



In Community With Our Neighbor

March 10, 2021

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING LITANY

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:8-9

Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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PRAYER

Neighbor to all people,

You call us into human communities to serve and be served by one another. Open our hearts to the needs of all our neighbors. Teach us to recognize the gifts you have given each of us to use in service to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

SERMON *"In Community With Our Neighbors"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again 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**

PRAYER HYMN *O Lord, Here My Prayer*

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer;
O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

*The Creator who fashions us together with all things, the Christ
who leads us into a new beloved community, the Spirit who holds
us in the communion of saints, on God, bless you now and always.
Amen.*

**HYMN *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*
 *Refrain***

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will
love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.

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Praying for My Neighbors

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- 1** **Salvation:** Pray for God to send salvation to each home (Romans 10:9-10)
- 2** **Love:** Pray for them to know the depth of God's love (Eph. 3:16-19)
- 3** **Grace:** Pray they will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus (2 Pet. 3:18)
- 4** **Peace:** Pray for them to experience the Peace of God (John 14:27)
- 5** **Forgiveness:** Pray for forgiveness and healing where there are hurts (Eph. 4:32)
- 6** **Knowledge:** Pray for them to receive wisdom, knowledge & understanding (Eph. 1:17-19)



Proverbs 31
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