**Worship Plan for Sunday, July 1**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

Full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness,

let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence*

Eternal God our creator,

**In you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,**

**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

**By your grace draw us near to you,**

**Our refuge and our strength;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God’s love has been poured into our hearts

Through the Holy Spirit give to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

And for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (ELW 533)*

*vs. 1, 2, 5*

**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**

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ , our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**KYRIE** *Kyrie Eleison (ELW 184)*

**VBS EXPO**

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL:** Mark 5:21-43

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Reading

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 678)*

**CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,**

**God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at**

**the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge**

**the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God’s merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, send out your church to cross boundaries for the sake of your holy compassion. Use our words and our actions to bring peace and wholeness to all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bountiful God, all creation is a gift from you. Protect the earth from disaster and misuse. Free us from selfishness and help us to honor the bounty of nature, sharing our earthly home gently with one another and with future generations. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, soften the hearts of rulers and governments. Strengthen the voices of those who cry out for freedom and opportunity for the overlooked, oppressed, and abused. Teach your people to speak peace to all people and nations.   
Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, give us faith and make us whole. Ease the anxiety of undiagnosed or chronic illness. Soothe the heartache of miscarriage or infertility. Look with compassion on all who cry to you for healing *(especially)*. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Immortal God, your mercies never end, and your faithfulness is everlasting. Inspire us by the faith of the saints to wait patiently for your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *For Everyone Born (insert vs 1, 5)*

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection which renews the face of the earth, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**Our Lord’s body let us take together.**

**COMMUNION**

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,

You have given us not only this bead and cup,

but your very self,

that we may feast on your great love.

Filled again by these signs of your grace,

may we hunger for your reign of justice,

may we thirst for your way of peace,

for you are Lord forevermore.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can aske or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith, hope, and love.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,   
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song** *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)*

*vs, 1, 2, 3, 6*

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

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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