

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude

All for Christ I Have Forsaken
(Composer: Southern Harmony/Thomas Jefferson)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #361

Because He Lives
(sing twice)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-23 NIV
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
His love endures forever.
In our anguish we cried to the LORD,
and he answered by setting us free.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
His love endures forever.
The LORD is our strength and our song;
he has become our salvation.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
His love endures forever.
We will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
His love endures forever.
The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
The LORD has done this;
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious Lord, we are called to be joyful people because you conquered death and rose from the grave. Yet, we are consumed by how our emotions get the best of us. They take us on a chaotic ride, leaving us unsatisfied. We are burdened by loss, distracted by stuff, and consumed with fear. We focus on our lack, rather than Your love. Forgive us and lift our eyes, Lord Jesus, and renew our joy in You. Help us to see your presence on the road we walk. Remind us that in your sacrifice is our forgiveness, in Your death is our resurrection, and in Your coming is our joy!
(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 #140

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

He is Closer than You Think
Jesus’ Mission: Seeking and Saving the Lost
A Series through the Gospel of Luke

Musical Reflection

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
(Composer: R.E. Winsett)

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 #207

Come to Us, Beloved Stranger

Benediction

Postlude

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand
(Composer: Mason/arr. Bradbury)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Keyboardist	Sharon Peterson (8:30)
Song Leader	Natalie Mustea
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Scripture Reader	Sandy Mauk (8:30)
	Elaine Holmquist (10:00)
Prayers of the People	Karen Schlueter (8:30)
	Roger Smith (10:00)
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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Who You Say I Am

Same God

Prayer of Confession

Gratitude

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 24:13-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Closing Song

Build My Life

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion

Was there a time in your life when you became completely disillusioned about someone? How did that make you feel?

Read: Luke 24:13–35

1. Why do you think the two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem on the day Jesus rose from the dead? Why didn’t they recognize Jesus? (v.13-17)
2. What is ironic about Jesus’ questions to the two disciples? (v.17-19a)
3. What was the disciples’ view about who Jesus was? What were their expectations about him? How did the crucifixion change that view? What do you think they were feeling? (19b-21)
4. What astounded the disciples? Did they believe their testimony? How do you know? (v.22-24, also v.13)
5. What was Jesus’ response to them? What did he do to help them believe? (v.25-27)
6. Why did the disciples offer Jesus hospitality? Were there other reasons? (v.28-29, 32)
7. What caused the disciples to be able to recognize Jesus? What happened when they did? Did that seem to bother or disturb them at all? (v.30-32)
8. Why did the disciples rush back to Jerusalem? Why didn’t they wait till morning when it was safer? (v. 33, also 28)
9. What did the Eleven tell the two other disciples when they returned?

Application for Life

1. What steps can you take to increase your faith through understanding the scriptures better?
2. Why is it important to share your spiritual experiences with other believers? What is something you can share with others in your small group or on your ministry team?

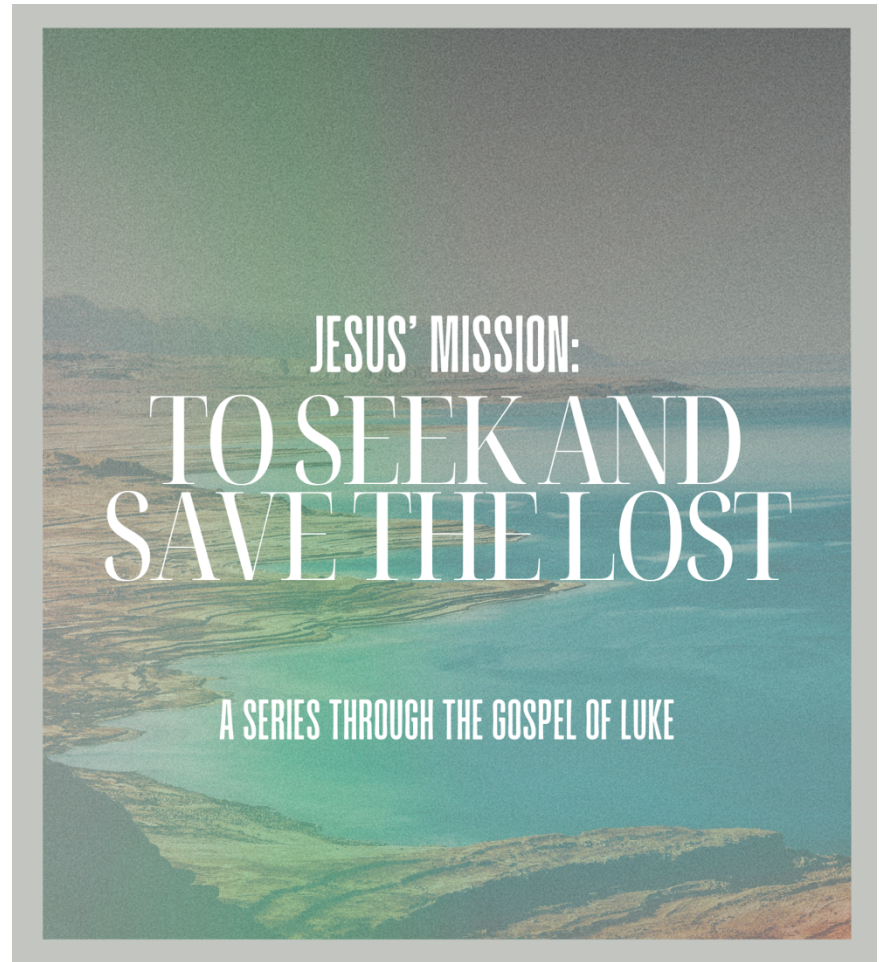
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