

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 2, 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**

<b>Worship Leaders:</b>	<b>Pastor Trina Johnsten</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<b>Julie Corbin</b>
<b>Music Minister:</b>	<b>Dorothy Schultz</b>
<b>Communion Minister:</b>	<b>Julie Corbin</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Vern &amp; Jeanette Nielsen</b>
<b>Roving Greeter:</b>	<b>Mike Lawson</b>
<b>Additional Servant Ministers:</b>	<b>Tavia Broudy &amp; Ruschelle Tyvand</b>

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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!**

<b>*Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>The Church of Christ, in Every Age #729</i>
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**Holy God,  
you confound the world's wisdom  
in giving your kingdom  
to the lowly and the pure in heart.  
Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice,  
and perseverance in striving for peace,  
that in our words and deeds the world may see  
the life of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Gold Hill Choir**      *The Prayer*      [by Carole Sager and David Foster]

## **WORD**

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

<b>The First Lesson</b>	Micah 6:1-8
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 15
<b>The Second Lesson</b>	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
<b>*Gospel Verse</b>	page 8
<b>*Gospel</b>	Matthew 5:1-12

*As the gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

**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**                      *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #712*

**\*Nicene Creed**                              page 9

### **Installation of 2020 Council**

#### **\*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 and Second Offering**

page 10 *As the Grains of Wheat*

**Offering Prayer**                              page 11

**\*Great Thanksgiving**                      page 11

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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 at the rail 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**

**\*Thanks Be to You**                              page 15

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

## **SENDING**

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

### **\*Sending of Communion**

**\*Benediction**                      page 16

### **Announcements**

Outgoing & Incoming Church Leaders – thank you for your service

#### Outgoing Leaders:

Jerry Aaker (Council – Outreach Ministries); Bruce Graving, Ruthe Meeks (Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp reps); Bob Brown, DorothyAnne Honeychurch, Cheryl Neuhart, Susan Stamp, Colleen Tamblyn, Mike Welker (all from Nominating Committee); Mike Lawson, Heatherlynn Meeks (2019 MT Synod Assembly Delegates)

#### Newly Elected or Reelected Leaders:

Lynn Aniksdal (Council – Leadership Ministries), Peggy Graving (Council – Secretary); Dale Schultz (Council – Outreach Ministries), Curt Quist (Council – Administration Director); Ginger DeWitt (Audit Committee); Mike Welker (Trust Committee); Bob Brown, Julie Corbin (Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp reps); Jerry Aaker, Mark Bond, Ann Drew, Peggy Probasco, Nancy Rowe, Ken Stamp (all to Nominating Committee); Annette Lawson, Mike Lawson (2020 MT Synod Assembly Delegates)

**\*Sending Hymn**                      *We Are Called #720*

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **Psalm 15**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart.**

Who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors.

**In whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt.**

Who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

### **Micah 6:1-8**

**6** Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the

called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.