

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2018

*For unto
us a
Child
is born*

A black silhouette icon of a nativity scene. It features a stable with a thatched roof, a star above the roof, and a manger with a baby and two animals (a cow and a donkey) inside.

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 evening!

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 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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Christmas Eve: Christ, Candles, and Carols

P=Presiding Minister A=Assisting Minister

C=Congregation

Prelude: “Emmanuel” by Michael Card GHCLC Choir (5 p.m.)
Paul Vang, Erin Vang & Shelly Clark (7 p.m.)

The Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 96)

L: O sing to the Lord a new song;

C: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

L: Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name.

C: tell of his salvation from day to day.

L: Declare his glory among the nations,

C: God’s marvelous works among all peoples.

All: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

L: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice;

C: Let the trees sing for joy before the Lord.

L: For God is coming,

C: God is coming to judge the earth.

L: God will judge the world with righteousness

C: and the peoples with truth.

A: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

L: On this most holy day we light all four candles in our Advent wreath, and we are reminded of the Hope, the Peace, the Joy and the Love proclaimed in Christ’s coming. Now we light the Christ Candle and rejoice that the promise of God has been fulfilled in the coming of the baby born in a manger.

Hymn: “On Christmas Night...” ELW #274 (vs.1&4)

(as we sing, the Christmas and Christ Candle are lit)

L: Let us pray...

C: Gracious God who comes to us this night, we celebrate your goodness to us as we join in the triumph and joy of Christmas. As your love has been revealed in all of its fullness, we pray that love may abound in our hearts during this special day. Grant us the Spirit of Christ that we may live in the fullness of his love every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful" ELW #283

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray... **C: Almighty God you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

"A Christmas Lullaby" by Joe Mattingly GHCLC Choir (5 p.m.)

"The Wexford Carol", a traditional Irish carol Shelly Clark (7 p.m.)

The Word: Christ Proclaimed

(please remain seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn: "I am So Glad..." ELW #271 vs 1,2 4

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Hymn: "Love has Come" ELW #292

Third Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn: "The First Noel" Ruthe Meeks (5 p.m.)

Congregation, ELW #300 vs. 1&2 (7 p.m.)

Fourth Reading: Luke 1:26-45

Hymn: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” ELW #270

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: “Away in a Manger” ELW #277

Sixth Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High” ELW #289

Seventh Reading: Luke 2:15-20

Hymn: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” ELW #290

The Christmas Message Pastor Laurie Jungling

Hymn: “What Child is This?” ELW #296

The Prayers: We Talk to God

Christmas Prayers

Leader:..Lord in your mercy, **Cong: Hear our Prayer.**

Christmas Offering

The Christmas Meal: God Comes to Us

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

(All are welcome to this meal. Communion will be walk-through with intinction. Please follow the ushers’ directions to the front of the sanctuary. Hold out your hands to receive the wafer from the first server. Please DON’T EAT IT! Instead, dip the wafer

into the wine or grape juice held by the second server before placing it into your mouth. If you drop a wafer, just ask for another from the first server. Gluten free wafers are available; just let your server know. For those who wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands folded. Someone will deliver communion to those unable to come forward.)

Post Communion Blessing

The Light of the World Enlightens Us

Candle Lighting (*During this portion of the service the lights will be dimmed. Please use caution with the lighted candle. To avoid dripping hot wax, keep the lit candle upright and dip the unlighted candle into the flame. Thank you.*)

Hymn: “Silent Night”

ELW #281

Christmas Prayer:

Let us pray. **On this holy night, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the joy of this feast have no end as we share with others the love that fills us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Extinguish Candles

Sent into the World

Benediction

Sending Hymn: “Joy to the World!” ELW #267

Dismissal

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God’s people on earth!

L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you for joining us this evening to celebrate the coming of grace, love, and salvation into our lives through the birth of our Savior Jesus, the Christ!

****Thanks to all who helped make this service possible!****

Worship Leaders

Worship Leader:

Pastor Laurie Jungling

Readers:

5 pm -- Heatherlynn Meeks, Peggy Graving, Judy Aaker

7 pm -- Paul Vang, Brieson Campbell, Vern Nielsen

Music Ministers:

5 pm -- Shelly Clark, Susan Repola, GHELC Choir, Ruthe Meeks,

7 pm – Shelly Clark, Paul Vang, Erin Vang

Communion Ministers:

5 pm -- Ed & Connie Engle, Dorothy Tallon, Jerry Aaker

Heatherlynn Meeks

7 pm – Kay Vang, Lynn Aniksdal, Danette Fitzpatrick

Ushers:

5 pm – Bruce & Peggy Graving

7 pm – Dave & Revonda Stordahl

POINSETTIA GIFTS

**Poinsettias are given in
loving memory of:**

*Edwin & Florence Thomas by the Thomas Family;
Edwin C. Engle, Clara Engle, Robert "Bob" Engle,
and Marian Engle by Ed & Connie, Linda, Betty &
Bernie, Karen & Bill, and Dorothy & Gary; Peggy's
parents Leo & Charlotte Kilroy, and Bruce's parents Bob & Fran
Graving and Thelma & Lee McCown, by Bruce & Peggy Graving; Bina
Boyd, by Judy & Jerry Aaker*



**Daisy (the church dog) wishes
you all a Merry Christmas!**