



In Community With Creation

February 24, 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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *When God Imagined Me*

In the midst of darkness & chaos...

God imagined.

In the fury & darkness...

God imagined a world filled with trees, and blue skies and fluffy white clouds.

In the meadow, God stood and...

imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.

In a world of rainstorms and wildlife and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

God imagined humanity. God imagined the continuum from man to woman.

In a world teeming with billions of people...

God imagined me.

God imagined you and God imagined me. We are created in the image of God.

God imagined us all. God loves each of us.

Let us worship with the same imagination as the creating One!

Amen.

~ written by Tim Graves, and posted on **LiturgyBits**. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>

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.

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

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PRAYER

Gracious God,

You fashioned us in your image in the midst of a world beyond our knowledge and understanding. Continue to weave us together in community with all created things. Deepen our awareness of the ways you connect us to the earth. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke

up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

SERMON *"Connected to Creation"*

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*

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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, one God, bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,

robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,

bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

now and forevermore be thine!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.

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