

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 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 Leaders:	Pastor Laurie Jungling
Assisting Minister:	Vern Nielsen
Music Ministers:	Shelly Clark
Communion Ministers:	Ed & Connie Engle
Ushers:	Alan & Lynn Aniksdal
Roving Greeter:	Patti Chain
Additional Servant Ministers:	Ruschelle Tyvand

Prayer of the Day

C: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love; where there is injury, we may sow forgiveness; where there is despair, we may sow hope. Grant that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Old Testament Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 (read responsively)

Reading from the Early Church

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-45

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 205

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Young People's Message Pastor Laurie Jungling

Sermon Pastor Laurie Jungling

Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW #631

Affirmation of Vocation {see insert attached at end of bulletin}

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

Prayers of Intercession

Respond to each petition with **Hear our Prayer.**

Sharing the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Gathering of Offering

Offertory "We Are an Offering" ELW #692

Offering Prayer

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving	ELW p. 206
Holy, Holy, Holy	ELW p. 207
Words of Institution	
The Lord's Prayer	ELW p. 208
Lamb of God	ELW p. 208

Hymns during Communion

"Jesu, Jesu" ELW #708

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Served Continuously)

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song "Now the Green Blade" ELW #379

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is your light!

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

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

A: Do not worry because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

C: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

A: Trust in the Lord, and do good;

C: so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

A: Take delight in the Lord,

C: and God will give you the desires of your heart.

A: Commit your way to the Lord;

C: trust in him, and God will act.

A: The Lord will make your vindication shine like the light,

C: and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

A: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently;

C: do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

A: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

C: Do not worry—it leads only to evil.

A: For the wicked shall be cut off,

C: but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

A: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

C: though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

A: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity.

C: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; God is their refuge in the time of trouble.

A: The Lord helps them and rescues them;

C: God rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in the Lord.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there -- since there are five more years of famine to come -- so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" 36 Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 42 So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical,

and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. 50 What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Luke 6:27-38

7 [After Jesus blessed them, he said,] "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 *Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Affirmation of Vocation (Callings)

Leader: Gracious God, giver of life and Christian vocation, you have given us all gifts to serve you and your calling in the church and the world.

People: We are called by Christ – as young, old, and mid-aged; as male and female; as parent and child; as single, married, widowed and divorced; as employed, unemployed, retired, volunteer; as friend, citizen, neighbor; and as follower of Christ -- to profess your great love, grace and justice in what we say and do in every aspect of our lives.

Leader: God of vocation, guide all of the people in this congregation and in our Church, that they may be open to your Spirit's nudging and hearing your call at every moment of their lives.

People: Bless us, guide us and help us to hear your voice reminding us that our calling in the world is our ministry to our neighbor in all we say and do.

Leader: God of the world, grant each person here the wisdom and courage to answer your call to serve you, your people, and your world through their skills, gifts, passions and hopes.

People: Guide us as we explore who you have created us to be and what you are calling us to do in faithful service to you in our lives. Give us clarity, and instill in us joy and energy, imagination and love, as we respond to your call.

Leader: O God, teach us that all aspects of our lives – career, family, education, leisure, civic life, service – are places we profess our faith in you in our words and deeds.

People of God, your work, play and rest are in God. Will you try to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others every day of your life?

People: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Leader: May the Holy Spirit inspire you all to use your great passions to meet the need of the world's deep hunger.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these, your servants in the body of Christ, and empower their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, vision and the grace to set a good example to all they meet, to be just and true in all their dealings, to be responsible in their duties, to practice self-control in their enjoyment of life, to be respectful of each person's worth as your precious child, and to be gracious and generous to all. Strengthen each in their Christian vocation of witness, love, and service.

People: We pray all of this in the name of the one who through our baptism calls and equips each of us to serve, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.