

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Heroic Music: IV. Tranquility, VIII. High Spirits  
(Composer: G. P. Telemann/ arr. M. Rondeau)

Introit

With a Voice of Singing  
(Music by Martin Shaw)

Call to Worship

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

Hymn #538

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Responsive Reading

Psalm 133  
How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.  
ALL: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you have made us one body in Christ and given each of us gifts to build one another up in love. Yet, we confess that we put our own interests first rather than serve the whole body. We neglect our gifts, overlook the gifts of others, and trust that someone else will do the ministry you call us to. Forgive us for our self-centered ways and help us live more fully into the unity you have given us through the Holy Spirit. Help us to trust in Christ's grace and the faithful use of his gifts so we might grow in Christian maturity.  
(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

Announcements

Hymn #746

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Scripture Readings

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

Ephesians 4:7-16

Sermon

Equipped by the Spirit  
United by the Spirit

Musical Reflection

Hymn of Fellowship  
(arr. John Ness Beck)

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

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord ("Old 124th")  
(Composer: David Schack)

Hymn #926

God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction

Postlude

Rondo for Lifey  
(Composer: Leonard Bernstein)

| Worship Participants                               |                             |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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        |
| Scripture Reader                                   | Sue Blue (9:30)             |
|                                                    | Ron Mantegna (11:00)        |
| Organist                                           | Sharon Peterson (11:00)     |
| Trumpeter                                          | A.C. Buehler                |
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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Move of God

Lord I Need You

Prayer of Confession

Goodness of God

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

Ephesians 4:7-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Equipped by the Spirit

*United by the Spirit*

Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Song

Fall Like Rain

Blessing

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Questions for Discussion

Opening Questions:

- How would you define the term “spiritual gifts” and what is their purpose?
- Do you know your spiritual gifts?

Read: Ephesians 4:7-16

Going Deeper:

- In verses 7-8, how does Paul compare a king sharing the spoils of war with spiritual gifts (grace that has been given)?
- What war did Jesus win and, in this context, what impact does that have on our everyday lives?
- What light do verses 9 and 10 give regarding the divine nature of Jesus? When did he “descend” and when did he “ascend?”
- What are the different types of leadership roles did Jesus give to the church? What is their purpose? (v.11-12)
- What is the end goal of building up the body of Christ? (v. 13)
- What is the danger of not growing into spiritual maturity? (v.14) Where do you see this happening among Christians today?
- Look over the list of roles for church leaders in v. 11. How does each “speak the truth in love?”
- How is a healthy Body of Christ described in verses 15-16? What examples of a healthy church have you noticed? What are some negative examples?

Application for Life:

- Where have you personally experienced “being tossed back and forth” as described in v. 14?
- How have you experienced others using their gifts to build you up to spiritual maturity? (See Further Study below)
- What spiritual gifts has the Lord given you to build up the body of Christ?
- There are several other lists of spiritual gifts in the New Testament in addition to the ones listed in today’s reading. Look them over to see which ones you might possess:
  - Romans 12:6-8
  - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
  - 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
  - 1 Peter 4:10-11

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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