



November 23, 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:

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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November 23, 2025
Christ the King 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.

- P Blessed be the God of Israel
C **who has looked favorably on us and redeemed us.**
P Blessed be the God of Israel
C **who has called us beloved and named us as God's own.**
P Blessed be the God of Israel
C **who has blessed the Creation and offered us abundance.**
P Blessed be the God of Israel
C **who calls us to praise and worship here in this place.**
C **Blessed be the God of Israel forever. Hallelujah**

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 HYMN:*When Morning Gilds the Skies* #546
(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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

ADVENT

Color of the Season: Blue Reader – Edward McCullough

READING: **Isaiah 40: 1-5**

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been complete, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice of one calling: "In the dessert prepare the way for the LORD, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill be made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all humankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

HYMN: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* **#29**
 (LBW Green Hymnal)

CHRISTMAS

Color of the Day: White

Reader – Trish Leib

READING: **Luke 2: 1-7**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

HYMN: *What Child Is This* **#40**
(LBW Green Hymnal)

EPIPHANY

Colors of the Season: White

Reader – Sue Sunday

READING: Matthew 17: 1-8

¹⁷ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were

overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy* **#165**
 (LBW Green Hymnal)

LENT

Color of the Season: Purple Reader – Pat Hardy

READING: **Matthew 4:1-11**

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

HYMN: *My Song is Love Unknown (Verses 1, 2 & 7)* **#94**
 (LBW Green Hymnal)

EASTER

Color of the Season: White Reader – Nancy Faircloth

READING: Luke 24: 1-8

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared, and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.

HYMN: *Christ Is Arisen! Alleluia!* **#131**
 (LBW Green Hymnal)

PENTECOST

Color of the Season: Red Reader – Roxann Clay

READING: Acts 2:1-8, 14, 16-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard

HYMN: *Rise Up, O Saints of God* #383
(LBW Green Hymnal)

READING: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy and ever-living God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church. We give thanks for these servants of Christ Lutheran Church who have heard the call to serve as Ushers, Acolytes, Lectors, and Communion Assistants. Grant them a spirit of joy and bold trust that their work may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service; through you Son, Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

C Hallelujah – Amen!

THE SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

Color of the Season: Green Reader – Mike McCullough

READING: Luke 6:46-49

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸ That one is like a man building a house who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it quickly collapsed, and great was the ruin of that house.”

HYMN; *The Church’s One Foundation* **#369**

CHRIST THE KING

Color of the Day – White Reader – Pastor Jenn

READING: Revelation 1:4b-6

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

P Word of God, Word of Life,

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

REFLECTION:

Please stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O God Beyond All Praising* #797
(WOV Blue Hymnal)

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 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.

Congregation brings food items to the front.

Please stand as able.

Harvest Home Blessing

P For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

C We thank you, Lord.

P Almighty God, granter of all mercy, we humbly thank you for all your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your Creation. We give thanks for all the ways you care and tend to us. We are blessed by your immeasurable love shown in the redeeming work of salvation by your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you with our lips and in our lives by giving ourselves to you and in service to your people.

We give thanks for willing hearts to serve and those in this community who have donated these gifts of your abundant harvest. We pray for your blessing upon this food, O God and for all those who will receive it. May this food be offered to your glory and service. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom.

P You call us to be servants of the kingdom,

C **Open our hearts to the cries of your people.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

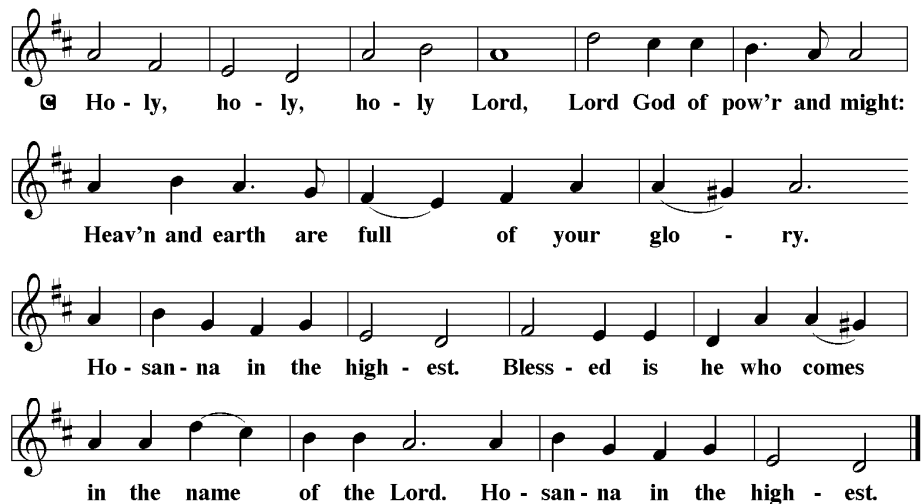
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. 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
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 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.



C 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 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: *Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng!* #553
(LBW GreenHymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Trish Leib in honor of Bill and Ruth Leib's wedding anniversary.

ATTENDANCE

November 16, 2025	22
Last Year	27
Online November 9, 2025	29
Last Year	96

STEWARDSHIP

November 16, 2025	\$ 707.36
Includes Noisy Offering	\$ 37.36
Last Year	\$1000.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING will be December 14, 2025, after worship service.

TRUCK STOP MINISTRY cookies will be due back December 14, 2025, and we will be bagging them after the Congregation Meeting. **LONGEST NIGHT BLUE CHRISTMAS EVENING PRAYER** will be a special service held on December 18, 2025, at 7:PM.

ANGLE TREE with gifts for New Hope will be up November 30. Collection will be thru December 28, 2025. Delivery the next week.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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 23	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	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	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
December 7	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Second Sunday in Advent Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School via Zoom	7:00 PM
December 9	Music and Worship Meeting	2:30 PM
December 14	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Second Sunday in Advent Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
December 18	Council Meeting	5:30 PM
	Longest Night Blue Christmas	7:00 PM
December 21	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Third Sunday in Advent Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:30 PM
December 28	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Lessons and Carols	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)