



January 11, 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 the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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January 11, 2026  
Baptism of Our Lord

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.*

**EPIPHANY DIALOGUE**

- P We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies: for the star that led the magi to the manger,
- C that the nations may see the light of Christ;**
- P for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,
- C that the Christ would save us all;**
- P for the proclamation from the mountain,
- C that Jesus will teach and guide us in truth.**
- P God has been revealed in Jesus, the Christ.
- C Let us rejoice and follow him. Alleluia!**

## 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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interest at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Shall We Gather at the River #690*  
(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** **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING:                    Isaiah 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the

nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 29 (Read Responsively)**

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of |  
glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** <sup>9</sup>
- The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and  
strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all  
are | crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- <sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace

## **SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

*Please stand as able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :**



## GOSPEL:

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mathew the 3rd chapter.

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

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." **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:** *When Jesus Came to Jordan* #647  
(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 Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray  
boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in  
need.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers.*

R Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; 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 God of majesty

C **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
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. In him you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

*Please be seated.*



☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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**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** Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, 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:** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #90*  
(LBW Green Hymnal)

**DISMISSAL:**

**P** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE:**

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**ATTENDANCE**

January 4, 2026	20
Last Year	21
Online December 28, 2025	46
Last Year	66

**STEWARDSHIP**

January 4, 2025	\$ 5209.00
Last Year	\$ 865.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**SOCIAL MINISTRY/ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE** along with helping Monroe Elementary Families will be sending New Hope \$100.00, each month to help with their feeding of those who need a little extra help this year

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY/FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE**

will be making Ham and Bean and Vegetable Soup February 7, 2026, it will be \$9.00 a quart and must be pre ordered. Last day to order is February 1, 2026. Lists are in back of church and bulletin board downstairs. Proceeds will be used to help families at Monroe Elementary School at Thanksgiving and Christmas time and New Hope.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** is asking for donations to help the Monroe Elementary School nurse. We will be collecting now till the end of February the following items:

Leggings all size	Chap Stick
Sweatpants all size	Kleenex
Ankle Socks all sizes	Travel Size Deodorant
Underwear	Ziplock Bags
Girls all sizes	Sandwich
Boys up to size 8	Quart

**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)

**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.

**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

**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.

**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>.

So, this leaves us the time in between, from January 4<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Sunday School on January 25 (Lisa & I are at a Synod retreat) or February 1 (Lisa & I are on vacation as of the evening (i.e. we'll be at church in the morning but leaving right after for Disney)) which will leave us five Sundays. What I thought that we might try is listening in on a few of the classes that have been presented by the Bible for Normal People group. The link is here for you to look through: <https://thebiblefornormalpeople.com/classes/> You can click into the classes to get a description. I am a "member" so I have full access to these classes for us to listen to. Often, these are led by bible scholars and theologians and not just the two podcasters. Let me know if any of these sound interesting to you. If this isn't a good idea, I can try to come up with another small-ish session that will get us through to Lent.

**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

<b>January 11</b>	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>January 15</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>January 17</b>	Shaping Eggs	8:30 AM
<b>January 18</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>January 22</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
<b>January 24</b>	Shaping Eggs	8:30 AM
<b>January 25</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	No Adult Sunday School	
<b>January 27</b>	Music and Worship Meeting	2:30 PM
<b>January 29</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
<b>February 1</b>	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
<b>February 5</b>	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
<b>February 7</b>	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM