

Traditional Service

8:30 am

Prelude

Break Bread Together

(Composer: Composer: Spiritual/Anne Krentz Organ)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #351

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Responsive Reading

Psalm 139: 1-15, 23-24
Genesis 1:26-27

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when
I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down; you are
familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue,
you, Lord, know it completely
All: So God created humans in his image, in the image of
God he created them; male and female he created them.
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon
me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to
attain.
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your
presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I
make my bed in the depths, you are there.
All: So God created humans in his image, in the image of
God he created them; male and female he created them.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the
sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will
hold me fast.
If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light
become night around me,” even the darkness will not be
dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness
is as light to you.
All: So God created humans in his image, in the image of
God he created them; male and female he created them.
For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my
mother’s womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret
place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
All: So God created humans in his image, in the image of
God he created them; male and female he created them.
Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my
anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the
way everlasting.
All: So God created humans in his image, in the image of
God he created them; male and female he created them.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of
Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that
we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that
the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to
their lure. Give us the vision and courage to protect and nurture the life
you have made, that we may receive your blessing.
(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 #749

Spirit of the Living God

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:13
Matthew 5:21-24

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

Sermon

Life Is Sacred
Formed and Free:
Living Out the Ten Commandments

Musical Reflection

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
(Prayer of St. Francis)
(Text by Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
Music by Sebastian Temple
Arr. by Mark Hayes)

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.

Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Over My Head

(Composer: Traditional/Jefferson)

Hymn #177

Oh, to See the Dawn

Benediction

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

(Arr. Pamela M. Robertson)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Spencer Lundgaard
Announcements & Liturgy	Greg Buell
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Scripture Reader	Stacy Carver (8:30) Elaine Holmquist (10:00)
Keyboardist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Song Leader	Annaleen Kim
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Contemporary Service

10:00 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Alive & Breathing

Run to the Father

Prayer of Confession

Great Are You Lord

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

Exodus 20:13
Matthew 5:21-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Closing Song

Lamb

Blessing

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Questions for Discussion

The Sixth Commandment: “You shall not murder.”

Opening Questions

- When you hear the commandment “You shall not murder,” what’s your gut reaction? Why do you think God included this command among the Ten Commandments?
- Have you ever been angry enough at someone that you understood, even for a second, how anger could spiral into something worse?

Digging Deeper: Exodus 20:13 “You shall not murder.”

- The Hebrew word “*rasah*” refers to unlawful, intentional killing, rather than every example of killing. Why does it matter whether this commandment says “kill” or “murder”? What is at stake and what are the implications?

Read Matthew 5:21–26

- Jesus connects murder with anger, insults and contempt. Why does Jesus connect murder back to the condition of the heart rather than simply condemning it?
- Jesus tells His followers to seek reconciliation before offering their worship. What does that teach us about the relationship between the two great commandments; Love God with all your heart mind and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself?

Read Genesis 1:26-27 and Psalm 139?

- How do these scriptures deepen your understanding of the value and dignity of human life?

Wrestling with the Hard Questions

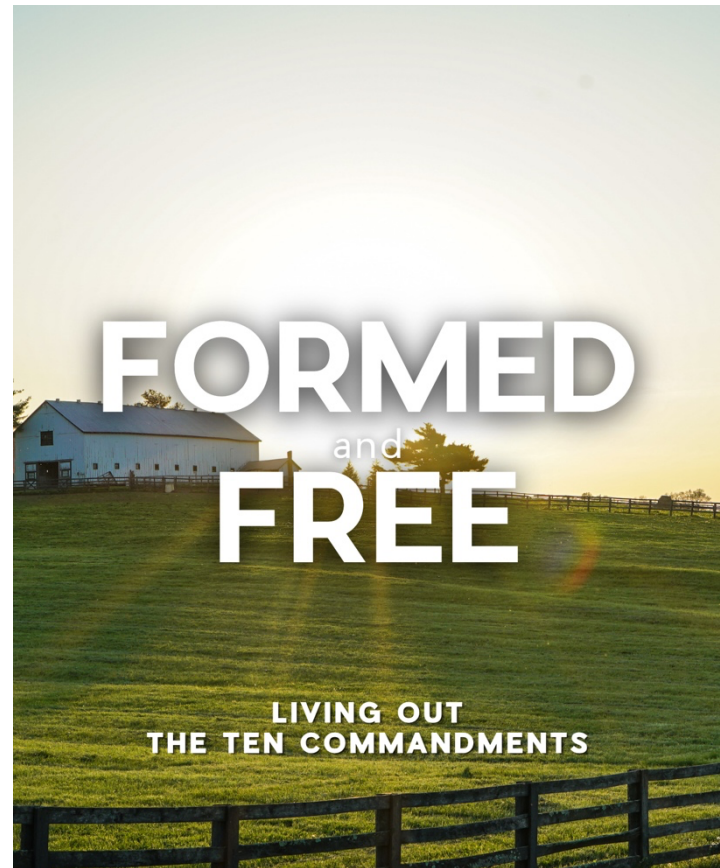
- God’s command protects every person because each bears his image. (Genesis 1:26-27). How should that truth shape the way disciples of Jesus think about difficult issues such as war, a soldier in combat, abortion, capital punishment, or physician-assisted suicide?
- As you think about those issues, do you find yourself applying one consistent principle about the value of human life, or different principles depending upon the situation?

Living it Out:

- Is there a relationship in your life where anger, bitterness, or contempt has taken root? What would reconciliation look like this week?
- Paul calls disciples of Jesus “*ministers of reconciliation*” (2 *Corinthians* 5:18–19). How can you become someone who protects life by bringing peace, healing, and reconciliation wherever God has placed you?

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