

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude

Look, Now He Stands
(Composer: Schalk and Wyton)

Welcome and 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
(verses 1, 2, 4)

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 53:7-10

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we know that you love us, so we confess that we have let you down. Every day we betray you, deny you, misunderstand you, crucify you. We betray you when we are selfish or unkind. We deny you when we do not speak out for justice and truth. We misunderstand you when we justify our actions by misquoting your teaching. We are truly sorry, and we wait for your word of love. Hear us now as we lift up our own personal confessions to you in the silence of our hearts.
(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 #168

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:13-25

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

Sermon

When Life Isn’t Fair

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

Musical Reflection

Meekness and Majesty
(by Graham Kendrick)

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #926

God of Grace and God of Glory
(verses 1, 2, 4)

Benediction

Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(Composer: Mason/Ham)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Luke Stoner
Liturgy & Prayers	Ed Burton
Keyboardist	Sharon Peterson (8:30)
Song Leader	Elaine Holmquist
Contemporary Worship Leader	Greg Buell
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Ron Mantegna (8:30)
	Kelsey Lundgaard (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Gerri Kirby (10:00)
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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

House of the Lord

Cornerstone

Prayer of Confession

I Speak Jesus

Baptism

Bennet Sharp Rogers

(son of Taylor and Whitney (Landman) Rogers)

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 23:13-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

When Life Isn’t Fair

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Closing Song

Christ Be Magnified

Prayers of the People

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion:

1. Do you think life is fair? Why or why not?

Read: Luke 23:13-25

Questions for Discussion

1. Why did the Jewish leaders bring Jesus to Pilate? What did they want him to do?
2. What was Pilate’s opinion about Jesus? (v.13-15) What was his initial plan for dealing with Jesus? (v.16)
3. How did the crowd respond? Who do you think was in the crowd? Was it the same crowd that welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday or a different crowd? (v.18)
4. Who was Barabbas? Why might the people want to see him released? (v. 19)
5. Why did Pilate address the crowd a second time? What was their response? (v.20-21)
6. What did Pilate say when he addressed them a third time? To what degree do you think he was trying to be just at this point in the narrative? (v. 22)
7. Why do you think the crowd “prevailed” in the end? Why did Pilate give in? (v.23-25)

Application to Daily Life:

8. What’s the difference between being just and being political? Is it the same thing? Why or why not?
9. What are examples of people today making choices based more on public pressure or politics rather than on what is right?
10. Looking at Jesus’ example, what are we to do in life when we feel that life is unfair and we can’t do anything about it?

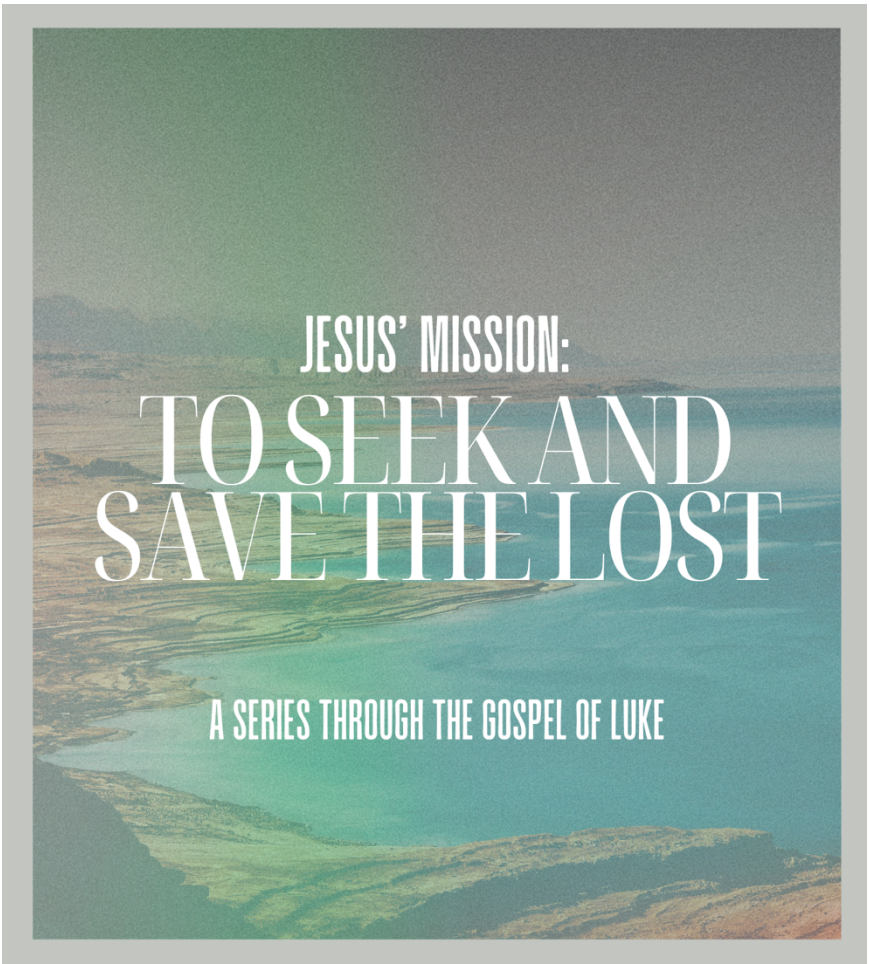
Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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