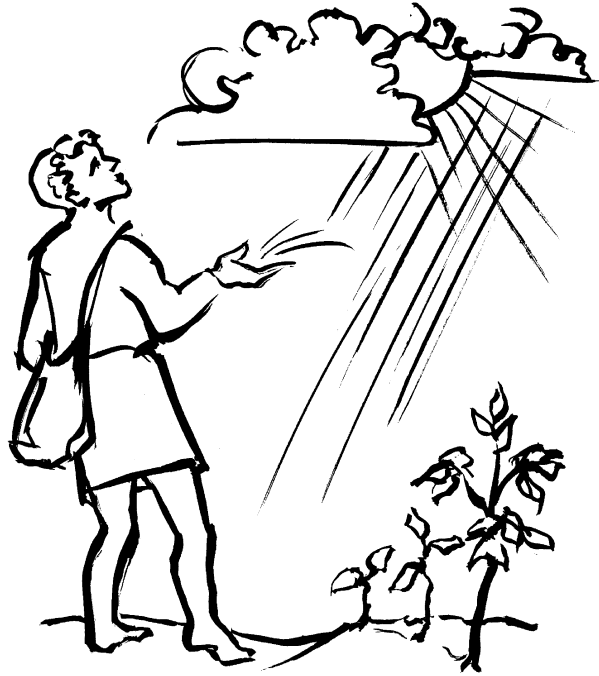




July 12, 2026

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:

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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325 Old Stonehouse Road
Boiling Springs PA 17007

July 12, 2026
Seventh 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 Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens,

C and I will give you rest."

P Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me.

C For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

P Christ calls us to come to worship.

C Let us rejoice in Christ's presence.

P The Spirit leads us in light and truth

C So we can go out into the world to serve.

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: *All Earth Is Hopeful* # 629
(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:



☐ 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.



① 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;





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 65:1-13 (Read Responsively)

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

- ² **To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**
- ³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.
- ⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your |
courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the
beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your
temple.**
- ⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of | our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the
earth and of the oceans | far away.
- ⁶ **You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded about with might.**
- ⁷ You still the roaring | of the seas, the roaring of their
waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.
- ⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your | marvelous signs; you make the dawn and
the dusk to | sing for joy.**
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it
very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water. You
prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.
- ¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its
increase.**
- ¹¹ You crown the year | with your goodness, and your
paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**
- ¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and
the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them
shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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 :





GOSPEL:

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on

account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #771
(WOV Blue 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 Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers.

A God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
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.**

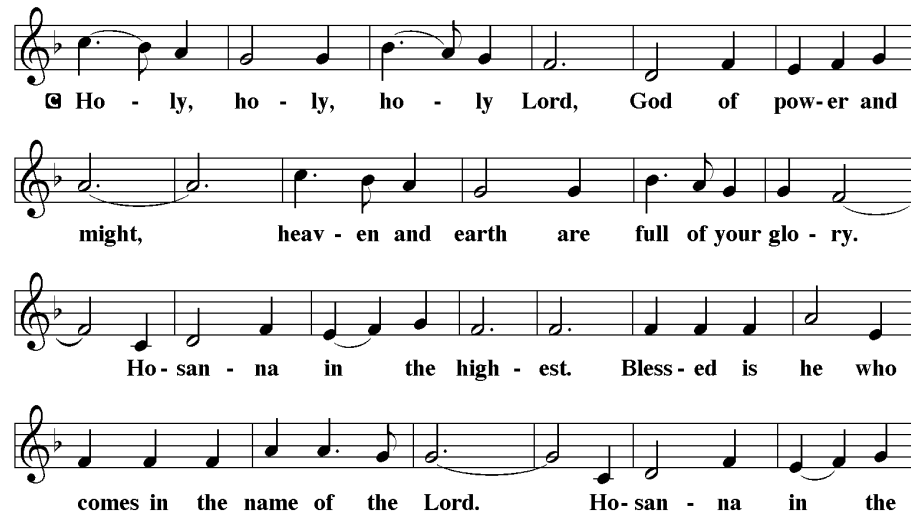
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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.**

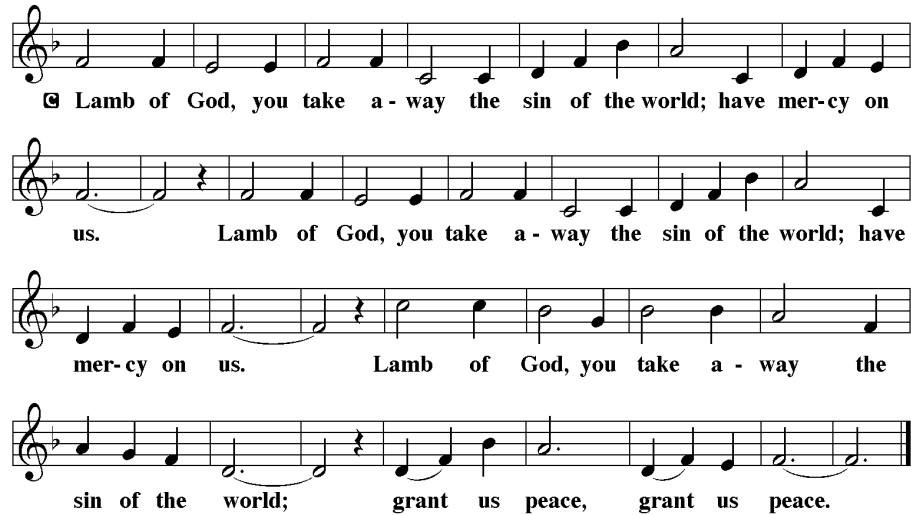
P Now let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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:

C Amen.

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

DISMISSAL:

C Thanks be to God.

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STEWARDSHIP

July 5, 2026	\$ 2113.00
Last Year	\$ 1917.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

CHRISTMAS IN JULY Come join us for an evening of enjoying the singing of the Christmas carols that we love. There will be a time of Fellowship after and folks are invited to bring a treat to share. Offering will be a donation to the yellow bag bound for NY in December. Sign up list on back table.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL -Information from Pastor Jenn. We will begin our new study on Martin Luther's Small Catechism on July 5th.

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

ANNUAL CPARC NOISY OFFERING will be collected July, and August on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday. Last day for collection will be August 31, 2026. It will be done during sharing of the peace with one another.

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

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.

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

PLAN AHEAD

July 12	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
	Adult Sunday School (Online)	7:00 PM
July 14	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
July 16	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
July 17	Christmas in July	7:00 PM
July 19	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
July 22	Wine & Cheese Wednesday.	7:00 - 8:30 PM
July 23	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
July 26	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Noisy Offering	
	Sunday School for children	(after Service)
July 28	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
July 30	Walking Worship	2:00 PM
August 1	Community Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
August 2	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
August 4	Bible Study (Online)	1:00 PM
	Music and Worship	2:30 PM
August 5	Wine & Cheese Wednesday.	7:00 - 8:30 PM
August 6	Walking Worship	2:00 PM