

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 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

Worship Leader:	**Mike Lawson, LPA
Assisting Minister:	Vern Nielsen
Music Ministers:	David Coleman
Communion Ministers:	Dorothy Tallon, Annette Lawson
Ushers:	Revonda Stordahl, Cheryl Neuhart
Roving Greeter:	Heatherlynn Meeks
Additional Servant Ministers:	Ruschelle Tyvand, Tavia Broudy

Today's Liturgy: Setting 8 ELW, p 184
P=Presiding Minister A=Assisting Minister
C=Congregation

GATHERING

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C: Amen.

P: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our helper,

C: we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found. For the sake of †Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song “Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798

Greeting ELW p. 184
Kyrie ELW p. 184 vs. 1 & 2
Glory to God ELW p. 185-6

Prayer of the Day

C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name: and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

Old Testament Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Reading from the Early Church Philemon 1-21

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 188

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Mike Lawson, LPA

Hymn of the Day “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” ELW #696

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

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” ELW #686

Offering Prayer

C: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving	ELW p. 190
Holy, Holy, Holy	ELW p. 190
Words of Institution	
The Lord's Prayer	ELW p. 190
Lamb of God	ELW p. 191

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Served continuously)

Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat" ELW #465

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song "Lift High the Cross" ELW #660

Dismissal

A: Go in peace! Christ is sending you!

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

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 1

A: Happy are those who do not
follow the advice of the wicked.

**C: Or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers.**

A: But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

**C: They are like trees planted by streams of
water, which yield their fruit in its season.**

A: And their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

**C: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

A: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**C: For the Lord watches over the way of the
righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**“Mike Lawson, LPA, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Montana Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation this Sunday.”

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Philemon

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I
hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I
pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive
all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.
⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do
your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul,
do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during
my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed

useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.