

Sermon

Hebrews 10:19-25

Stir up one another to love
and good works

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Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 (NIV)

11 **Day after day** every priest stands and performs his religious duties; **again and again** he offers the **same sacrifices**, which can **never take away sins.**

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12 But when **this priest** had offered for **all time**
one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at
the **right hand of God**, 13 and since that time
he waits for his enemies to be
made his **footstool**.

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14 For by **one sacrifice** he has made **perfect forever** those who are **being made holy**.

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Luther: *“Everything is forgiven through grace, but not everything is yet healed through the gift. The gift is poured in, the leaven is added, and it works to remove the sin which has already been forgiven to the person, and to drive out the evil guest, whom it has permission to drive out. Meanwhile, as this is happening, it is called sin and in its nature truly is sin, but now it is sin without wrath”* (StL 18:1165).

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19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have **confidence** to enter the Most Holy Place by the **blood of Jesus**,
20 by a **new and living way** opened for us through the curtain, that is, **his body**, ...

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Luther: *“He first sets forth the example of Christ, our Leader, who fights in the forefront. Although under no compulsion, yet for the purpose of buoying up our confidence He crossed over first of all, and He smooths the exceedingly rough road. Then the apostle points out that Christ not only gave an example by crossing over, but that He also holds out His hand to those who follow”* (AE 29:226).

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... 21 and since we have
a **great priest** over the house of God,
22 let us **draw near** to God with a **sincere heart**
and with the **full assurance** that faith brings, ...

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Luther: “Where the heart is not in a right relationship with God, or cannot take such confidence, it will not dare to pray anymore. Such a confident and joyful heart can spring from nothing else than the certain knowledge of the forgiveness of sin”

(LC III 92).

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... having our **hearts sprinkled** to
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and having our **bodies washed with pure water.**

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Luther: *“This old man consists of error, concupiscence, wrath, fear, apprehension, despair, evil conscience, horror of death, etc. Those are characteristics of the old, carnal man. ...”*

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“... They diminish, however, in the new man, but they are not extinguished until he himself is extinguished by death. . . . Rather the process of removal has begun, and as a person increases in spiritual health these evils are removed. This spiritual health is nothing more than faith in or love in Christ” (AE 31:124).

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23 Let us hold **unswervingly** to the hope
we profess,
for **he who promised is faithful**.

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24 And let us consider how we may
spur one another on toward
love and good deeds, ...

“... encourage one another ...” (AMP, NASB)

“... stir up one another ...” (ESV, NKJV, RSV)

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... 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Luther: "It is not enough to teach and instruct alone. There is also need for daily encouragement. . . . So here also there is need for us to continue to preach so that people may not become weary and disgusted. For we know and feel how the devil always opposes this and every Christian exercise. He drives and deters people from them as much as he can" (LC V 44).

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Action: By the grace of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to fulfil this mission and vision through:

- 1) **a life of worship,**
- 2) **spiritual growth,**
- 3) **Christian care,**
- 4) school ministry and
- 5) reaching out.



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Luther: *“This does not mean that faith lays hold of righteousness and salvation only in the beginning and then resigns its office to works as though **they** had to sustain faith, the righteousness received, and salvation. ...”*

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*“... It means that the promise, not only of receiving, but also of **retaining** righteousness and salvation, is firm and sure to us. St. Paul (Romans 5:2) ascribes to faith not only the entrance to grace, but says that we stand in grace and boast of the future glory. In other words, he credits the beginning, middle, and end to faith alone”*
(FD SC IV 34).

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