

## Traditional Service

8:30 am

**Prelude**                      **Sonata: II. With Tranquility**  
(Composer: Paul Creston)

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

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

**Opening Hymn**                      **Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer**                      **#43**

**Responsive Reading**                      **Psalm 24**

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;  
for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

**Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol or swear by  
a false god.**

They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God their Savior.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

**Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

*(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**                      **Solvejg's Song**  
(Composer: Edward Grieg)

**Scripture Readings**                      **Matthew 5:21-30**

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

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

**Musical Reflection**                      **Vocalise**  
(Composer: Sergei Rachmaninoff)

**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**                      **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**                      **#369**

**Farewell to Jesse Borower**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      **Gigue**  
(Composer: Ewin Dressel)

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon	Greg Buell
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Worship Leader (10:00)	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Paul Nelson (8:30) Kittie Yohe (10:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borower
Organist (8:30)	Sharon Peterson
Saxophone Soloist (8:30)	Andrew Carpenter

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## Contemporary Service

10:00 am

## Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

He Lives

O Come to the Altar

Prayer of Confession

This is How I Thank the Lord

Passing the Peace

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.)

Farewell to Jesse Borower

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:21-30

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Jesus Raises the Bar

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Lord, I Need You

Blessing

**Opening Discussion:**

- How important is it in the Kingdom of God to be a "good person"? To what degree do you consider yourself to be a good person?

**Read: Matthew 5:21-30**

But first let us pray: "Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts and minds, to hear, and accept your Word for us today. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also live it out in our daily lives; through Christ our Lord. Amen."

**Digging Deeper:**

- When Jesus says, "You have heard it said," what is he referring to? Where in the Bible were these rules first given? (See v. 21 and 27)
- How does Jesus raise the bar regarding murder? According to Jesus, who will be considered guilty of murder? (v. 23) What does Jesus suggest to avoid this guilt? (vs. 24-26)
- How does Jesus raise the bar regarding adultery? (v. 27-28)
- What does Jesus suggest to avoid coming adultery in one's heart? Why does he say it this way? (v.29-30)
- What was the penalty for committing murder or adultery according to the Law of Moses? (See Leviticus 24:17 and Leviticus 20:22) Is this the penalty that Jesus is referring to, or is it something else? (v.22 and 30)
- Why does Jesus highlight these two particular rules? What do they have to say about the universality of sin?

**Application for Life**

- Do you know of anyone who is not guilty of at least one of the sins mentioned here? If all are guilty of sin to this degree, where is our hope?
- How does our salvation in Jesus Christ lead us to repentance and obedience?

**Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer**

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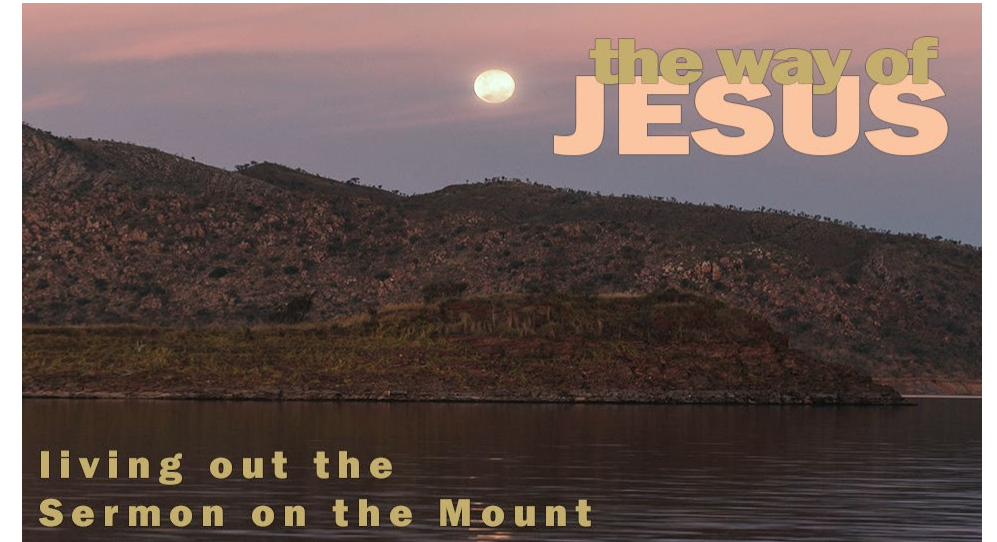
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