

April 12, 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 today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

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 Early on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb only to find the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, to celebrate the good news: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

P Beloved church, Behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

C Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P Sin and death shall reign no more.

C Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P Let this place resound with joy.

C Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *With High Delight Let Us Unite*
(LBW Green Hymnal) #140

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.**

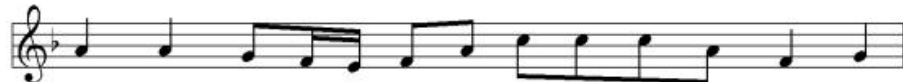
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE:



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 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 **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PROVISIONAL FIRST READING:

Exodus 15:1-11, 19-21

¹ [Then] Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³ The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. ⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. ⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble. ⁸ At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹ The enemy said, 'I will pursue; I will overtake; I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' ¹⁰ You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹ Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?" ¹⁹ When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. ²⁰ Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹ And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

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

PROVISIONAL PSALM: Psalm 111

(Read Responsively)

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

² **Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power | of your
works in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded
your covenant forever; holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected
by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to
be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if
now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷
so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious

than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :



GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

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

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of

any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*
(WOV Blue Hymnal) #675

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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 Merciful God,
C **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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 Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord. 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.



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 Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

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:

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! #144
(LBW Green Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE:

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ATTENDANCE

April 5, 2026	25
Last Easter	30
Maundy Thursday	16
Last Year	14
Online Maundy Thursday	34
Last Year	36
Dinner Worship	20
Online March 29, 2026	23
Last Year	67

STEWARDSHIP

April 5, 2025	\$ 2052.00
Last Year	\$ 2726.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH presents Music at the Spring 2025-2026 Messiah University Percussion Ensemble, April 26, 3 PM.

FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2025-2026 Muhlenberg College Choirs April 19, 2026 at 4 PM. Flyer on bulletin downstairs

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

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

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.

PLAN AHEAD

April 7	Music and Worship	2:30 PM
April 9	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
April 11	Planning Meeting	1:00 PM
April 12	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
April 16	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
April 19	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
	Muhlenberg College Choirs	4:00 PM
April 23	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
April 26	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children (after Service)	
	Messiah University Percussion Ensemble	3:00 PM
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
May 4	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM