

*Third Sunday of Lent*  
*March 24, 2019*

**Life may be Short but...**



**...in Christ, Life is Forever!**

**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**

<b>Worship Leaders:</b>	<b>Pastor Laurie Jungling</b>
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<b>Music Ministers:</b>	<b>Sue Repola</b>
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	<b>Patti Chain and Christi Chain</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Alan and Lynn Aniksdal</b>
<b>Roving Greeter:</b>	<b>Miriam Haley</b>
<b>Additional Servant Ministers:</b>	<b>Tavia Broudy, Ruschelle Tyvand</b>

**Today's Liturgy: Dakota Road, etc.**

*P=Presiding Minister    A=Assisting Minister*

**C=Congregation**

**GATHERING**

**Welcome**

**Gold Hill Ministries – Knitting Ministry**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God at the margins,

**C: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Song “Jesus is a Rock”**

**ELW #333**

**Greeting**

## **Kyrie**

- 1. Have Mercy on this fallen world. Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on this fallen world, mercy; Lord have mercy on us.**
- 2. Have Mercy on this fallen world. Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on this fallen world, mercy; Christ have mercy on us.**
- 3. Have Mercy on this fallen world. Have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on this fallen world, mercy; Lord have mercy on us.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**C: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**Old Testament** Isaiah 55:1-9

**Psalms** 63:1-8 (read responsively)

**Reading from the Early Church** 1 Cor. 10:1-13

**Gospel Acclamation** (sung)

**C: Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**Gospel** Luke 13:1-9

**Young People's Message** Pastor Laurie Jungling

**Sermon** Pastor Laurie Jungling

**Hymn** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" ELW #608

**Apostles Creed** (see the back inside cover of your hymnal)  
**Prayers of Intercession**

Respond to each petition with **Your Mercy is Great.**

**Sharing the Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

**Gathering of Offering**

**Offertory “Jesus, We know your Love in This”**

(Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; Tune: Faith of Our Fathers)

**We are weighted down by what we own.**

**While those who lack the world’s goods die;**

**Even in places near to home,**

**Poor, hungry people daily cry:**

**What are you willing, Church, to do?**

**How does God’s love abide in you?**

**Offering Prayer**

**C: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,  
and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of  
money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a  
feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our  
guest. Amen.**

**MEAL**

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy tender gentle God. Heaven and earth are  
full of you. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest and in the low  
ones. Blessed is the one who comes in Your name.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (2X)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.**

**Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Hymns during Communion

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” ELW #484

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

(Served Continuously)

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer After Communion**

**SENDING**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Song** “O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts” ELW #658

**Dismissal**

A: Go in peace; serve the poor.

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

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## **Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## **Psalms 63:1-8**

A: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**C: my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

A: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**C: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

A: So I will bless you as long as I live;

**C: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

A: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips;

**C: when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

A: for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**C: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

## **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors

were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,<sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,<sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food,<sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."

<sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

### **Luke 13:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" <sup>8</sup>He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "