

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis**
(Composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Welcome and Announcements

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

Hymn #269 **All Are Welcome**
(verses 1,3, 4)

Responsive Reading **Psalm 103:1-4, Revelation 5:12**
Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, We confess that we have often put rules before relationships and law before love. Like the Pharisees, we have been quick to judge and slow to show mercy. We have clung to our sense of righteousness while overlooking the needs of those around us. Forgive us for the ways we value tradition and rituals over transformation in You, for the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken, and for the times we have spoken when we should have listened. You came to bring life, healing, and restoration. Open our hearts to Your way, that we may love as You love, serve as You serve, and find rest in You alone.

(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

Joining God's **Sunday Evening Lent Series on**
Mission in Everyday **Prayer**
Life

Hymn #706 **There Is a Balm in Gilead**

Scripture Reading **Luke 6:1-11**
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Missing the Heart of God**
Jesus' Mission: Seeking and Saving the Lost
A Series through the Gospel of Luke

Musical Reflection **Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11**
(Composer: Gabriel Fauré)
Word equal to God, the Almighty, our only hope,
Eternal day of the earth and heavens;
We break the silence of the peaceful night,
Divine Savior, look upon us!

Fan the fire of your powerful grace upon us,
So that all Hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Shake off the sleep of a languishing soul,
Who has forgotten your laws!

O Christ, be kind to these faithful people
Who have now gathered in thanks.
Listen to the chants they offer to your immortal glory,
And may they come away fulfilled with your gifts!

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

Hymn #256 **They'll Know We Are Christians**
(verses 1-3)

Benediction

Postlude **Praise Be to Thee, Lord**
(Composer: Dietrich Buxtehude)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Joining God's Mission in	Cathy Giometti (9:30)
Everyday Life	Julie Page (11:00)
Scripture Reader	Sherry Maloney (9:30)
	Jack West (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (9:30)
	Elaine Holmquist (11:00)
Director of Music	Jonathan Kim
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Song Leader	Elaine Holmquist

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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Take You at Your Word

Holy Spirit

Prayer of Confession

His Glory and My 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.)

Joining God's
Mission in Everyday
Life

Sunday Evening Lent Series on
Prayer

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Closing Song

Great Are You Lord

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

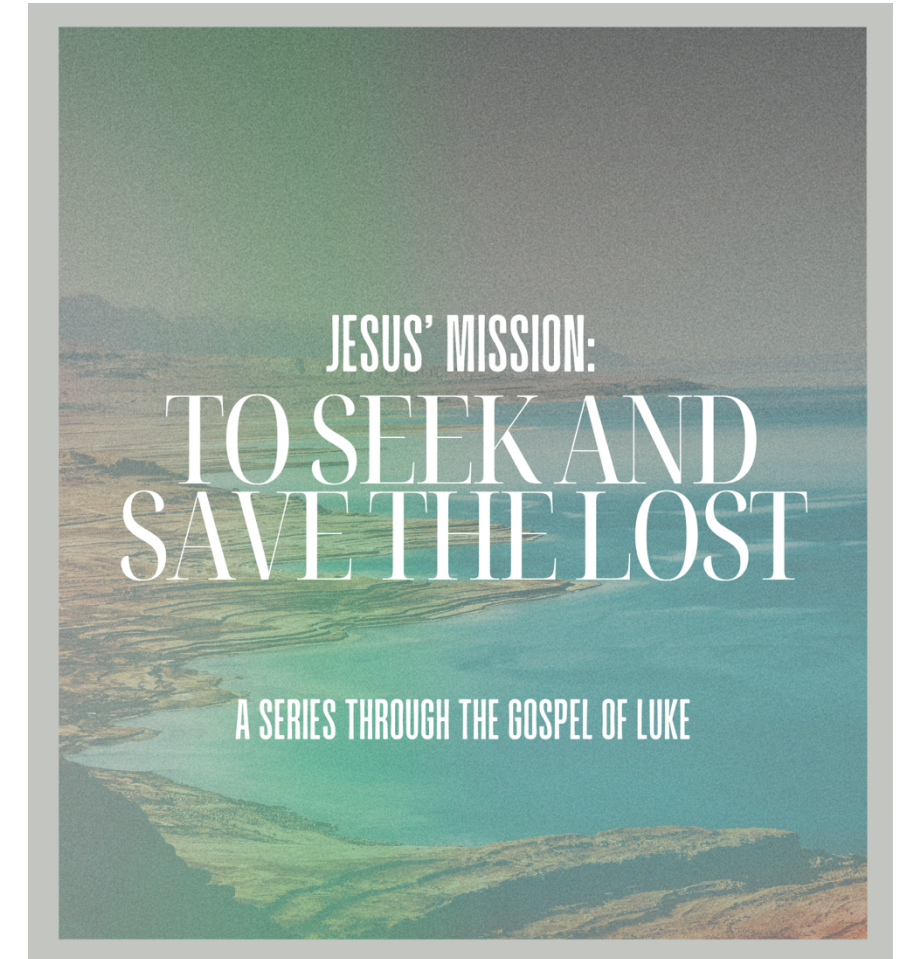
1. Read Luke 6:1-11.
2. Why did the Pharisees question Jesus? (v.1-2)
3. Who did Jesus compare himself to in order to justify himself? (v.3-4) What did David do that was considered against the law?
4. What's the significance of saying that the Son of Man is the lord of the Sabbath?
5. In healing the man with the withered hand, how did Jesus justify himself in healing him on the Sabbath? (v.6-9)
6. Why were the Pharisees furious with Jesus?
7. Are there any areas of life where Jesus does not have authority? How does this shape your view of him and your accountability?
8. What authorities in our world today threaten to pull our allegiance away from Jesus?

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