

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude **Prelude: The Shepherdess’
Sunday**
(Composer: Ole Bull)

Welcome

Announcements

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

Opening Hymn **From All That Dwell Below the Skies** **#570**

Responsive Reading **Psalm 112**
Praise the Lord!
Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation
of the upright will be blessed.**
Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**
They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
**Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**
**All: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious Lord, forgive us for so easily pointing out the sins of others while ignoring our own. We are so good at discovering the speck in our friends’ eyes and blind to the log in our own eyes. We cry for mercy when we have messed up but expect justice upon those who hurt us. Forgive us God for putting ourselves at the center of life instead of You. Restore us to a reconciled relationship with you and others. Enable us to extend grace and mercy to our friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors when there is conflict.

(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

Kids Time

Anthem **All Creatures of our God and King**
Christopher Williams

Scripture Readings **Matthew 7:1-14**
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Flourishing Together in Community**
The Way of Jesus: Living out the Sermon on the Mount

Musical Reflection **Song of Reflection**
Christopher Williams

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 **Be Thou My Vision** **#859**

Benediction

Postlude **We are Marching in the Light of God**
(Composer: Traditional/Sedio)

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)
	Kittie Yohe (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (10:00)
Organist (8:30)	Sharon Peterson
Soloist (8:30)	Christopher Williams

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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Questions for Discussion

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Great Things

King of My Heart

Prayer of Confession

Come Thou Fount

Passing the Peace

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(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.)

Kids Time

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

**Flourishing Together in
Community**
*The Way of Jesus: Living out the
Sermon on the Mount*

Song of Reflection - Christopher Williams

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Good Good Father

Blessing

Opening Discussion

Do you find it easy or challenging to judge other people, and why?
What helps your relationships flourish?

Read: Matthew 7:1-14

Digging Deeper:

1. What reason does Jesus give for not judging others? What does this imply about the people he is preaching to? (v. 1-2)
2. When is it hypocritical to judge others? And what must one do to not be hypocritical when it comes to judging? (v. 3-5)
3. What do you think "what is holy" and "pearls" is referring to in vs. 6?
4. What is promised in v. 7-8? What is Jesus' reasoning for these promises? (v.9-11)
5. How have you experienced the promises of v. 7-8 in your own life? Where might you be struggling with these promises?
6. Why has v. 12 been called "the Golden Rule?" Is this an easy or hard rule to follow? What has been your experience?
7. What is the "narrow gate" that Jesus is referring to? (v.13) How is described in v.14? Why does the wide gate lead to destruction?

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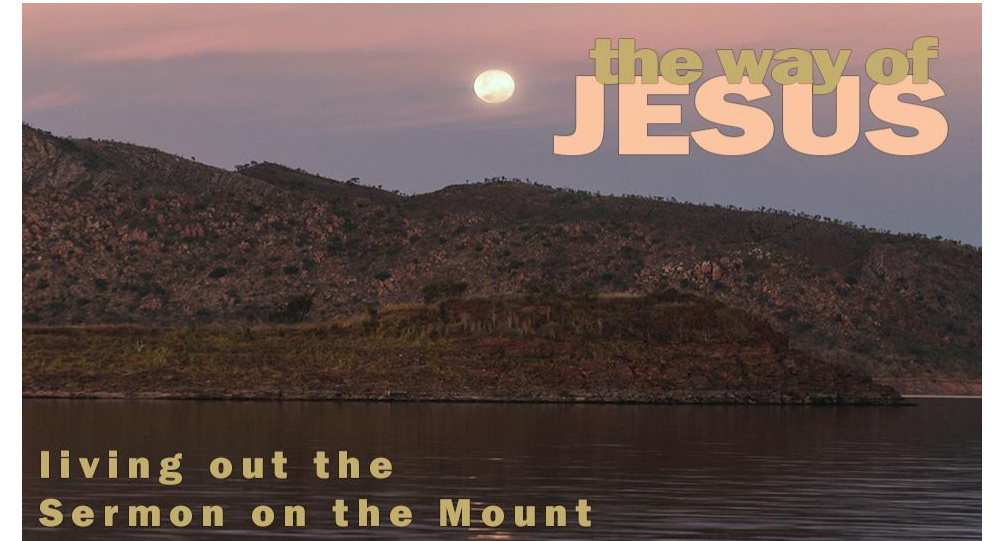


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