**Worship Plan for Sunday, September 1, 2019 10 am**

**SHARING CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**GATHERING SONG How Firm a Foundation ELW 796, vs. 1, 2, 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 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**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Laura Garey, soprano

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

**THE FIRST READING**:  Proverbs 25:6-7

A reading from the book of Proverbs

6Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
7for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen

*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:** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Hebrews:

13Let mutual love continue. 2Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” 6So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” 7Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

15Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*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 14: 1, 7-14

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” 12He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Around You, O Lord Jesus ELW 468*

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

God of peace, we pray for the leaders, teachers, and preachers who fearlessly share your word and who reveal you through humble sacrifice. Uphold and sustain all who seek to live in a way that pleasing to you. Lord in your mercy,   
**Hear our prayer**.

God of generosity, we pray for crops growing ripe and fruit ready to harvest. Gant safety to worker who gather this bounty, and bless the yield to come. Lord in your mercy,   
**Hear our prayer**.

God of power, we pray for humility, kindness, and generosity to be instilled in leaders of all nations. Inspire them to become models of servanthood, and to work for peace and prosperity. Lord in your mercy,   
**Hear our prayer**.

God of love, we pray for all those who are forgotten or pushed aside; for those suffering from poverty, neglect, physical or emotional trauma, and for those who are homeless. We remember our sick and hurting, *especially…. And others we bring before you, either aloud or silently.* Lord in your mercy,   
**Hear our prayer**.

God of grace, we pray for students of all ages, teachers and professors, assistants, substitutes, and administrators. Provide safety in travel and in the classroom, so a spirit of learning is fostered for all. Lord in your mercy,   
**Hear our prayer**.

God of mercy, we remember those you love who now rest from their labors. Grant all your beloved saints a place at your eternal banquet table. Lord in your mercy,   
**Hear our prayer**.

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before you throne of grace, through Jesus Christ, our 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)  
 As We Gather at Your Table ELW 522*

*(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 God of Light ELW 507, vs 1. 3. 4*

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

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