**Worship Plan for Sunday, July 21, 2019 10 am**

**SHARING CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**GATHERING SONG** *O Holy Spirit, Enter In (ELW 786)*

**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 for 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**

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

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

**THE FIRST READING**:  Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from the book of the book of Genesis.

18The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. // 2He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. // 3He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. // 4Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. // 5Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” // 6And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” //7Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. //

8Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

10Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

*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 1:15-28

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; // 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. // 1

7He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. // 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— // 23provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. // 24I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. // 25I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. // 27To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. // 28It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

*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 10:38-42

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

38Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. // 39She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. // 40But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” // 41But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; // 42there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Day of Peace (ELW 711)*

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending,   
the lay assistant reads the 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, visible and invisible; for all servants of the gospel; and for the holy people of God, that we hear your word and share your supper, Let us pray   
**Have mercy, O God.**

For favorable weather; for calm waters and seas; and for all creation, that it become for us a reflection of God’s glory. For those affected by natural disasters, that they be provided relief, Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who help make our communities safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders, that God’s peace and compassion come also to us, Let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, those awaiting the birth of children, and all people in need, *especially….* that Christ, our great physician, care for all who are in distress,  *Let us pray.*

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are distracted by overwork and those who seek more adequate employment, that we recognize God’s goodness in vocations of all kinds, Let us pray,

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for those who have died and are now at peace, and for their lives that bear witness to the hope promised in the resurrection, 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)  
 Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 685)*

*(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** *On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)*

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

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