



**“God’s Greater Story:
Holy Spirit, Our Intercessor”**
Sunday, October 11, 2020 9:00AM
Worship Service

AS WE GATHER

Today we continue our series, “God’s Greater Story”, based upon a portion of Paul’s letter to the Church at Rome. In this sermon series, we have been looking at the big picture. The greater story of the presence and work of the Triune God. We have seen Christ, our Deliverer, rescuing us from our sin. We have seen God, our Father, claiming us as his children. Today, we see God, the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“To Your Temple, Lord, I Come”

LW 207

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,
For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior’s face.
- 2 I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Your courts Your love to trace.
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 9:2; 33:20–22; 122:1)*

P I was glad when they said to me,

C “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

P I will be glad and exult in You;

C I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

P Our soul waits for the Lord;

C He is our help and our shield.

P For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

C Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,

P for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

C as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

HYMN of PRAISE

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

LSB 531 st. 4

4 Worship, honor, pow’r, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing,
Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior’s merits,
Help to chant Immanuel’s praise!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15–17, 25–26

P A reading from John, chapter 14.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN of the DAY

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

LSB 500

1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world’s foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev’ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.

2 O Source of uncreated light,
The bearer of God’s gracious might,
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
Our hearts with heav’nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.

3 Giver of grace, descend from high;
Your sev’nfold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see
The glory of the Trinity.

△ 4 Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the_almighty Father’s name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

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SERMON

“God’s Greater Story: Holy Spirit, Our Intercessor”

Romans 8:18-27

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the Church, the world, and all people in need. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the well-being of creation in our land and every land, for all coastlands and waters and for all fields and forests. Grant that we be proper stewards of all of the gifts we have received. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the Church, that it grow as the Spirit leads and directs, even in those places where persecution of Christian people still is a daily reality. O Lord,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are in need of special petitions this day, including the injured or ill, people in hospitals or other care centers, those dealing with special challenges, the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day, [*especially . . .*]. Be the support of those in need and the comfort of those who are burdened. O Lord,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

P As we remember with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, especially those of this community of faith who have left behind examples of joyful trust and blessed hope. O Lord,

C in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

CLOSING SENTENCES (*Philippians 3:20–22; 4:20*)

P But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

C To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733 sts. 1-6

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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