

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 16, 2020*



**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!*

*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.*

***Our Congregation's Mission Statement:***

***EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, UNITED TO SERVE***

***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**

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<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<b>Peggy Graving</b>
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<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	<b>Dorothy Tallon, Heatherlynn Meeks</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Revonda Stordahl, Cheryl Neuhart</b>
<b>Additional Servant Ministers:</b>	<b>Tavia Broudy &amp; Ruschelle Tyvand</b>

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\*Indicates that congregation stands.  
Bolded texts are said in unison.

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P We gather in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves  
and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God  
who is faithful and just and who has promised  
to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess to you  
that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not trusted you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved one another  
in deed and in truth.  
In your compassion forgive our sin  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ  
our light and our truth.  
Amen.**

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God,  
rich in mercy, abundant in love,  
forgives you all your sin and grants you  
newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

<b>*Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #858</i>
<b>*Greeting</b>	page 2
<b>*Kyrie</b>	page 3
<b>*Now the Feast</b>	page 4
<b>*Prayer of the Day</b>	page 7

**O God,  
the strength of all who hope in you,  
because we are weak mortals  
we accomplish nothing good without you.  
Help us to see and understand  
the things we ought to do,  
and give us grace  
and power to do them,  
through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.  
Lessons may be found at the back of the bulletin.*

<b>The First Lesson</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 119:1-8
<b>The Second Lesson</b>	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
<b>*Gospel Verse</b>	page 8
<b>*Gospel</b>	Matthew 5:[17], 21-37

*As the gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As the gospel is concluded:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

<b>Sermon</b>	Pastor Trina Johnsten
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**\*Hymn of the Day** *Day by Day #790*

**\*Nicene Creed** page 9

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

*Each portion of the prayer concludes:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Gathering of Offering** page 10 *As the Grains of Wheat*

**Offering Prayer** page 11

**\*Great Thanksgiving** page 11

Holy page 11

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer page 13

Lamb of God page 14

**Communion**

*All are welcome at this Table – members, guests, children, friends.*

*Communion will be served continuously today.*

*Come forward by the center aisle, find an open spot, and return to your seat by the outside aisle.*

*If you are unable to come forward, we will bring Communion to you.*

*Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

*Please let the communion servers know if you need these.*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Thanks Be to You** page 15

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*Benediction**

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**Announcements**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*Lead On, O King Eternal! #805*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

<sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

### **Psalm 119:1-8**

Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the Lord!

**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts.**

Who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

### **1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## **Matthew 5:[17], 21-37**

[Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.]

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”