**Worship Plan for Sunday, July 28, 2019 10 am**

**SHARING CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**GATHERING SONG** *The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 611)*

**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**

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC Hannah Lewis**

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

**THE FIRST READING**:  Genesis 18:20-31

A reading from the book of the book of Genesis.

20Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! // 21I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.” // 22So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

23Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? // 24Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?// 25Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” // 26And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.”// 27Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. // 28Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” // 29Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” // 30Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” // 31He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” // 32Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” 3

*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 2:6-15

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

6As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, // 7rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.// 8See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. // 9For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,// 10and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.// 11In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;// 12when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

13And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, // 14erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. // 15He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

*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 11:1-13

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

11He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” // 2He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. // 3Give us each day our daily bread. // 4And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” // 5And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;// 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ // 7And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ // 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.// 9“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. // 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.// 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? // 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?// 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken (ELW 494, v 1, 2, 4)*

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call,

We pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

*A brief silence*

Merciful God, you know your church. Guard and keep the whole body of Christ. Increase in us strength, love, and peace, so that we are a blessing to the world. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Creator, you know the works of your hands. Guard and keep your creation. Bless the work of those who tend the earth’s resources and who seek to provide abundantly for all. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful King, you know the nations, and you are the head of every ruler and authority. Guard and keep the world in justice and mercy, and let the words of your mouth bring peace on earth. Your kingdom come. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, you know our needs. Guard and keep those who are hungry, those who are victims of violence or oppression, and those who are weary from illness or disease, *especially.* Give us today our daily bread. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know our congregation. Guard and keep those who enrich us with the gift of music in this place, proclaiming the gospel in son. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, you know your saints. Guard and keep those faithful departed. Inspire our confidence in you until that day when we are all raised in the power and glory of Christ. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**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)  
 What a Friends We Have in Jesus (ELW 742)*

*(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.**

**Christ lives in you and in your story**

*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** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission (ELW 579, vs, 1, 3, 5)*

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

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