

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 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

Worship Leaders:	Pastor Trina Johnsten
Assisting Minister:	Curt Quist
Music Minister:	Susan Repola
Communion Ministers:	Chris Ketchum, Annette Lawson
Ushers:	Alan & Lynn Aniksdal
Roving Greeter:	Patti Chain
Additional Servant Ministers:	Tavia Broudy & Ruschelle Tyvand

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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!

*Gathering Hymn	<i>Gather Us In #532</i>
*Greeting	page 2
*Kyrie	page 3
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**Lord God,
with endless mercy
you receive the prayers
of all who call upon you.
By your Spirit
show us the things we ought to do,
and give us the 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.*

The First Lesson	Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm	Psalm 112:1-10
The Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 2:1-12
*Gospel Verse	page 8
*Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20

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.

Sermon	Pastor Trina Johnsten
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***Hymn of the Day** *Christ, Be Our Light #715*

***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*

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***Great Thanksgiving** page 11

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 Words of Institution

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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**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

58 Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.