

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
*June 2, 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**

<b>Worship Leaders:</b>	<b>Kay and Paul Vang</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<b>Sandi Wenger</b>
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<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	<b>Sandi Wenger</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Jeanette &amp; Vern Nielsen</b>
<b>Roving Greeter:</b>	
<b>Additional Servant Ministers:</b>	<b>Ruschelle Tyvand, Tavia Broudy</b>

**Today's Liturgy: Now the Feast & Celebration (NTFAC)**  
*P=Presiding Minister A=Assisting Minister C=Congregation*

## **GATHERING**

### **Prelude**

### **Easter Litany**

P: Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Welcome**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all things, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and rains praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

**C: We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.**

P: Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

**C: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** "Now the Green Blade Rises" ELW #379

**Greeting**

NTFAC p. 2

**Kyrie**

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**Hymn of Praise** "Now the Feast"

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## **Prayer of the Day**

**C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

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

**Reading from the Early Church #1** Acts 16:16-34

**Psalm 97**

**Reading from the Early Church #2** Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

**Gospel Acclamation** NTFAC p. 8

**Gospel** John 17:20-26

**Sermon** Paul Vang

**Hymn of the Day** "You Are Mine" ELW #581

**Apostles Creed** NTFAC p. 9

**Prayers of Intercession** NTFAC p. 10

**Gathering of Offering**

**Offertory** "As the Grains of Wheat" NTFAC p. 10

**Offering Prayer**

**C: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, for your love's sake. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer NTFAC p. 13

Lamb of God NTFAC p. 14

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

(Served at the rail)

**Hymn during Communion**

“One Bread, One Body” ELW #496

**Blessing of Communion for the Homebound**

**Communion Blessing**

“Thanks be to You”

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**Prayer After Communion**

**SENDING**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Song** “Now All the Vault of Heaven” ELW #367

**Dismissal**

A: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A: You are the body of Christ raised for the world! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: We go, empowered by the Holy Spirit, united to serve.**

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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\*\*“Kay Vang, a Stephen Minister, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Montana Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation this Sunday.”

## **Psalm 97**

A: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

**C: let the many coastlands be glad!**

A: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

**C: righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

A: Fire goes before the Lord,

**C: and consumes God's adversaries on every side.**

A: The Lord's lightnings light up the world;

**C: the earth sees and trembles.**

A: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

**C: before the Lord of all the earth.**

A: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;

**C: and all the peoples behold the Lord's glory.**

A: All worshippers of images are put to shame,  
those who make their boast in worthless idols;

**C: all gods bow down before him.**

A: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice,

**C: because of your judgements, O God.**

A: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

**C: you are exalted far above all gods.**

A: The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful;

**C: he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

A: Light dawns for the righteous,

**C: and joy for the upright in heart.**

A: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

**C: and give thanks to his holy name!**

## **Acts 16:16-34**

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

<sup>12</sup> "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup> "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

### **John 17:20-26**

<sup>20</sup> Jesus prayed, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."