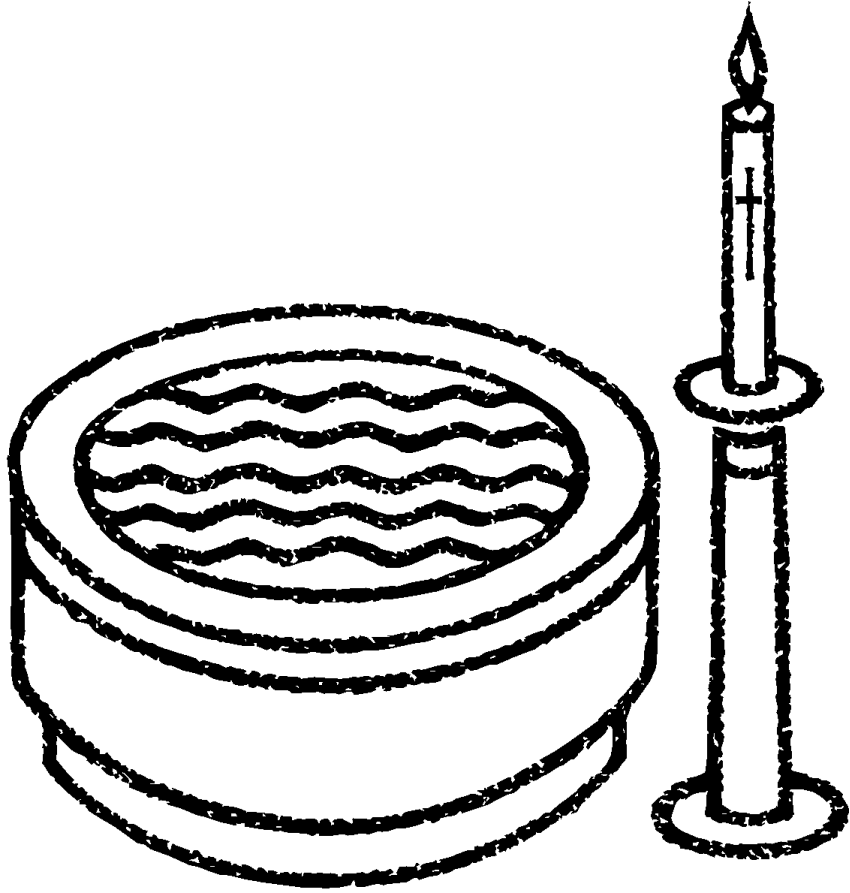




August 23, 2026
8:30 AM

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 Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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August 23, 2026
Thirteenth 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

C Surely, God is in this place

P God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

C May we be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

P God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

C Let us share God's love and life.

P The living Christ is with us.

C Praise the Lord!

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.

GATHERING SONG: *Shall We Gather at the River.*

(WOV Blue Hymnal) **#690**

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, with all your faithful followers of every
age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our
strong foundation and form us into the body of
your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the
world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek
the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and
to the quarry from which you were dug.² Look to Abraham
your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one
when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.³
For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her
waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her
desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be
found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to
me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a
teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to
the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my
salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift
up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath,

for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM: Psalm 138 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart; before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you | answered me; you increased my | strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD, when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways | of the LORD, that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly, perceiving the haughty | from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be

transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :



GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.

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

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:

HOMILY:

PRESENTATION:

At the time Jerry and Alison Kreiser with their daughter Pamala Reese Kreiser, and godfathers Bryan Clifton and Jamie Kreiser will come forward.

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We

are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

S I present Pamala Reese Kreiser to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented Reese for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

S I do.

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.
Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C **I do.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** 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.
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** 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

BAPTISM

- P** Reese, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Reese: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C** **Amen**
- P** Reese, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen

R Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

R Through Baptism God has made this new sibling a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

All return to their seats.

Please stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptized in Water* **#693**
 (WOV Blue Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

P With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray
for the church, those in need, and all of God's
creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

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

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, 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.

Please stand as able.

The Lord's table is prepared.

Offering brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P Loving God,
C **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

