

## Traditional Service

11:00 am

### Prelude

**Pentecost Suite: III. Come, Holy Spirit,  
Lord God**

(Composer: Robert Lind)

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

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

### Hymn #732

**The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life**  
(Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

### Responsive Reading

**Psalm 119:9-16**

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it  
according to your word.

**With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your  
commandments.**

With treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against  
you.

**Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.**

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

**I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

**All: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we are fearful of opening our lives to the power  
of the Holy Spirit. We believe the Spirit is given to release and empower  
the Church in the world, enabling us to be more like Christ. Yet we end  
up settling for poor substitutes, limping through life. We wonder why our  
faith lacks power. Forgive us, O God, for trying to live life in our own  
strength and for neglecting the power of prayer. Enable us to open  
ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer, so we might  
become the Body of Christ you intend for us.

*(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 #754

**Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**

### Sermon

**Growing in Holiness and Love**

**Keep Going:**

*How to Live with Enduring Hope*  
*1 Thessalonians 4:1-12*

### Musical Reflection

**Come Down, O Love Divine**

(Composer: Vaughan Williams/arr. P. R. Dietterich)

### 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.

### Closing Hymn

**More Love to Thee, O Christ**

*(See Insert)*

### Benediction

### Postlude

**Come, O Creator, Spirit Blest,  
BWV 667**

(Composer: J.S.Bach)

### Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Song Leader	Alice Nuteson
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (9:30)
	Kevin Vanhoozer (11:00)

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*Worship Note: Composer Robert Lind is a North Park  
College graduate, and son of a Covenant minister and a  
former Organ Substitute for Sharon Peterson at North Park  
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## Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Rest On Us

Holy Spirit

Prayer of Confession

Faith More Precious Than Gold

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.)

Sermon

Growing in Holiness and Love

*Keep Going:*

*How to Live with Enduring Hope*  
*1 Thessalonians 4:1-12*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Fresh Wind

Blessing

## Questions for Discussion

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Digging Deeper:

1. In what way did Paul instruct the Thessalonians to live? What is he urging them to do now and why? (v.1-2)
2. What is God's will for them according to verse 3? Verse 6?
3. How does Paul encourage the Thessalonians to avoid sexual immorality? (v.4-6a)
4. What warning does Paul provide? (v.6b)
5. What is our calling according to verse 7? What does this mean to you?
6. If they/we reject this teaching, who are we really rejecting? (v.8, also v.2)
7. In addition to holiness, what else can we do to live lives that are pleasing to God? (v.9)
8. In light of the rest of this passage, why is a quiet and productive life conducive to living a holy and loving life? (v.11-12)

Application for life:

1. In what ways are you already living a holy and loving life?
2. What can you do to follow Paul's encouragement of doing "more and more"?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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