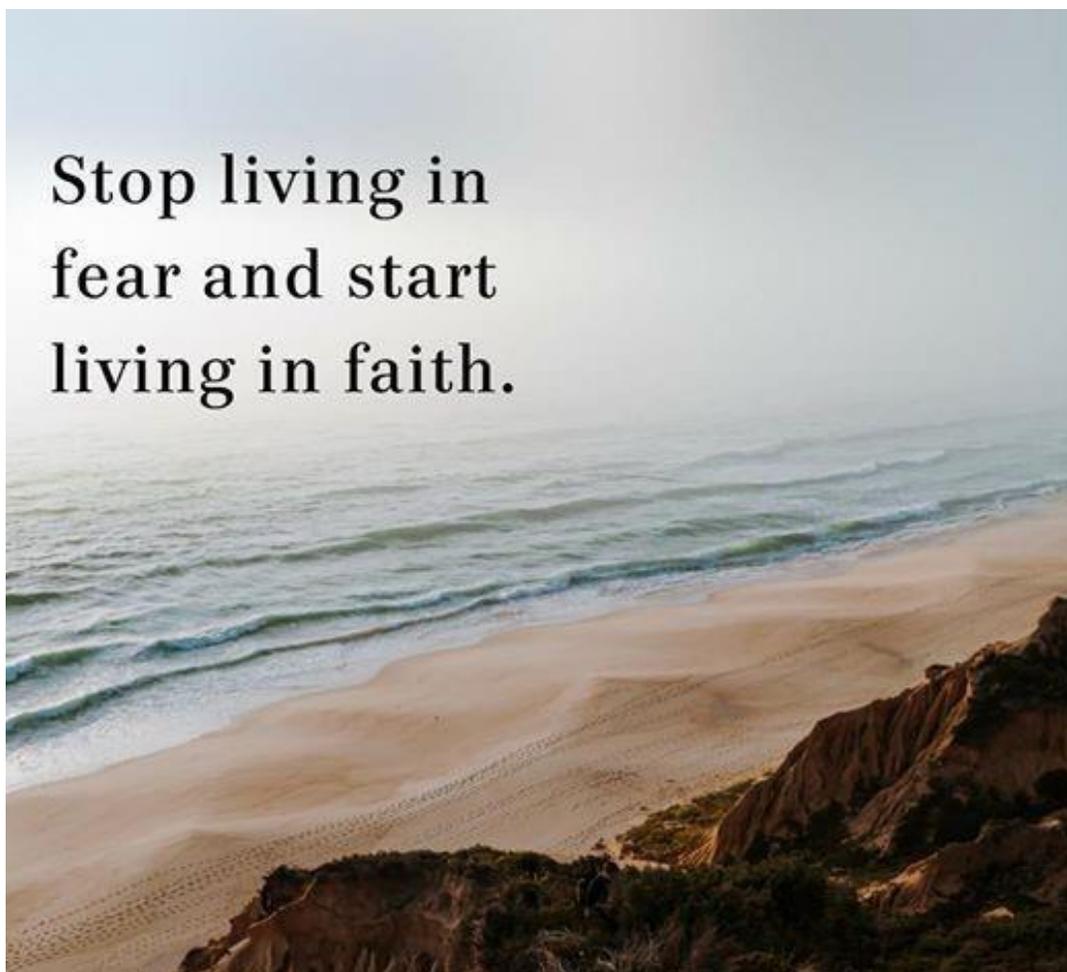


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2019



GOLD HILL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
A CONGREGATION OF THE MONTANA SYNOD OF
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA)

Welcome to Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church, and a special welcome to our guests and those returning after a time away. We're gathered as a Christian community to worship the Lord!

Please know that you are always welcome here.

***Our Congregation's Mission Statement:
EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, UNITED TO SERVE***

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

Please let us know if there are other ways we can be of service. Guests are invited to fill out the small green contact card in the rack in front of you and hand it to the Pastor or other worship leaders or place it in the offering plate. We promise not to 'stalk' anyone – we're just trying to let you know we care.

The Guiding Principles of God's People at Gold Hill Lutheran

Principle 1: Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior

Principle 2: The Holy Spirit & worship strengthen us

Principle 3: We are a welcoming & inviting community in Christ

Principle 4: We share the Word with confidence and courage

Principle 5: Our faith leads us to serve joyfully

Principle 6: We are generous with our gifts

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Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader:	Reverend Bruce McNab
Assisting Minister:	Vern Nielsen
Music Ministers:	David Coleman
Communion Ministers:	Miriam Haley, Annette Lawson
Ushers:	Revonda Stordahl, Cheryl Neuhart
Roving Greeter:	Mike Lawson
Additional Servant Ministers:	Ruschelle Tyvand, Tavia Broudy

Today's Liturgy: Setting 8 ELW, p 184
P=Presiding Minister A=Assisting Minister
C=Congregation

GATHERING

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we are laid low by sin and guilt, God makes us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

Gathering Song “All Are Welcome” ELW #641

Greeting ELW p. 184
Kyrie ELW p. 184 vs. 1 & 3
Glory to God ELW p. 185-6

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD (all scriptures are on the back pages of the bulletin)

Old Testament Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Reading from the Early Church Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 188

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Sermon Reverend Bruce McNab

Hymn of the Day “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

ELW #764

The Apostles Creed (see the folder in the back inside cover)

Prayers of Intercession

Respond to each petition with **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Gathering of Offering “Take My Life” ELW #583

Offering Prayer

C: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving	ELW p. 190
Holy, Holy, Holy	ELW p. 190
Words of Institution	
The Lord's Prayer	ELW p. 190
Lamb of God	ELW p. 191

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Served Continuously)

Hymn "Amazing Grace" ELW #779

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"
ELW #771

Dismissal

A: Go in peace! Christ is sending you!

**C: We go, empowered by the Spirit, united to Serve.
Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 33:12-22

A: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

**C: The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.**

A: From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth —

**C: He who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.**

A: A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**C: The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.**

A: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver
their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

**C: Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.**

A: Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

**C: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

Genesis 15:1-6

God's Covenant with Abram

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”