**Worship Plan for Sunday, July 14, 2019 10 am**

**SHARING CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**GATHERING SONG** *Gather Us In ELW 532)**vs. 1, 3, 4*

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

Who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,

let us remember the gift of baptism

and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God of mercy,

**We confess that we have sinned against you,**

**Against one another,**

**And against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things,**

**And we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves**

**And turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom**

**of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,

God made us alive together with Christ,

Forgiving us + all our trespasses

By taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free;

Rejoice in this good news!

**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**

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

**THE FIRST READING**:  Deuteronomy 30:9-14

A reading from the book of the book of Deuteronomy.

9and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors,

10when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

12It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?”

13Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?”

14No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

*1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,*

2To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

4for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel

6that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

7This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

8and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

10so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

12giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW p. 188)

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL:**  Luke 10:25-37

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

25Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?”

27He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

28And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

29But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

31Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

34He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”

37He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *God, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)*

*vs. 1, 3, 4*

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Joining our voices with God’s people around the world,

let us offer our prayers for those in need.

*A brief silence*

For the church, steadfast and faithful in its mission to proclaim redemption through Christ Jesus; for all ministers of the gospel who proclaim that the word is near, Let us pray   
**Have mercy, O God.**

For areas affected by flood or drought, for livestock and fields, for ranchers and farmers, and for all stewards of the earth. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For lawyers and advocates, for local, regional, and national governments, and for peace throughout the world, that God send gracious and upright leaders to govern with mercy and truth. Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who feel ashamed, for those who find it difficult to trust, for the bereaved and sick, *Especially….,* that God provide compassionate and loving caregivers to all, *Let us pray.*

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the members of the body of Christ in this place, for those who do good works in our midst, for those who are visiting and those who are absent, that the Holy Spirit guide all the journeys of our lives. Let us pray,

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our ancestors who have inspired us by their lives of faith, that – thankful for their witness – we can confidently proclaim our salvation, Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**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, even as we pray…

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**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**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

Communion Songs:

*Lamb of God (ELW p. 191 For Everyone Born (on screen)  
 Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult (ELW 696)*

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, in this holy communion

You have welcomed us into your presence,

Nourished us with your word of mercy,

And fed us at your table.

Amid the cares of this life,

Strengthen us to love you with all our heart,

Serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,

And honor the earth you have made;

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, abounding with thanksgiving;   
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + One God, be upon you and remain with you forever.   
**Amen.**

*Turn to your neighbors and share this blessing with one another. Remember that touch is important for us to feel connected, consider placing your hand on his/her shoulder, under the elbow, making the sign of the cross on his/her forehead, or closing your hands around his/her hand as you offer the blessing on the screen.*

**Sending Song** *O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate (ELW 722)*

*Vs. 1, 3, 4*

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

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.  
**Thanks be to God!**