

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 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:	Jerry Aaker
Music Ministers:	Dorothy Schultz, Gold Hill Choir
Communion Ministers:	Dorothy Tallon, Heatherlynn Meeks
Ushers:	Vern & Jeanette Nielsen
Roving Greeter:	Lynn Aniksdal
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** *When Peace like a River #785*

***Greeting** page 2

***Kyrie** page 3

***Now the Feast** page 4

***Prayer of the Day** page 7

**Good Shepherd,
you are the one who walks with us and guides us.
Keep us ever near you,
strengthen us for lives of service in your name,
and bring us at last to the house of the Lord for ever,
for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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 25:1-9

Musical Offering *Shepherd Me, O God* (based on Psalm 23)
words and music by Marty Haugen

The Second Lesson Romans 8:18, 22-25, 31-39

***Gospel Verse** page 8

***Gospel** Psalm 23

As the gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to the psalmist.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the gospel is concluded:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Trina Johnsten

***Hymn of the Day** *Children of the Heavenly Father #781*

***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 *As the Grains of Wheat* page 10

Offering Prayer page 11

***Great Thanksgiving** page 11

Holy page 11

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer page 13

Lamb of God page 14

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.

Communion Hymn *Day by Day #790*

***Blessing**

***Thanks Be to You** page 15

***Post-Communion Prayer**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Benediction** page 16

Announcements

***Sending Hymn** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* #774

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 25:1-9

25 O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast
over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Romans 8:18, 22-25, 31-39

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.