

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Where Should I Fly?

(Composer: J.S. Bach)

Where should I fly from here since I am burdened with many great sins?  
Where can I find rescue? Therefore, on you alone, Lord Christ, I rely.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #131

Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain

(verses 1, 2, 4)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.  
They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you call us to build our lives on the solid foundation of your Word, yet we confess that we often choose the shifting sands of comfort, success, and self-reliance. We hear your truth but fail to put it into practice. We resist your teaching and trust in our wisdom. Forgive us, Lord, for turning from You. Help us to build our lives on the solid rock, Jesus Christ, and his teachings.  
(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

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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 #251

The Church's One Foundation

(verses 1, 3, 4)

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:39-49

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

Sermon

To Act is to Believe

Jesus’ Mission: Seeking and Saving the Lost  
A Series through the Gospel of Luke

Musical Reflection

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

(Composer: Kyle Johnson)

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.  
No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;  
He went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
  
Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.  
When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak;  
He took a towel and girded himself and he washed his disciples' feet.  
  
Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well;  
He has the palm of victory, and the keys of death and hell.  
Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

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 #772

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

(verses 1 – 4)

Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare & Trumpeting on "Aurelia"

(Composer: Wesley/Paxton)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements	Rev. Greg Buell (9:30)
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Kids Time	Ed Burton
Scripture Reader	Jill Nevil (9:30)
	Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Rich Blue (9:30)
Liturgy & Prayers	Wally Kelley (11:00)
Director of Music	Jonathan Kim
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
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Contemporary Service9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise SongI Thank God

Kids Time

Praise and PrayerHis Glory and My Good  
Prayer of Confession  
Yes and Amen

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 ReadingLuke 6:39-49  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

SermonTo Act is to Believe  
*Jesus’ Mission: Seeking and Saving the Lost  
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Praise SongBuild My Life

Prayers of the People

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read Luke 6:39-49

- Digging Deeper:
1. The disciples saw Jesus as their Rabbi, or teacher. With this in mind, what was Jesus emphasizing in verses 39 & 40? Why is it dangerous when disciples neglect to follow their teacher? What is the goal of every student?
  2. What qualities and virtues are Jesus emphasizing in verses 41 & 42? What does “taking the speck out of one’s eye” symbolize?
  3. Which is easier, to point out someone else’s flaws, or to focus on your own? Why?
  4. What does “each tree is recognized by its own fruit?” (v. 44) According to verse 46, what distinguishes a good person from an evil person? What are the good things and bad things that Jesus refers to here?
  5. What’s the irony of saying, “Lord, Lord” but not doing what Jesus says? Is Jesus speaking of strict obedience and adherence to his teachings? What do we do when we fall short?
  6. What does putting Jesus’ teachings into practice look like? What’s the alternative?

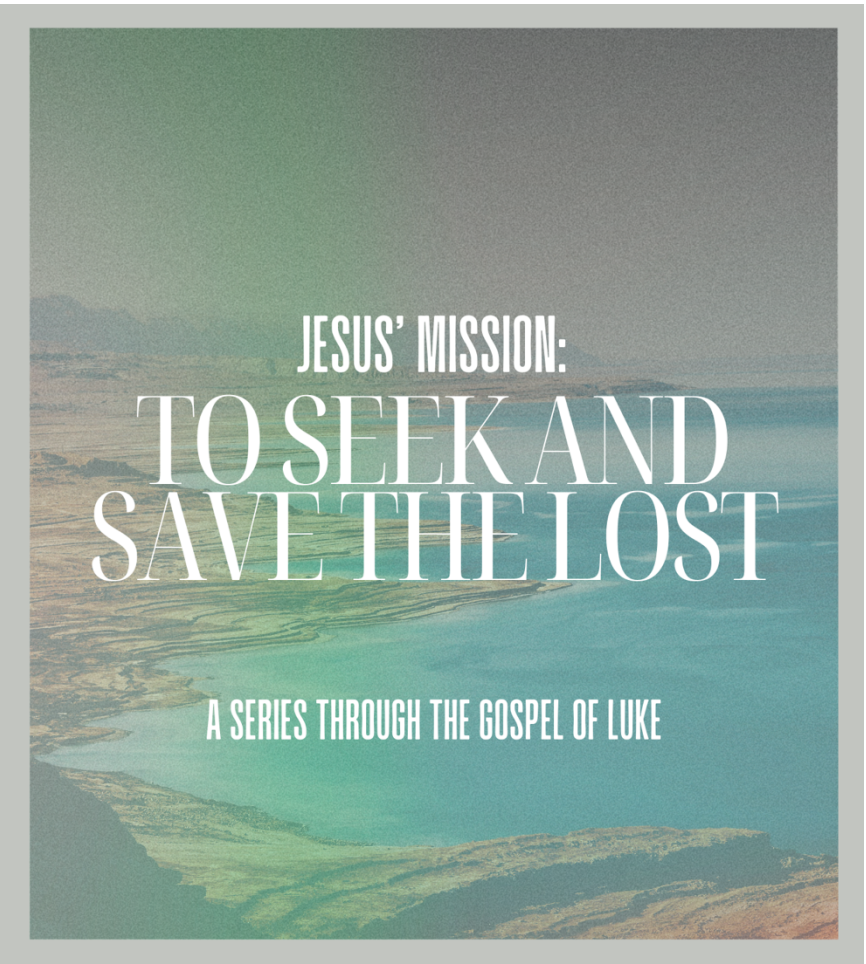
- Application for Life
1. How are we to learn from Jesus today? For you personally, what gets in the way of this?
  2. How well do you know Jesus’ teachings?
  3. Why is it more helpful to learn about the ways of Jesus in small groups, rather than simply on your own?
  4. What are some ways in your life that are not in line with Jesus’ teachings and what steps can you take to overcome them?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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