



March 22, 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 Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
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March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 In this season of wandering and wilderness
temptations,
C We follow our faithful Lord.
P Through troubled times and difficult journeys,
C We follow our faithful Lord.
P It is God who sustains us, amidst the empty promises
of this world.
C We follow our faithful Lord.
P In the Lord is our trust, our protection, and our
strength.
C We follow our faithful Lord.
P Come, let us worship the one whom we serve.
C We follow our faithful 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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life. Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Restore in Us, O God* #662
(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 **Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones

live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.”⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them.⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 130 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ Out | of the depths I cry to | you, O LORD;
² **O LORD, | hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to
the voice of my | supplication.**
³ If you were to keep watch | over sins,
O LORD, | who could stand?
⁴ **Yet with you | is forgiveness,
in order that you | may be feared.**
⁵ I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;
in your word | is my hope.
⁶ **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who
keep watch | for the morning, more than those
who keep watch | for the morning.**
⁷ O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is |
steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous
redemption.
⁸ **For the LORD shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th chapter.

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

John 11:1-45

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are

there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met

him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
(LBW Green Hymnal) #497

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 Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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 O God,

C **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us**

into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:





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.**

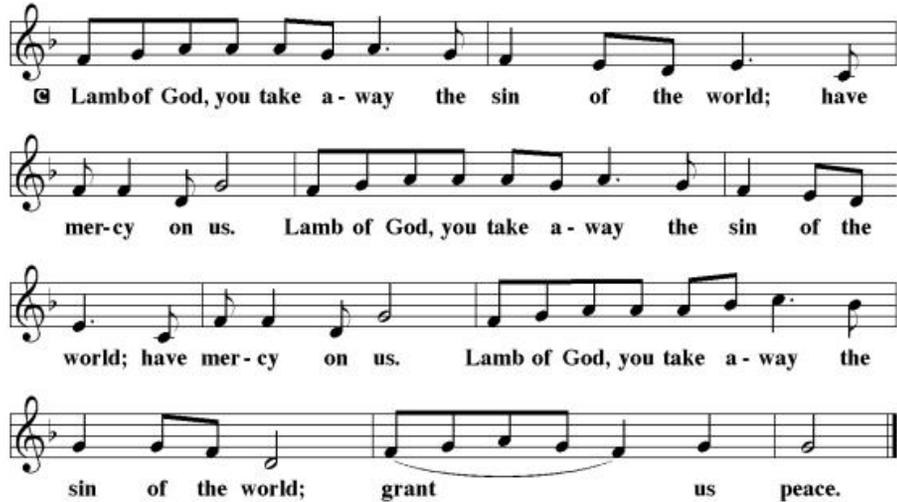
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Please be seated.



☐ 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; 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 God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, 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: *What Wondrous Love Is This* #385
(LBW Green Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE:

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The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Judy
Schrack.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Passion Reading	Mt. Zion	5:30 PM
Maundy Thursday	Mt. Zion	7:30PM
Good Friday	St. John	7:00 PM
Easter Breakfast	Mt. Zion	9:00 - 10:00 AM
Easter Sercice	Mt. Zion	11:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

March 15, 2026	23
Last Year	18
Online March 8, 2026	Not recorded
Last Year	74

STEWARDSHIP

March 15, 2025	\$ 503.00
Last Year	\$ 2604.96
Includes Threefold rent	\$ 1719.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

PASSION READING SERVICE there will be a dinner and a reading of the passion play on March 31, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

EGGS - PEANUT BUTTER AND COCONUT - \$1.50 each or \$15.00 a dozen. Sign up sheet on back table and downstairs on bulletin board. Last Sunday to sign up will be March 22, 2026. Proceeds go to help New Hope and Monroe Elementary School Families. Shaping dates are 3/21, and 3/28, starting at 8:30 AM.

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 Filament, March 22, 3 PM, 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. 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 29th.

PLAN AHEAD

March 22	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Congregational Meeting	(after Service)
	Filament (Trindle Springs)	3:00 PM
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
March 26	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
March 28	Shaping of eggs	8:30 AM
March 29	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School	7:00 PM
March 31	Passion Reading Service with dinner	5:30 PM
April 2	Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
April 3	Good Friday	7:00 PM
April 4	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
April 5	Easter Breakfast	9:00 - 10:00 AM
	Easter Worship	11:00 AM