

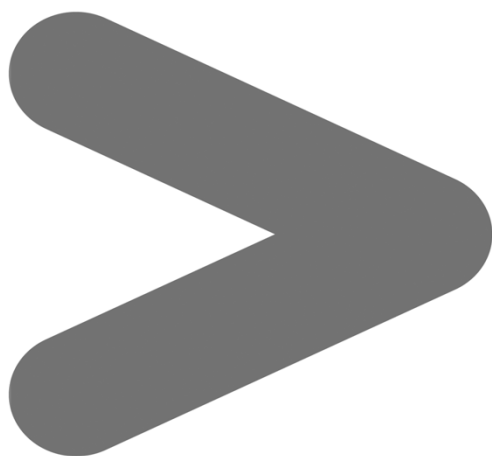


Our Saviour
Lutheran Church

Order of Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025

The Greater Way



A Sermon Series in Hebrews

PRELUDE – *Choir*

WELCOME

MEDITATION – *Sam Johnson*

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 – When Morning Gilds the Skies – ELW #853 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 12:14-24

Pursue peace with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble and through it many become defiled. See to it that no one becomes an immoral and godless person, as Esau was, who sold his birthright for a single meal. You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

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 fourteenth chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the

lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON – The Greater Way: SHEKINAH – *Chaplain Matt Dobyns*

SONG OF THE DAY – Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling – ELW #608

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 – *Music: Sam Johnson*

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 – Shine, Jesus, Shine – ELW #671

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE