



March 30, 2025

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 have not 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.

We invite you to partake in Holy communion if you are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ Jesus. 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 psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

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325 Old Stonehouse Road S
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March 30, 2025
Fourth 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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen

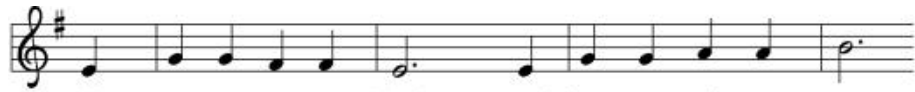
GATHERING SONG: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
(LBW Green Hymnal) #499

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:



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray.

C **God of compassion, you welcome the wayward,
and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our
baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and
feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

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

PSALM: Psalm 32 (Read Responsively)

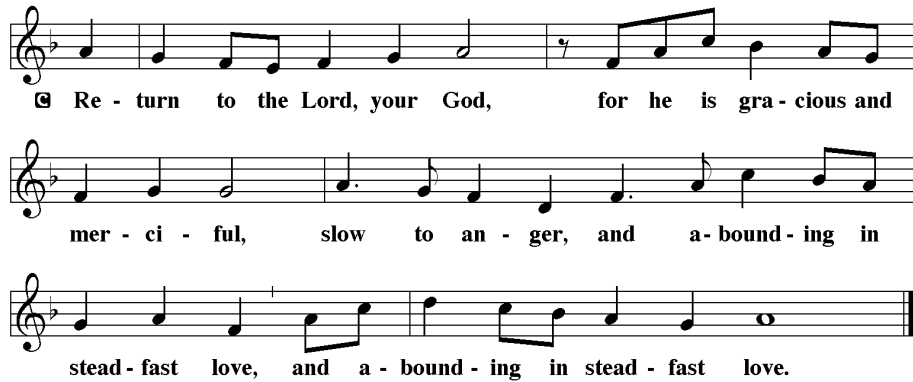
- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal
my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the
LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to
you in | time of trouble; when the great waters
overflow, they | shall not reach them.**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
- ⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that |
you should go; I will guide you | with my eye.**
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understand-
ing; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they
will | not stay near you."
- ¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked; but mercy
embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 5:16-21

A 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 Luke the 13th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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: *Our Father, We Have Wandered*
(WOV Blue Hymnal) **#733**

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 Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers

A God in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C **Amen.**

PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

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:



P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, and 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, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both 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.**

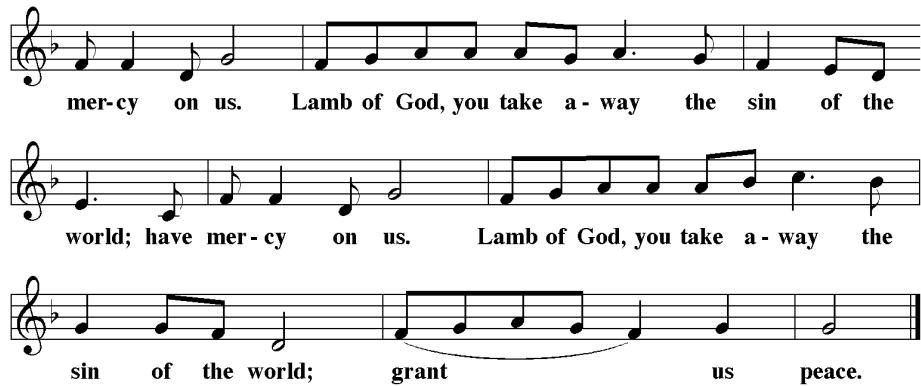
INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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 Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING:

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *One There Is above All Others #298*
(LBW Green Hymnal)

DISMISSAL:

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
C **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE:

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Opening Dialogue adapted from a dialogue written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life. <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Ed and Sandy Guido.

ATTENDANCE

March 23, 2025	25
Last Year	41
Online March 16, 2025	74
Last Year	38

STEWARDSHIP

March 23, 2025	\$1198.98
Last Year	\$1095.00

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday	Mt. Zion	7:30 PM
Good Friday	St. Johns	7:00 PM
Easter Breakfast	Mt. Zion	9:00 - 10:00 AM
Easter Service	Mt. Zion	11:00 AM

PLAN AHEAD

March 30	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
	Last day to sign up for Easter Flowers	
April 5	Community Dinner	5:00-6:30 PM
April 6	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
	Penny Sunday	
April 8	Music and Worship	2:30 PM
April 12	Egg shaping Day	8:30 AM
April 13	Lite Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Worship	8:30 AM
	Sunday School for Children	(after Service)
April 17	Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM
April 18	Good Friday St. Johns	7:00 PM
April 20	Easter Breakfast	9:00 - 10:00 AM
	Easter Worship	11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM is on the back table. Orders must be placed by March 30. Prices flowers and colors are on the order sheet.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE will be at 11:00 AM on April 20, 2025. There will be an Easter Breakfast from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Sign up sheets on left side bulletin board downstairs.

SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHTS 2025 July 18, Hershey Park Stadium. Pihl Wickham, Brandon Lake and Josiah Queen. Card on Left bulletin board downstairs. There is a code on the card for pre-sale tickets.

WE CELEBRATE OUR 230TH ANNIVERSARY ON

JUNE 29TH. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 29.

Morning worship will begin at 10 a.m. Bishop James Dunlop will preach, followed by a ham dinner. We will need a count. Sign up sheets will appear April 27.

We will invite former Pastors and former members and their families. We need you to help us make a list of former members, with contact information

Send names and contact info to mtzionluth@gmail.com or put the info in the blue basket in the back of the sanctuary.

There are note pads and pens if you need them. Please write legibly!

There is more to come on ways you can get involved.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE There have been many disasters including wildfires, hurricanes, tornados wars and famines. Your support is needed. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you allow us to mobilize quickly for disasters. Please make checks payable to Mt. Zion and put Lutheran Disaster in the memo line.

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 April 7, 2025. Proceeds go to help Monroe Elementary School Families. Shaping date 4/12, 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.

IF INTERESTED in being a First, Second and Psalm reader please let Sandy Goodmen know.

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 .

ADULT LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL - DIETRICH BONHOEFFER STUDY- SUNDAYS AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM flyer on back table has information and an email has been sent also.

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.

FINE ARTS AT FIRST We are invited to join Fine Arts at First for their 30th concert season. The third will be The Chenault Duo Organists on May 18, 2025, at 4 PM. Brochure on down stairs bulletin board.