



August 31, 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:**

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road  
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August 31, 2025  
12th 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.*

P People of God, we have been raised with Christ to new life;

**C Freed from every fear and granted every grace.**

P The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

**C The earth reveals God's splendor.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C God's Word shines forth in glory.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

C **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:**      *Gather Us In*      **#718**  
   (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.**

## 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: *My Lord of Light* #796 (WOV Blue Hymnal)



- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.  
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.  
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.  
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 112 (Read Responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting  
remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is  
steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

- <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their  
righteousness stands | fast forever; they will hold up  
their | head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash  
their teeth and | pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

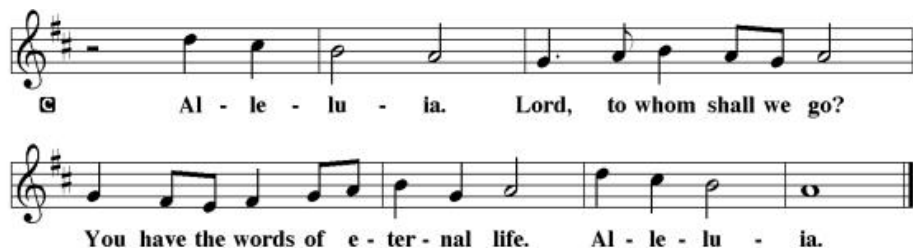
**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

*Please stand as able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :**



## GOSPEL:

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter.

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

### **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the



blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**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:**

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter* #362

(LBW Green Hymnal)

**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 Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers.*

A Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**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 Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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 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  
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.

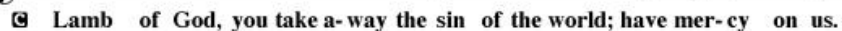
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new

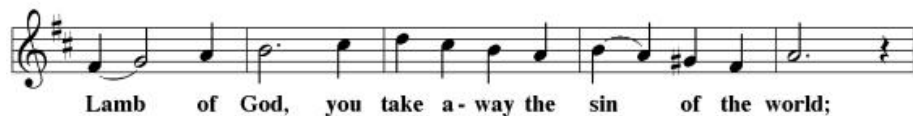
Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

*Please be seated.*





**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** Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love 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:** *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*  
(LBW Green Hymnal Hymnal) **#453**

## **DISMISSAL:**

**P** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

## **THE POSTLUDE:**

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Acknowledgement for the Opening: Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion – Liturgies for Year C, Vol. 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p.116, 120.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Sue Sunday.

## **ATTENDANCE**

August 24, 2025	20
Last Year	22
Online August 17, 2025	65
Last Year	74

## **STEWARDSHIP**

August 24, 2025	\$2680.00
Last Year	\$1130.00

## **LISTEN FOR GOD**

If this has become a habit why not continue listening for God.



## PLAN AHEAD

**August 31** Sunday School for children (after Service)  
Last day to sign up for soup

**September 6** Pick up soup 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Community Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**September 7** Worship Service 8:30 AM  
Penny Sunday  
Sunday School for children (after Service)  
Adult Sunday School via Zoom 7:00 PM

**September 8** Social Ministry Meeting 9:30 AM

**September 14** Worship Service 8:30 AM  
Noisy Offering  
Sunday School for children (after Service)  
Adult Sunday School via Zoom 7:00 PM

**September 18** Council Meeting 7:00 PM

**September 21** Worship Service 8:30 AM  
Noisy Offering  
Assemble LWR Kits (after service)  
Adult Sunday School via Zoom 7:00 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOISY OFFERING** for CPARC begins September 14. We will collect donations the second through fifth Sundays through out this fall. The money donated will provide the residents of the Churchtown home with spending money. We will accept coins (noisy), bills (not so noisy), and checks (made out to Mt. Zion with CPARC on the memo line). Please give generously to help our neighbors.

**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.



**CHICKEN CORN SOUP** sale Social Ministry will be making soup on September 6, it will be \$9.00 a quart and must be pre ordered by August 31. It can be picked up between 2:00 - 4:00 PM, if paying by check please make it out to Mt. Zion. Monies will be used for Thanksgiving/ Christmas dinners for Monroe Elementary School families that need a little help. Sign up lists on back table and downstairs bulletin board.

**IF INTERESTED** in being a First, Second and Psalm reader please let Sandy Goodman know.

**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.

**School Kits**

Spiral Bound Notebook (70 Pages)  
Scissors (Blunt)  
Blue/Black Pens (No Gel)  
Pencils (Unsharpened)  
Pencil Sharpeners  
Crayola Crayons (24 Count)  
Ruler (Centimeter & Inch)

**Personal Care Kits**

Towels (27 x 52 Dark)  
Nail Clipper  
Toothbrush  
Soap (3 or 4 oz)

We will be assembling them after service on the 21st.

**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 - LEARNING ABOUT THE NICENE CREED - SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM** flyer has information and an email has been sent also.

**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.

**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) .

**WALKING TOUR** Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. there will be a Walking Tour of Churchtown led by Sharon Nelson and Sue Sunday. This tour will start in Mt. Zion's parking lot and will feature the 230 years of Mt. Zion and the stories and homes of Churchtown's Civil War veterans. We will be joined by Col. (Ret.) Terrence Beltz, the author of *Unclaimed Valor: the history of the 130th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry*, Many of the men from the Churchtown area served in the 130th, led by our very own Civil War hero, Col. Henry Zinn.