

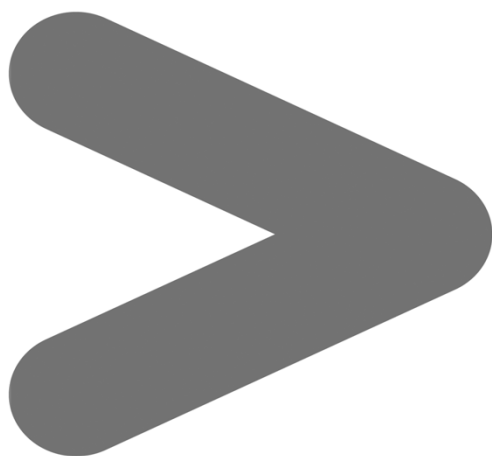


Our Saviour
Lutheran Church

Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 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 – Gather Us In – ELW #532 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 5:1-10; 7:26-8:2

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son;

today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests humans, who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue
**and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;**

in whose eyes the wicked are despised
**but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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 tenth chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do

all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON – High Priest – *Pastor Frank Waugh*

SONG OF THE DAY – Just As I Am, Without One Plea – ELW #592

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 – O Living Bread from Heaven – ELW #542 v. 1-2

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE