

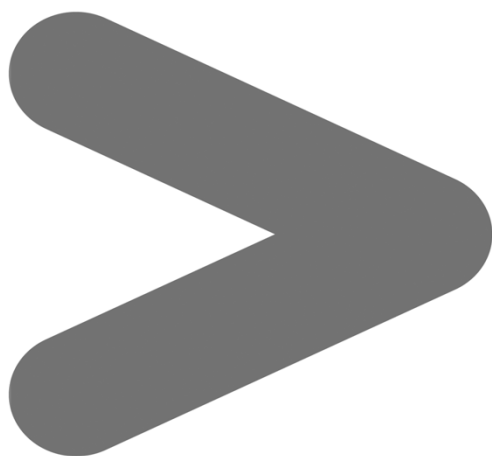


**Our Saviour**  
Lutheran Church

**Order of Worship**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27, 2025

# The Greater Way



A Sermon Series in Hebrews

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the (+) Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ☩ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

I was glad when they said unto me,  
**let us go to the house of the Lord!**

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
**in vain do the builders labor.**

Surely the Lord is in this place.

**This is the house of God,  
this is the gate of heaven!**

Oh, come let us worship!

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**GATHERING SONG** – God Is Here! – ELW #526 v. 1-3

## **GREETING**

*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us;

*People:* **Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us.**

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

Holy God, mold our minds and melt our hearts to receive what the Spirit is saying to us through the Word of God this day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **WORD OF GOD:**

### **FIRST READING: Hebrews 6:20 – 7:25**

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

This "Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him," and to him Abraham apportioned "one-tenth of everything." His name, in the first place, means "king of righteousness"; next, he is also king of Salem, that is, "king of peace." Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

See how great he is! Even Abraham the patriarch gave him a tenth of the spoils. And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to collect tithes from the people, that is, from their kindred, though these also are descended from Abraham. But this man, who does not belong to their ancestry, collected tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had received the promises. It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. In the one case, tithes are received by those who are mortal; in the other, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood—for the people received the law under this priesthood—what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him,

"You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek."

There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope through which we approach God.

This was confirmed with an oath, for others have become priests without an oath, but this one became a priest with an oath because of the one who said to him,

"The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
'You are a priest forever' "

accordingly Jesus has also become the guarantor of a better covenant. Furthermore, the former priests were many in number because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, word of life.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 138** (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
**before the gods I sing your praise;**

I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
**for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me;  
**you increased my strength of soul.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
**for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
**for great is the glory of the Lord.**

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,  
**but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
**you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.**

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
**Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – In Christ Alone v. 1

**In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13**

He 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." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.  
May your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And 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, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And 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.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there

anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If 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!"

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**THE SERMON** – Steward – *Pastor Frank Waugh*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** – Adult/Teen Challenge Men's Choir

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG** – ELW #186

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast  
me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free  
Spirit.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Wise and gracious God,

**receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, time, talents, bread, and wine—along with the offering of our very lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be his body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS – ELW p. 144

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary and rose again to make us living branches, drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world. Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power, to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord who comes to us in his body and blood.

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.

### **THE 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.**

### **COMMUNION SONG – ELW #146**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
God of our ancestors, God of all people,  
before whose face the human generations pass away,  
we thank you that as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf,  
the broken fragments of our history are gathered up  
and healed by the redeeming act of Christ.  
Send us forth in peace,  
form us into what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world.  
Nourished by this sacrament, give us strength and courage to serve you in daily life  
with joy and singleness of heart.  
In the name of Christ we pray.  
**Amen.**

### **SONG OF THANKSGIVING – ELW #207**

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let  
everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us  
with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of  
thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**



## **COMMISSION**

Go out into the world in peace;  
have courage; hold on to what is good;  
return no evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support your sisters and brothers, and help the suffering;  
honor all people; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** – Will You Let Me Be Your Servant – ELW #659 v. 1-3, 5

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**