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Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church built in 1905, is the second church on the site and is a good example of rural Romanesque Revival architecture in religious structures. It was long a neighbor of the Haugh's German Reformed Church, of which only the cemetery remains, just north of Mt. Zion Church.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Religion

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Nicholson Road and Haugh's Church Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Woodsboro \_\_\_X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

(Typed on separate sheet)

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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Specific dates	1905	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-8-98

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.  
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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D 

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E 

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G 

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**Verbal boundary description and justification****List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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### 7.1 Description:

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church is a brick church built in 1905 on the site of an earlier church building on the southeast corner of Haugh's Church Road and Nicholson Road about 2 miles northwest of Maryland Route 194 near Woodsboro, Maryland. Built on an irregular plan with intersecting gables, the church is a Romanesque Revival hall type with a belfry tower in the intersecting angle of the gable sections. The stretcher bond exterior walls are on a stone foundation. The principal windows are an arched, traceried stained glass window in the west gable end which has brownstone trim, and arched stained glass windows in the north gable section. The entrances are in the base of the belfry tower. Each has double 6-panel doors and projecting brick trim on the round arches above the stained glass transoms. The shaft of the tower has 4 vertical recesses in the north and west elevations. The belfry is open with screens protecting the bells, and a slate pyramidal roof tops the tower, ending in a cross finial. The main roof of the church is patterned slate.

A two-story brick education wing was built connecting with the east elevation in the 1950's.

Located across Haugh's Church Road to the north is a cemetery which dates from the late 18th century and was first associated with Haugh's Church, a German Reformed Church no longer extant. The Mt. Zion Church continues to use the cemetery.

### 8.1 Significance

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church is a good example of small rural churches of the early 20th century in Frederick County. It represents the replacement of older religious buildings by long-established congregations. Mt. Zion was founded in 1853 and the present church was built in 1905. Architecturally, it is a good, little altered illustration of the Romanesque Revival style which was popular at the beginning of the 20th century. Its simplified forms reflect the rural location.

Mt. Zion is one of many rural churches built in the last quarter of the 19th and first quarter of the 20th century. Its strength is its well-preserved exterior. The interior was not reviewed in this survey and a full description should be made to complete a context discussion for the church.





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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858



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West elevation