

## Traditional Service

11:00 am

### Prelude

**Pastorale, Op. 58, #2**

(Composer: Max Reger)

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

### Hymn #695

**And Can it Be**

### Responsive Reading

**Psalm 30:2-5,11-12**

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

**O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down  
to the Pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

**You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,**

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

**All: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we struggle to understand the depths of Your forgiveness. We withhold grace from others, forgetting how freely You offer to us. We are upset by the thought that You forgive even the worst of sinners, yet we fail to see our need for your mercy. Forgive us for questioning Your authority to pardon and clinging to judgment instead of love. Transform our hearts to reflect the boundless grace You have shown us through Jesus Christ.

*(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

### Hymn #689

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

### Scripture Readings

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Luke 5:17-26**

### Sermon

**More than We Asked For**

*Jesus' Mission: Seeking and Saving the Lost*

*A Series through the Gospel of Luke*

### Musical Reflection

**Lord of the Dance**

(Composer: Shaker/Ferguson)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John –  
They came with me and the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black –  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the Dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

### 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.

### Communion: Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated

at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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

### Words of Institution

### Communion Music

**Cleansing Fountain**

(Composer: Early American/arr. Martin)

### Closing Hymn

**#685 I Sought the Lord**

### Benediction

### Postlude

**Tell Me the Old, Old Story**

(Composer: Doane/Thompson)

### Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Communion	Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Scripture Reader	Corinne Boston (9:30)
	Jennifer Brejcha, Kathryn Brejcha, Lucas Young (11:00)
Director of Traditional Music	Jonathan Kim
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)

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## Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

House of the Lord

O Come to the Altar

Prayer of Confession

Only Ever Good

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.)

Scripture Reading

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

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Closing Song

The Table

Blessing

## Questions for Discussion

### Opening Discussion

In previous chapters of Luke what authority did Jesus demonstrate through his teaching, signs and wonders?

### Read Luke 5:17-26

### Digging Deeper:

1. Where had the Pharisees and teachers of the law come from to hear Jesus teach? Why do you think they came?
2. Where did Jesus' power to heal the sick come from? Why is this important to keep in mind?
3. Why did the men lower their friend through the roof? (v.18-19) What unexpected thing did Jesus do for them in response? (v.20) Had they asked for this?
4. How did the religious leaders respond to this and why? (v.21)
5. How did Jesus prove himself? What authority did he demonstrate?
6. What was the response of everyone in the crowd that day? (v.26)

### Application for Life

7. Who are the people in your life that are in need of healing (physically, emotionally, or psychologically)? What might you do in order to bring them into Jesus' presence?

### Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

8. Pray for a deeper confidence in the authority of Jesus over your own life, and a stronger willingness to share Christ with others.

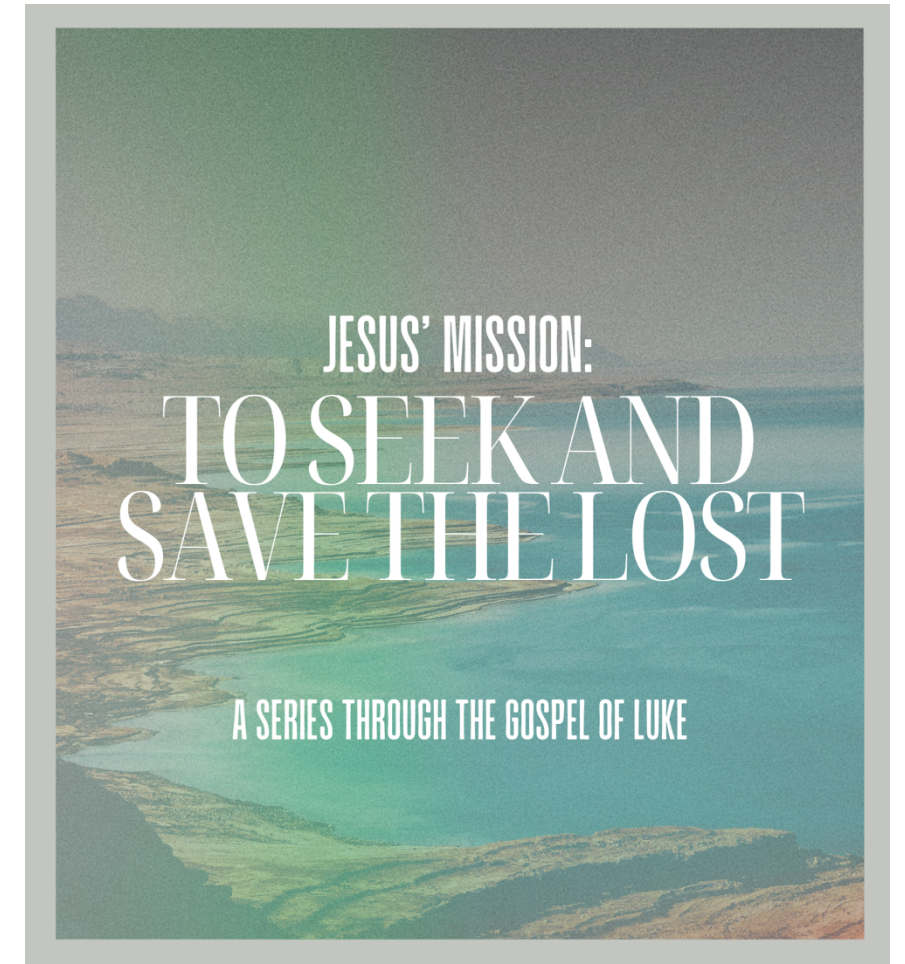
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