

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

Prepare the Way of the Lord



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

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Greeters/Ushers:	Bill Hill & Patti Chain
Additional Servant Ministers:	Ruschelle Tyvand, Tavia Broudy

Today's Liturgy: Setting 3 ELW, p. 138

P=Presiding Minister A=Assisting Minister

C=Congregation

GATHERING

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle (*Sing as the Candle is lit*)

A: Today we relight the candle of hope and expectation. Let this candle remind us of the great hope we have in God's promises of Christ our Messiah. Now, we light the candle of peace and preparation. Let it remind us to prepare our hearts for the peace that comes in Christ.

{Sing} *Come to us, O Lord of Glory and shine in our Hearts.*

Come to us, O Lord of Glory and make us anew.

Lord, we wait for you. {3 times}

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A: Let us pray,

C: God of peace, during this Advent season, may we be reminded of your promise of a peace in Christ that passes all our understanding. Help us to prepare our lives for Christ's Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: To you, O God, we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins but remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. Amen.

Gathering Song “Blessed be the God of Israel” ELW #250

Greeting ELW p. 138

Kyrie ELW p. 138

“This is the Feast” ELW p. 140-1

Prayer of the Day

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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 Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm Luke 1:68-79

Reading from the Early Church Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 142

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Young People's Message Pastor Laurie

Sermon Pastor Laurie

Hymn of the Day "On Jordan's Banks" ELW #249

The Apostles Creed (see the folder in the back inside cover)

Prayers of Intercession

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

Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Gathering of Offering

Offertory "Our Gifts Belong to You"

Our gifts belong to you Lord, our gifts belong to you.

We lift them up to you, Lord, and sing Alleluia.

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Offering Prayer

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving ELW p. 144 (Spoken)

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p. 144

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer ELW p. 145

Lamb of God ELW p. 146

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Served Continuously)

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song "Prepare the Royal Highway" ELW #264

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

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

Thanks be to God!



Malachi 3:1-4

1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79 (Zechariah's Song, John the Baptist's dad)

A: 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

C: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

A: as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

C: that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

A: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

C: and has remembered his holy covenant,

A: the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

C: to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

A: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

C: to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

A: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

C: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

Philippians 1:3-11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "