



July 5, 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:

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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July 5, 2026, 2026
Sixth 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens,

C and I will give you rest."

P Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me.

C For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

P Christ calls us to come to worship.

C Let us rejoice in Christ's presence.

P The Spirit leads us in light and truth

C So we can go out into the world to serve.

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, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all mercy,

C **we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of ☩ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG:

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling #734
(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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² 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 145:8-14 (Read Responsively)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,

and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your
dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and
loving in | all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

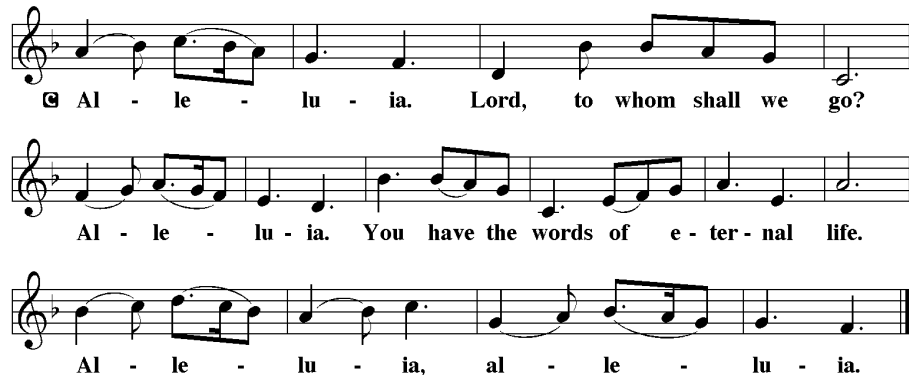
SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P 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 11th chapter.

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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

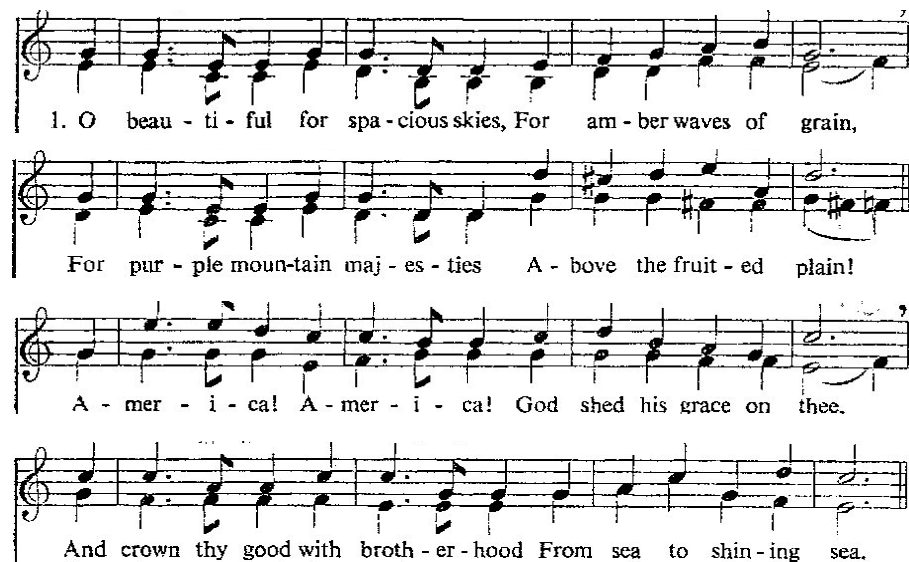
P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S BELL RINGING

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1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
For pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee.
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

HYMN SING:

Please stand as able.

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 Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made
let us pray for the church, the world, and all of
creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

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

P Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless
hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, 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 Loving God,
C **for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines
and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for
the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us
and what we offer into the banquet of your
compassion, serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