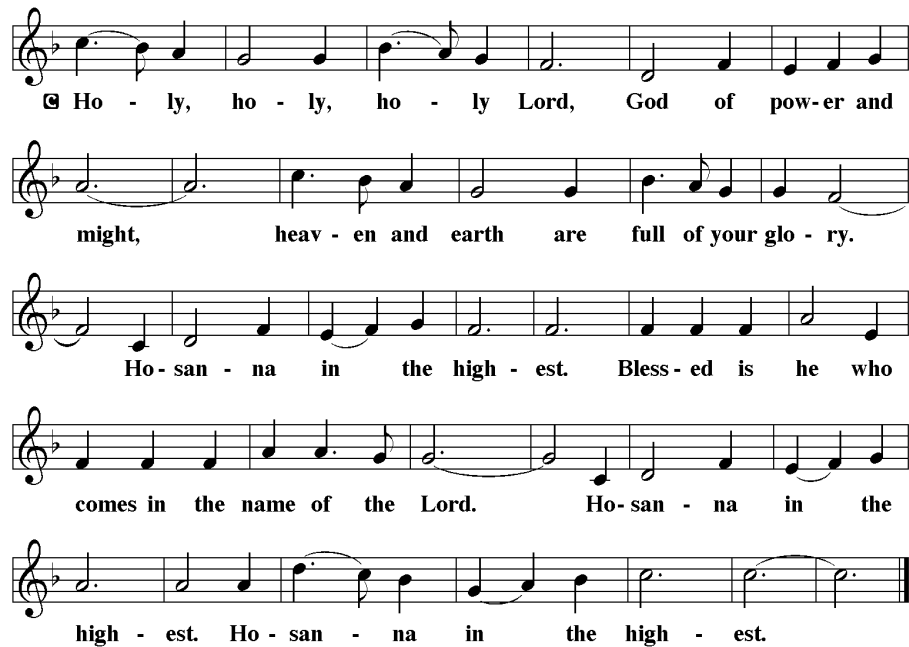
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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. 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.

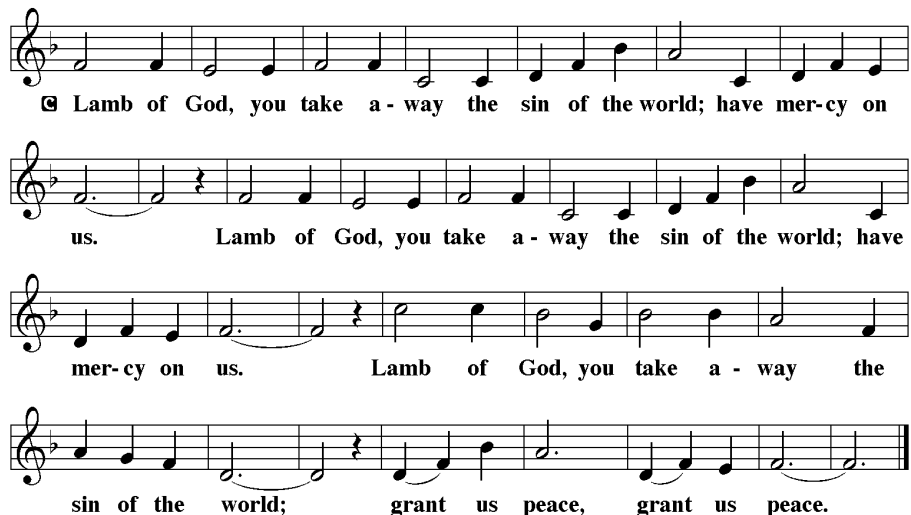
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 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.



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:

C Amen

DISMISSAL:

THE POSTLUDE:

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Sally Shambaugh.

August 16, 2026	20
Last Year	25
Online August 9, 2026	91
Last Year	51

August 16, 2026	\$ 610.55
Noisy Offering	70.55
Last Year	\$ 730.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

GODS WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY will be September 6, 2026. We will be making Bag Lunches for the Salvation Army after the Worship Service.

CHICKEN CORN SOUP SALE Social Ministry will be making soup on September 12, 2026, it will be \$9.00 a quart and must be pre ordered by September 6, 2026 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.

ANNUAL CPARC NOISY OFFERING will be collected last day for collection will be August 30, 2026. It will be done during sharing of the peace with one another.

MOVIE NIGHT with a pot luck dinner before will be August 28, beginning at 6:00 PM. Social ministry will be supplying barbecue and buns and drinks. We ask you bring a side dish or dessert to share. Movie will be *Sheep Detective*.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor Jenn. We will begin our new study on Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

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.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ENOLA invites you to join us for our 2026, Wine & Cheese Wednesday. Information on bulletin board.

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)
Erasers (2 inch)
Pencil Sharpeners
Ruler (Centimeter & Inch)

Personal Care Kits

Towels (27 x 52 Dark)
Nail Clipper
Toothbrush
Soap (4 or 5 oz)
Wide tooth combs
(No Pics)

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**.

BIBLE STUDY on Lectionary Reading Tuesday online 1:00 PM.

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

PLAN AHEAD

August 23	Noisy Offering	
	Celebration for Reese, after service	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
August 25	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
August 27	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
August 28	Movie night with Pot Luck	6:00 PM
August 30	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering (Last Day)	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
September 1	Social Ministry Meeting	9:30 AM
	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
September 2	Wine & Cheese Wednesday	7:00 - 8:30 PM
September 3	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
September 5	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
September 6	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	God's Work our Hands Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Penny Sunday	
	Sandwich making after service.	
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
September 8	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
September 10	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
September 12	Chicken Corn Soup Pick Up	2:00-4:00 PM
September 13	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
September 15	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
September 17	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM