
October 18	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
October 20	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
October 21 @ Mt. Zion		6:00 -8:00 PM
October 22	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
October 25	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
October 27	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
October 28 @ Christ Lutheran		6:00 -8:00 PM
October 29	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
November 3	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
November 4	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM