

Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 23, 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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Worship Leaders:	Jacob Kvale, FLBC
Assisting Minister:	Mike Lawson
Music Minister:	Dorothy Schultz
Communion Ministers:	Ed & Connie Engle
Ushers:	Alan & Lynn Aniksdal
Roving Greeter:	Heatherlynn Meeks
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	<i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #310</i>
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**O God,
in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the bright cloud
declaring Jesus your beloved Son,
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.
Make us heirs with Christ of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Gold Hill Choir *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.
Lessons may be found at the back of the bulletin.*

The First Lesson Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm Psalm 2

The Second Lesson 2 Peter 1:16-21

***Gospel Verse** page 8

***Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9

As the gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the gospel is concluded:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message	Jacob Kvale, FLBC
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*Hymn of the Day	<i>How Good, Lord, to Be Here #315</i>
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***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.

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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.

***Blessing**

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***Post-Communion Prayer**

SENDING

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

***Benediction**

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Announcements

***Sending Hymn**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #597

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,

and the princes plot together,

against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?

"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;

the Lord holds them in derision.

Then in wrath God speaks to them,

and in rage fills them with terror.

"As for me, I have anointed my king

upon Zion, my holy mountain."

Let me announce the decree of the Lord,

who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod

and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

And now, you kings, be wise;

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear,

and with trembling bow in worship.

Lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”

⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them,

“Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man
has been raised from the dead.”