



May 31, 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:

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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May 31, 2026
Holy Trinity

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 In holy mystery and cosmic grandeur
C **we see the face of God**
P in the face of each other and love of a stranger
C **we know the love of Christ**
P in the call upon our hearts to love and serve
C **the spirit of God is moving among us**
P Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –
C **Glory to you forever!**
P Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River –
C **Glory to you forever!**
P God who was, God who is, God who is to come:
C **Glory to you forever!**

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,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*
(LBW Green Hymnal) #535

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.**

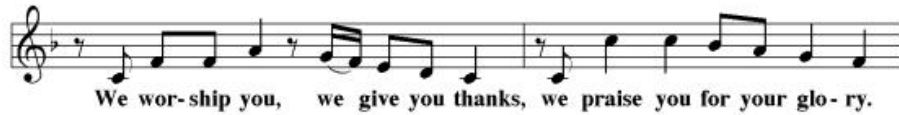
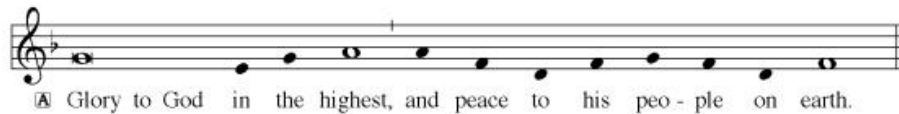
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE:



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 God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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 them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious

day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

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

PSALM: Psalm 8 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
- ² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children; you
have set up a fortress against your enemies, to
silence the foe | and avenger.**
- ³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of your
fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their
courses,
- ⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful
of them, human beings that you should | care for
them?**
- ⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with
glory and honor you crown them.
- ⁶ **You have made them rule over the works | of your
hands; you have put all things under their feet:**
- ⁷ all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of
the field,
- ⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and
whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
- ⁹ O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.

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

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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: *God Whose Almighty Word #400*
(LBW Green 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 together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus 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.

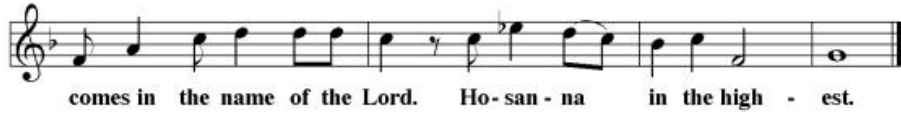
Please stand as able.

The Lord's table is prepared.

Offering brought forward.

Offering Prayer:

P Loving God,



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.**

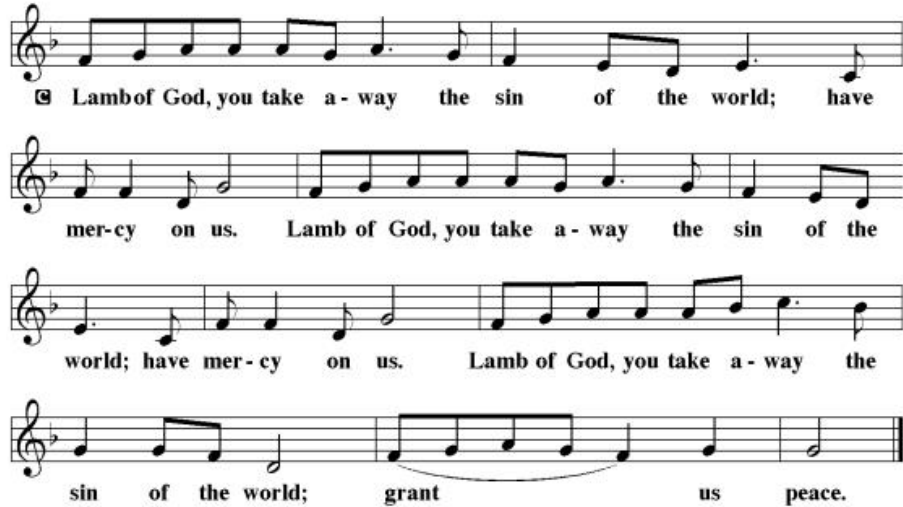
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! 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.

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 Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing 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: *Listen, God Is Calling* **#712**
 (WOV Blue Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE:

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The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Rick and Sandy Goodman.

ATTENDANCE

May 24, 2026	26
Last Year	22
Online May 17, 2026	
Last Year	71

STEWARDSHIP

May 24, 2025	\$ 612.00
Last Year	\$ 1489.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING June 14
after the service we will hold a special Congregational meeting to vote on the expenditure of \$6800 from the Building Fund to repair cracks and seal the parking lot. Please plan to attend.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor Jenn. Lent will begin on Feb. 18th and so we will begin a Lenten Sunday School session on Feb. 22nd. 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.

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

PLAN AHEAD

May 31	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
June 2	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
June 4	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
June 6	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
June 7	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Penny Sunday	
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
June 9	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
	Music and Worship Meeting	2:00 PM
June 11	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
June 14	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Congregational Meeting (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
June 16	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
June 18	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
June 21	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Congregational Meeting (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
June 23	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
June 25	Walking Worship	2:00 PM