

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 31, 2019

The Prodigal Children:



Our Father Runs to Us All!

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 Leaders:	Pastor Laurie Jungling
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Ushers:	Paul & Kay Vang
Roving Greeter:	Heatherlynn Meeks
Additional Servant Ministers:	Tavia Broudy, Ruschelle Tyvand

Today's Liturgy: Dakota Road, etc.

P=Presiding Minister A=Assisting Minister

C=Congregation

GATHERING

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God at the margins,

C: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song "Amazing Grace"

ELW #779

Greeting

Kyrie

- 1. Have Mercy on this fallen world. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on this fallen world, mercy; Lord have mercy on us.**
- 2. Have Mercy on this fallen world. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on this fallen world, mercy; Christ have mercy on us.**
- 3. Have Mercy on this fallen world. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on this fallen world, mercy; Lord have mercy on us.**

Prayer of the Day

C: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Old Testament Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32 (read responsively)

Reading from the Early Church 2 Cor. 5:16-21

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

C: Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Young People's Message Pastor Laurie Jungling

Sermon Pastor Laurie Jungling

Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" ELW #666

Apostles Creed (see the back inside cover of your hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession

Respond to each petition with **Your Mercy is Great.**

Sharing the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Gathering of Offering

Offertory “Jesus, We know your Love in This”

(Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; Tune: Faith of Our Fathers)

We are weighted down by what we own.

While those who lack the world’s goods die;

Even in places near to home,

Poor, hungry people daily cry:

What are you willing, Church, to do?

How does God’s love abide in you?

Offering Prayer

**C: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of
money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a
feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our
guest. Amen.**

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, holy, holy tender gentle God. Heaven and earth are
full of you. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest and in the low
ones. Blessed is the one who comes in Your name.**

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (2X)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Hymns during Communion

“Bread of Life from Heaven” ELW #474

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Served Continuously)

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song “My Life Flows On” ELW #763

Dismissal

A: Go in peace; serve the poor.

C: We go, empowered by the Spirit, united to Serve. Thanks be to God!

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Joshua 5:9-12 (not printed this week)

Psalm 32

A: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**C: Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

A: While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

A: Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

All: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

A: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**C: You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

A: Thus says the Lord: "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should
go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**C: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you."**

A: Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**C: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

All: For the Lord has forgiven the guilt of our sin.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

...17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed
away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us
to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that
is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses
against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are
ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you
on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin

who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: 11 "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22 But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" 31 Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "