

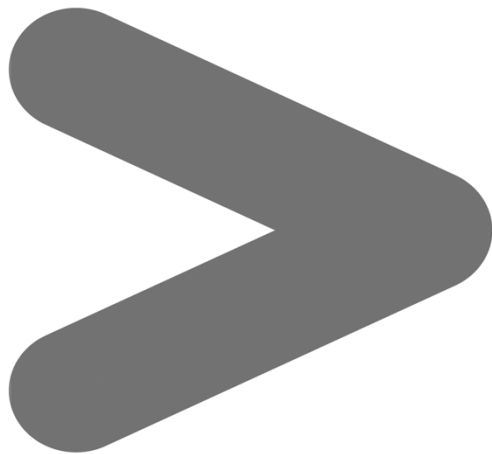


Our Saviour
Lutheran Church

Order of Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 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 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – ELW #807

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 8:7-13

For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one.

God finds fault with them when he says:

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel

and with the house of Judah,

not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors

on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt,

for they did not continue in my covenant,

and so I had no concern for them, says the Lord.

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their minds

and write them on their hearts,

and I will be their God,

and they shall be my people.

And they shall not teach one another

or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,'

for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest.

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,

and I will remember their sins no more."

In speaking of a new covenant, he has made the first one obsolete, and what is obsolete and growing old will soon disappear.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 82 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

"How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk
around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, "You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like any prince."

Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
for all the nations belong to you!

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 twelfth chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:49-56

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON – The Greater Way: COVENANT MAKER – *Pastor Frank Waugh*

SONG OF THE DAY – How Firm a Foundation – ELW #796

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 – Lord of All Hopefulness – ELW #765

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE