

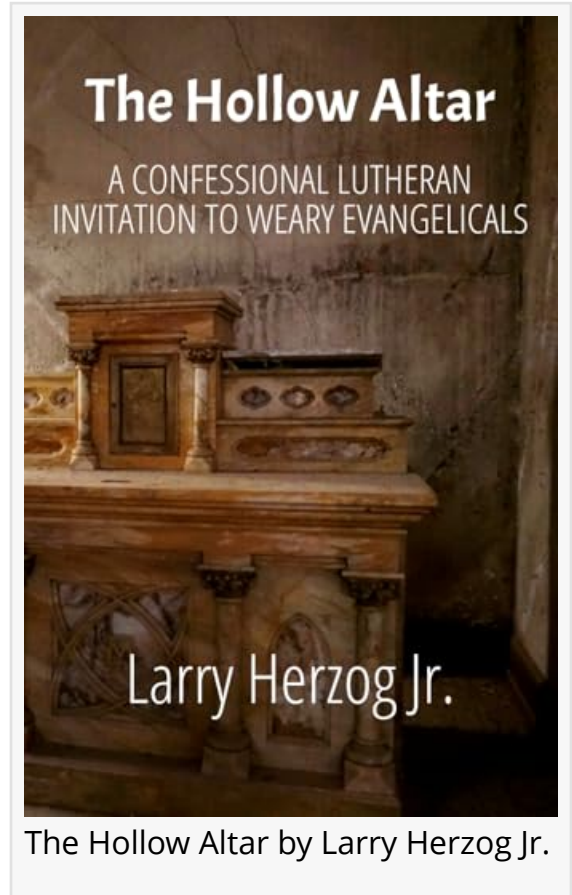
# The Hollow Altar: A Confessional Lutheran Invitation to Weary Evangelicals Offers a Path Home

*Larry Herzog Jr. guides spiritually hungry evangelicals toward a deeper understanding of Christian worship, sacramental life, and confessional Lutheran faith.*

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, June 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author Larry Herzog Jr. presents *The Hollow Altar: A Confessional Lutheran Invitation to Weary Evangelicals*, a thoughtful and pastoral exploration of historic Christian worship for readers who find themselves spiritually dissatisfied despite years of faithful church involvement. Written with compassion and clarity, the book addresses a growing number of believers who sense that something essential may be missing from their worship experience and are seeking a deeper connection to the historic practices of the Christian faith.

In *The Hollow Altar*, Herzog carefully introduces readers to the rhythms and theology of a confessional Lutheran congregation through fifteen engaging chapters. The book examines key elements of traditional worship, including Confession and Absolution, the preaching of Law and Gospel, the Lord's Supper, and the Aaronic Benediction. Through the narrative of a visitor attending a small Lutheran church for the first time, readers are guided through a journey of discovery that illuminates the meaning and purpose behind these longstanding practices.

The inspiration for the book comes from Herzog's observation that many sincere Christians remain spiritually unsettled despite active participation in church life. Rather than criticizing their experiences, he seeks to provide an invitation to explore the rich heritage of Christian worship that has sustained believers across centuries. His goal is to help readers understand the theological foundations of historic liturgical worship and the promises of Christ that stand at its center.



The Hollow Altar by Larry Herzog Jr.

At its core, the book explores themes of spiritual nourishment, belonging, grace, and the search for enduring truth. Herzog argues that the Christian faith is grounded not merely in personal experience or emotional expression, but in the means through which Christ has promised to serve His people. By examining these themes with pastoral sensitivity, the book encourages readers to consider how historic worship practices continue to offer comfort, assurance, and spiritual renewal in contemporary life.

The book is particularly suited for evangelicals who have begun asking deeper questions about church history, worship, doctrine, and sacramental theology. It also provides valuable insight for Christians interested in understanding Lutheran beliefs and traditions. Readers seeking thoughtful guidance, practical direction, and a greater appreciation for the continuity of the Christian faith may find the book both informative and encouraging.

Larry Herzog Jr. writes from the perspective of a committed lay teacher rather than a member of the clergy. A confessional Lutheran and adult Bible study leader at Grace Free Lutheran Church in Valley City, North Dakota, he has spent years helping others engage with Scripture and Christian doctrine. Through *The Hollow Altar*, Herzog shares his passion for historic Christian worship and his desire to help fellow believers discover the richness of Christ-centered faith.

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