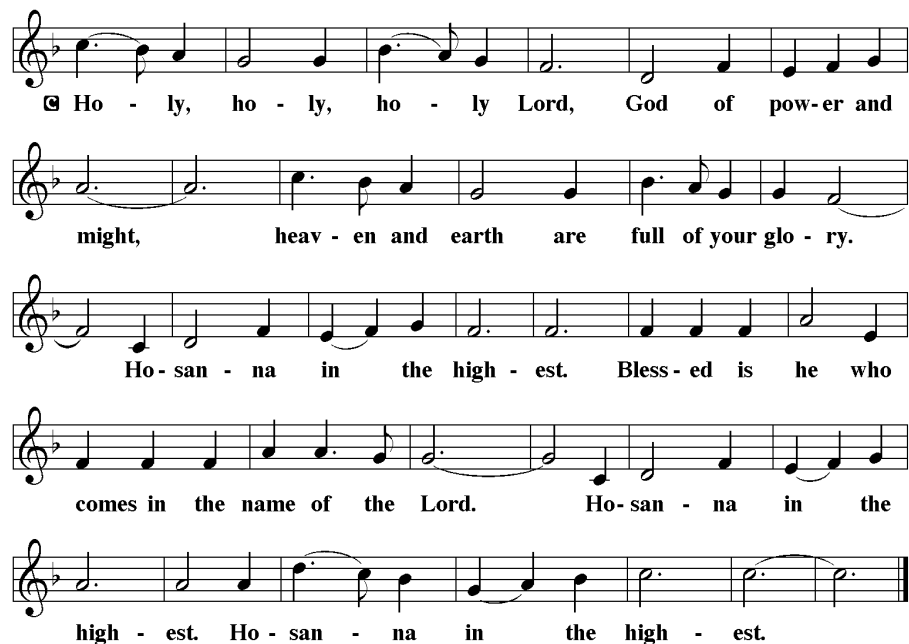
GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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.

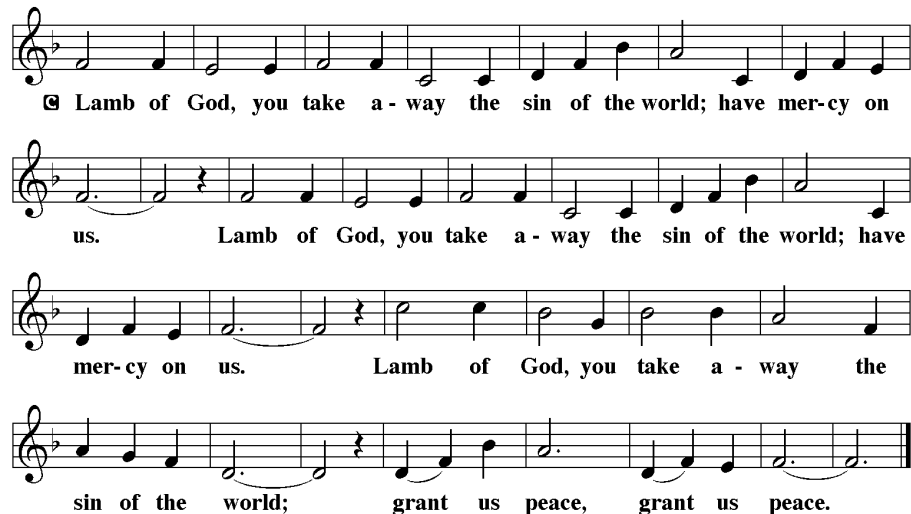
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:
Taste and know that God is good to all.

Please be seated.



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 score ends with a double bar line.

☞ 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 We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill
our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a
broken world. Channel our common life toward the
common good, following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever.

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: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* #684
WOV Blue Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE:

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The bulletins last week were given to the Glory of God by Sue Sunday.
The Bulletins this week are given to the Glory of God by Julie Jones.

ATTENDANCE

June 28, 2026	22
Last Year (250 Anniversary)	50
Online June 21, 2026	108
Last Year	79

STEWARDSHIP

June 28, 2025	\$ 1850.00
Includes Noisy Offering	25.00
Last Year	\$ 2370.00

CHRISTMAS IN JULY Come join us for an evening of enjoying the singing of the Christmas carols that we love. The ones we only have a short period of time to enjoy singing in church in December. Offering will be a donation to the yellow bag bound for NY in December. Sign up list on back table.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor Jenn. We will begin our new study on Martin Luther's Small Catechism on July 5th.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ENOLA invites you to join us for our 2026, Wine & Cheese Wednesday. Information on bulletin board.

ANNUAL CPARC NOISY OFFERING will be collected June, July, and August on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday. Last day for collection will be August 31, 2026. It will be done during sharing of the peace with one another.

BIBLE STUDY on Lectionary Reading Tuesday online 1:00 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.

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

PLAN AHEAD

July 5	Penny Sunday	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
July 7	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
July 8	Wine & Cheese Wednesday.	7:00 - 8:30 PM
July 9	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
July 12	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
July 14	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
July 16	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
July 17	Christmas in July	7:00 PM
July 19	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
July 21	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
July 22	Wine & Cheese Wednesday.	7:00 - 8:30 PM
July 23	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
July 26	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
July 23	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
July 20	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
August 1	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM