

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Open Our Eyes
(Composer: Cull/Bettcher)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #348

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Responsive Reading

Colossians 1:13-20

The Lord has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.
For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or
authorities; all things have been created through him
and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
And through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a
heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to
grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus
Christ, our Lord.
(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 #347

The Steadfast Love of the Lord
(sing twice)

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:1-10

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

Sermon

A Man Above the Rest

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

Musical Reflection

Author of Faith, Eternal Word

(Composer: Howard Helvey)

Author of faith, eternal Word, whose Spirit breathes the active flame;
Faith, like its finisher and Lord, today as yesterday the same.

To thee our humble hearts aspire, and ask the gift unspeakable;
Increase in us the kindled fire, in us the work of faith fulfill.

By faith we know thee strong to save; save us, a present Savior thou! Whate'er
we hope, by faith we have, future and past subsisting now.

To him that in thy name believes eternal life with thee is given;
Into himself he all receives, pardon, and holiness, and heaven.

The things unknown to feeble sense, unseen by reason's glimmering ray, With
strong commanding evidence their heavenly origin display.

Faith lends its realizing light, the clouds disperse, the shadows fly,
The invisible appears in sight, and God is seen by mortal eye.

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 #140

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Benediction

Postlude

There is a Fountain, Op. 80, #21

(Composer: Camil Van Hulse)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Greg Buell
Worship Leader & Liturgy	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Sherry Maloney (9:30)
	Kevin Vanhoozer (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Gerri Kirby (9:30)
Director of 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

Great Things

Way Maker

Prayer of Confession

I Speak Jesus

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

Luke 7:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song

There’s Nothing That Our
God Can’t Do

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion

What does it mean to submit to someone’s authority? Is it easy or challenging to submit to someone, and why?

Read Luke 7:1-10

Digging Deeper:

1. How did the centurion feel toward his slave and what might this show us about his character? (v.1-3)
2. Why did the centurion send some Jewish elders to Jesus instead of approaching him himself? How did the Jewish people describe the centurion to Jesus? What do we learn from them about his character? (v.4-5)
3. How did Jesus respond to the elders’ request? What was unusual about Jesus a Jew visiting the home of pagan Roman? (v. 6)
4. Why did the centurion send friends to stop Jesus from coming into his home? Again, what can we learn from the centurion’s explanation? (v.6-7)
5. Why was the centurion confident that Jesus could heal his slave? (v.8)
6. In this particular account of Jesus healing someone, who is amazed? Why is this unique? (v.9)
7. What is ironic about saying the Roman centurion has the greatest faith in Israel? (v.9)
8. What was the end result of the centurion’s encounter with Jesus? (v.10) Did Jesus and the centurion ever interact directly in this story?

Application for Life

1. Why was the centurion willing to cross cultural barriers to reach out to Jesus? How did Jesus respond? What are some cultures around you today that you normally don’t interact with, and how can you welcome them like Jesus?
2. How did the centurion use his wealth to bless others? How might God be calling you to use your resources to bless others?
3. In what ways do you fall short of submitting to Jesus’ authority, or demonstrating your faith in him through your actions? What act of obedience or leap of faith might God be calling you to take?

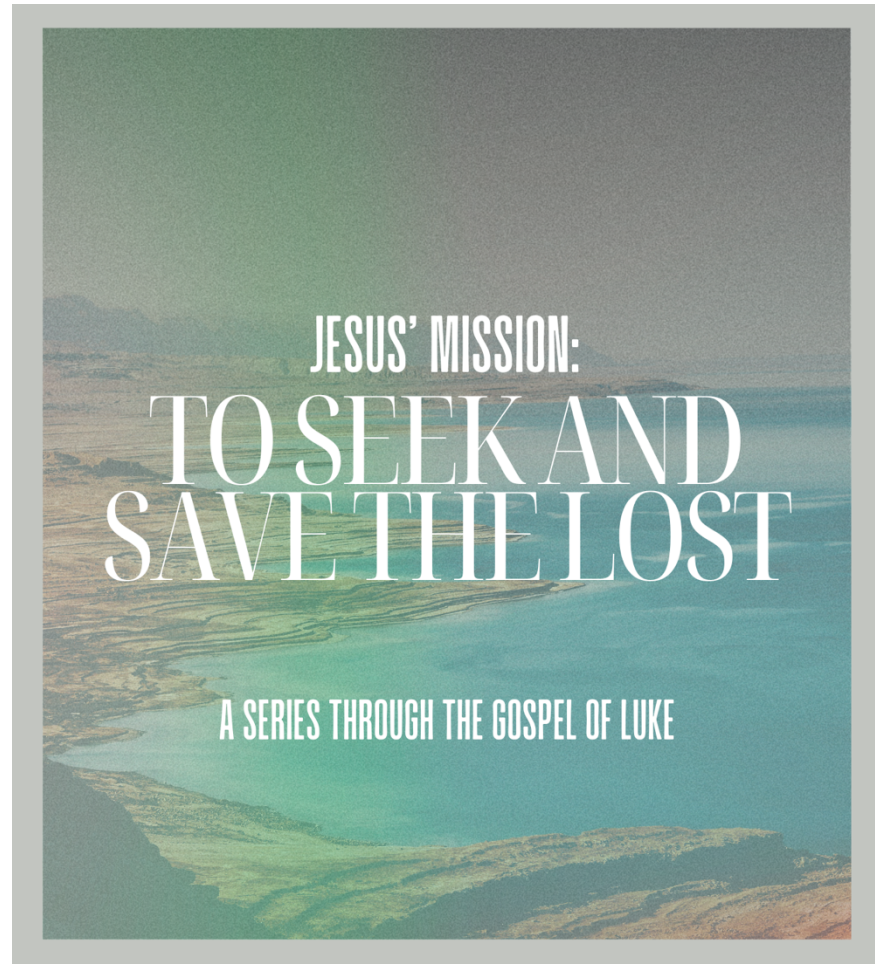
Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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more!



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