



August 30, 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:

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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August 30, 2026
Fourteen 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!**

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 **we confess to you all our sins. 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: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #370
(LBW Green 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:



☛ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's 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.



☛ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 15:15-21**

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but

they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8 (Read Responsively)

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

² **Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with

those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A 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?

Al - le - lu - ia. 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 16th chapter.

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

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*
(WOV Blue Hymnal) **#765**

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 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.

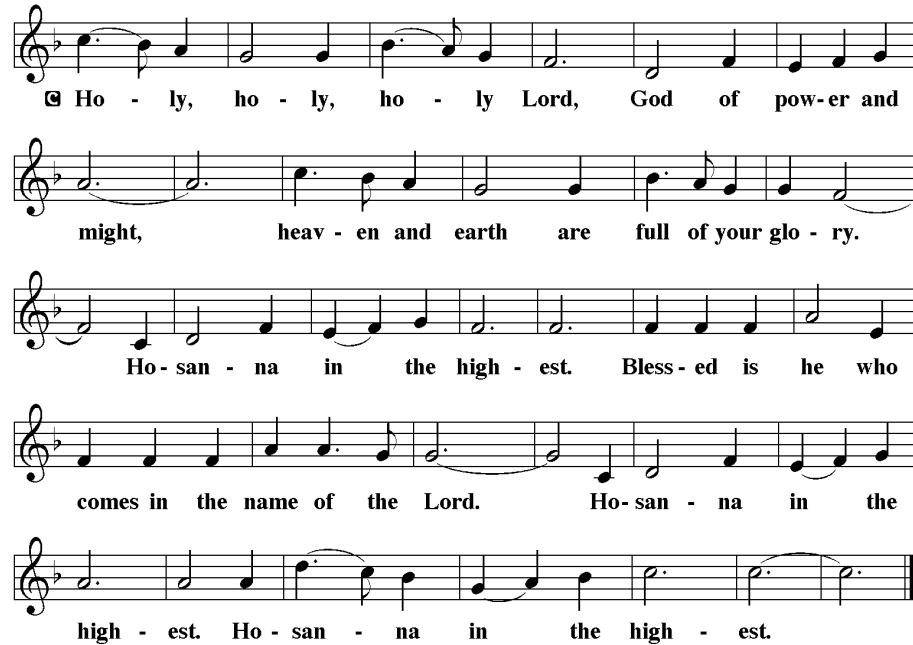
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

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.



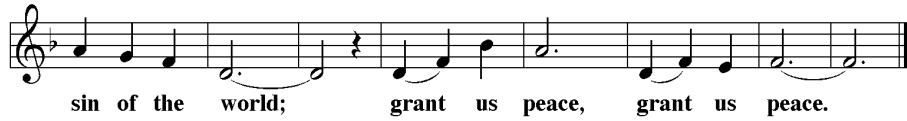
☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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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 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: *A New Commandment* #664
(WOV Blue Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE:

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Last week's bulletins were given to the Glory of God by Jan Fritchey. This week's bulletin are given to the Glory of God by Sally Shambaugh.

ATTENDANCE

August 23, 2026	33
Last Year	20
Online August 16, 2026	36
Last Year	65

STEWARDSHIP

August 23, 2026	\$ 2412.72
Noisy Offering	\$ 107.72
Last Year	\$ 2680.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND PLANNING MEETING will be held Saturday September 26, at 1:00 PM.

FINE ARTS AT FIRST 2026-2027 Hanover Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet September 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM. The Baltimore consort October 26 at 3:00 PM. Hershey Handbell ensemble April 24, 2027 at 7:00 PM.

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.

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

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.

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)

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 30	Noisy Offering	
	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	
	Sunday School for children	(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 Cornoup making	8:00 AM
September 13	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	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
September 20	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Fine Arts at First	3:00 PM
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
September 22	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
September 24	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
September 26	Planning Meeting	1:00 PM