

Fourth Sunday of Advent
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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

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Greeters/Ushers:	Alan & Lynn Aniksdal
Additional Servant Ministers:	Ruschelle Tyvand, Tavia Broudy

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 relight the candle of expectation and hope, recalling God's promises in Christ; the candle of preparation and peace, remembering the voice in the wilderness urging us to prepare the way of the Lord; and the candle of joy, reminding us of the amazing joy found in Jesus. Now as we light the candle of Love, may we celebrate in word and deed the gift of God's great love proclaimed in Christ our Savior.

{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 love, during this Advent season, we praise you for the greatness of your love. Help us to prepare our lives for Christ's Advent within us so that we may share your love with others and live our lives more like Christ every day. 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: O God, to you 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 “People Look East” ELW #248

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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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

Old Testament Micah 3:2-5a

Psalm 80:1-7

Reading from the Early Church Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 142

Gospel Luke 1:39-55

Young People's Message Pastor Laurie

Sermon Pastor Laurie

Hymn of the Day "My Soul Proclaims..." ELW #251

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.

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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 Continuously)

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ELW #257

(vs. 1-4, 6)

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

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

Thanks be to God!

Micah 5:2-5a

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5 and he shall be the one of peace.

Psalm 80:1-7

A: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Eph-raim and Benjamin and Mán-ah-sseh.

A: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

C: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

A: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

C: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

A: You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

C: our enemies laugh among themselves.

All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Hebrews 10:5-10

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

7 Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." 8 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and

offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-45

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."