

*First Sunday of Advent*  
*December 2, 2018*

*Stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is  
drawing near.*



**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 Leader:</b>	<b>Pastor Laurie Jungling</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<b>Julie Corbin</b>
<b>Music Ministers:</b>	<b>Shelly Clark, Sue Repola, and GHLC Choir</b>
<b>Communion Ministers:</b>	<b>Julie Corbin</b>
<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b>	<b>Jeanette &amp; Vern Nielsen</b>
<b>Additional Servant Ministers:</b>	<b>Ruschelle Tyvand, Tavia Broudy</b>

**Today's Liturgy: Setting 3 ELW, p. 138**

*P=Presiding Minister    A=Assisting Minister*

**C=Congregation**

## **GATHERING**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** (*Sing as the Candle is lit*)

A: Today we light the candle of hope and expectation. Let this candle remind us of the great hope we have in God's promises of Christ our Messiah.

{Sing} *Come to us, O Lord of Glory and shine in our Hearts.*

*Come to us, O Lord of Glory and make us anew.*

*Lord, we wait for you. {3 times}*

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A: Let us pray,

**C: God of Hope, during this Advent season, may we be reminded of your promise of a hope in Christ that helps us to prepare our lives for Christ's Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.** Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins but remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song** “My Lord What a Morning!” ELW #438

**Greeting** ELW p. 138

**Kyrie** ELW p. 138

**“This is the Feast”** ELW p. 140-1

**Prayer of the Day**

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Choir Anthem** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

by William Runyan; arr. Mike Weaver

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

**Old Testament** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Psalm 25** (Cong: Antiphon, Choir: Verses)

**Reading from the Early Church** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**Gospel Acclamation** ELW p. 151

**Gospel** Luke 21:25-36

**Young People’s Message** Pastor Laurie

**Sermon** Pastor Laurie

**Hymn of the Day** “Wake, Awake...” ELW #436

**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**

**Offertory** “Our Gifts Belong to You”

*Our gifts belong to you Lord, our gifts belong to you.*

*We lift them up to you, Lord, and sing Alleluia.*

*We lift them up to you, Lord, and sing Alleluia.*

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**Offering Prayer**

**C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# MEAL

**Great Thanksgiving** ELW p. 144 (Spoken)

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p. 144

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer ELW p. 145

Lamb of God ELW p. 146

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

(Served at the Rail)

**Blessing of Communion for the Homebound**

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer After Communion**

# SENDING

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Song** "Come Long Expected Jesus" ELW #254

**Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Christ is with you!

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

**Thanks be to God!**



### **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

### **Psalm 25:1-10**

A: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**C: O my God, in you I trust;**

A: do not let me be put to shame;

**C: do not let my enemies exult over me.**

A: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

**C: let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

A: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**C: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;**

**for you I wait all day long.**

A: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**C: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

A: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**C: God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.**

*All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.*

### **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

<sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **Luke 21: 25-36**

25 ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

29 Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’