**Worship Plan for Sunday, February 17, 2019**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,   
who creates us and forms us,  
who redeems us and calls us,  
who unites us and sends us.  
**Amen.**

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty and loving God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.   
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.   
Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts,   
and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.   
Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus;  
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”   
In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you,   
your sins are forgiven, and you are released.   
The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast (ELW p. 169)*

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all  
 **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and, in the renewal of our lives, make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*(The reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**The lesson** Jeremiah 17:5-10

*A reading from the book of Jeremiah.*

5Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

6They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

7Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

8They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

9The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it?

10I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

*The reading may be concluded:*Word of God, word of life.**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*   
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia (ELW p. 171)*

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)***THE GOSPEL** Luke 6:17-26

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

17He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

18They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

19And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

20Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

22“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

23Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

*The gospel concludes:*The gospel of the Lord.**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDEN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (ELW 605)*

**SERMON**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
 **And also with you.**

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending, the lay assistant reads the indented petitions.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, The world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of love. Empower us in ministry and service.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth: Bless deserts and canyons, farmlands and vineyards. Bring sufficient rainfall to lands parched by drought, and restore places scorched by wildfire. Protect fragile environments from harm.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations: Grant wisdom to our elected leaders for the sake of the common good. Give courage to those who suffer persecution. Give patience and perseverance to those who work to bring an end to injustice.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need: For those who do not have enough food, for those who lack money, for those who are estranged from their families, for those who worry about many things. Comfort those who mourn. He4al and strengthen those who are sick…especially....

Lord, in your mercy. **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly: For newcomers, visitors, longtime members, and those who are absent from us today. Root us deeply in your word and increase our faith.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember those who have died. Encourage us by their example and lead us in faith until we are united at your unending feast.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.   
**Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.  
From before the earth’s foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever.  
Within the earth’s deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might.  
Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star, Christ, our diamond bright and treasure dead.  
,He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.  
He keeps us yours and fails us never- today, tomorrow, and forever.

On the night before his great salvation,   
He took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying;  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,   
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.   
Do this in remembrance of me.

With joy we tell our story.   
**Alleluia!**

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.   
Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son.   
Nourish us as branches of your tree,  
and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit.  
Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning,   
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, and never-ending love.  
And so we pray and praise.  
**Amen, amen, amen, amen!**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.   
Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come. Be filled with the light and life of Jesus, our Lord.  
 **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

Distribution Songs

Lamb of God (ELW p. 174)  
 Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult (ELW 696)

O Word of God Incarnate (ELW 514)

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
You have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure.   
Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;   
and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,   
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song** *We Know That Christ is Raised (ELW 449 VS 1, 3, 4)*

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)*

**DISMISSAL**Go in peace. Be light for the world.  
**Thanks be to God!**