

## Traditional Service

8:30 am

**Prelude**                      **Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**  
(Composer: Kirkpatrick/Larson)

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

**Opening Hymn**                      **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**                      **#575**

**Responsive Reading**                      **Psalm: 139: 1-18; 23-24**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.

**You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.**

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

**For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.**

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

**All: Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**  
Gracious God, ours sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.  
*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.) In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

**Declaration of Forgiveness**  
Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:  
**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Response**                      **Glory be to the Father**                      **#961**  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

**Passing the Peace**

**Anthem**                      **I Will Sing New Songs**  
(Composer: Antonin Dvorak)

**Scripture Reading**                      **Matthew 5:31-37**  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**                      **Faithfulness to Our Promises**  
*The Way of Jesus: Living out the Sermon on the Mount*

**Musical Reflection**                      **My Jesus I Love Thee**  
(Composer: Dan Forrest)

**Doxology**  
**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**                      **O Word of God Incarnate**                      **#757**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**  
(Composer: Spiritual/Carter)

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Greg Buell
Worship Leader (10:00)	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Kids Time	Ed Burton
Scripture Reader	Fred Weber (8:30)
	Roger Smith (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Lois Morris (10:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower (8:30)
Organist (8:30)	Sharon Peterson
Soloist (8:30)	Elaine Holmquist

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## Contemporary Service

10:00 am

## Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

The Lord Our God

Prayer of Confession

His Mercy is More

Passing the Peace

Kids Time

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/> . Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:31-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Faithfulness to Our Promises

*The Way of Jesus: Living out the Sermon on the Mount*

Song

Yes and Amen

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Goodness of God

Blessing

### Opening Discussion

Why are faithfulness and honesty important in a relationship? In a community? In a society? What issues arise when faithfulness and honesty break down?

### Read Matthew 5:31-37

### Digging Deeper:

1. According to Mosaic Law, what was the only thing required for man to lawfully divorce his wife?
2. According to Jesus, what was the only valid reason for divorcing a wife? How did his ruling actually protect women in that culture?
3. What were the financial implications if a woman was released from her marriage? Why would remarriage be important for her?
4. How might swearing by heaven, earth or Jerusalem be a misuse of the Lord's name? (Breaking the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment)
5. Why is swearing by one's own head/person pointless?
6. What is the one thing required when one makes a promise?

### Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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### Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor

Greg Buell, Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Caring Ministries

Ed Burton, Minister of Family Ministries

Luke Stoner, Minister of Contemporary Worship/Sr. High Youth

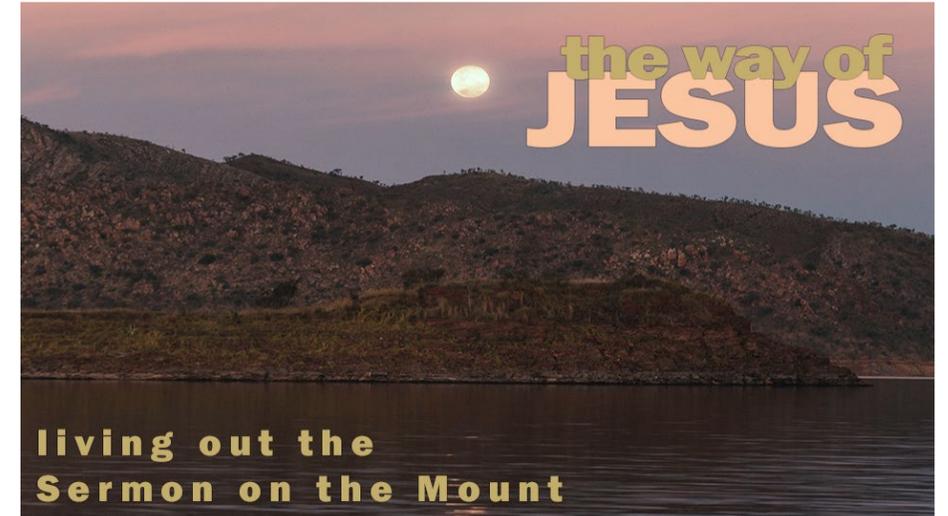
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