



“A Glimpse of His Glory!”

Open Bible Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oxford, FL

February 11th, 2018

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

The season of showing his glory to those he has called is coming to a close. We stand at the threshold of the season of his ultimate humiliation. But before we go down to the valley of the shadow of death, he gives us a glimpse of the glory which he hid so carefully even while he was revealing it. Lent is coming; hang on to the glory that soon will be covered in shame and washed with blood!

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS THIS MORNING! We are honored by your presence and invite you to return to worship with us again. If you do not have a church home, consider making ours – yours! If you would like more information about Open Bible Lutheran, please feel free to speak to Pastor Schulz or to one of the Greeters. You may reach Pastor Schulz at 989-525-5514. Or go to our web site: www.openbiblelutheranchurch.com. Please stay and visit for fellowship after the Worship Service.

FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

Restrooms can be found on the right side of the fellowship hall.

Personal Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Ask an usher.

Please turn off all cell phones Personal and other electronic devices. Thank you.

Prayers for Worship can be found on pages 10 and 11 in the front of the hymnbook.

Applause: Please refrain from applause during the service.

Photographs: Please refrain from any photographs during the service.



✝ For respect of those who use the sanctuary for meditation before the service, please refrain from any unnecessary noise once the pre-service music has begun.

We have 3 Large Print Hymnals available, please ask an usher for a copy. Return at the end of the service.

Also, this Week's Worship Bulletin is available on our website.

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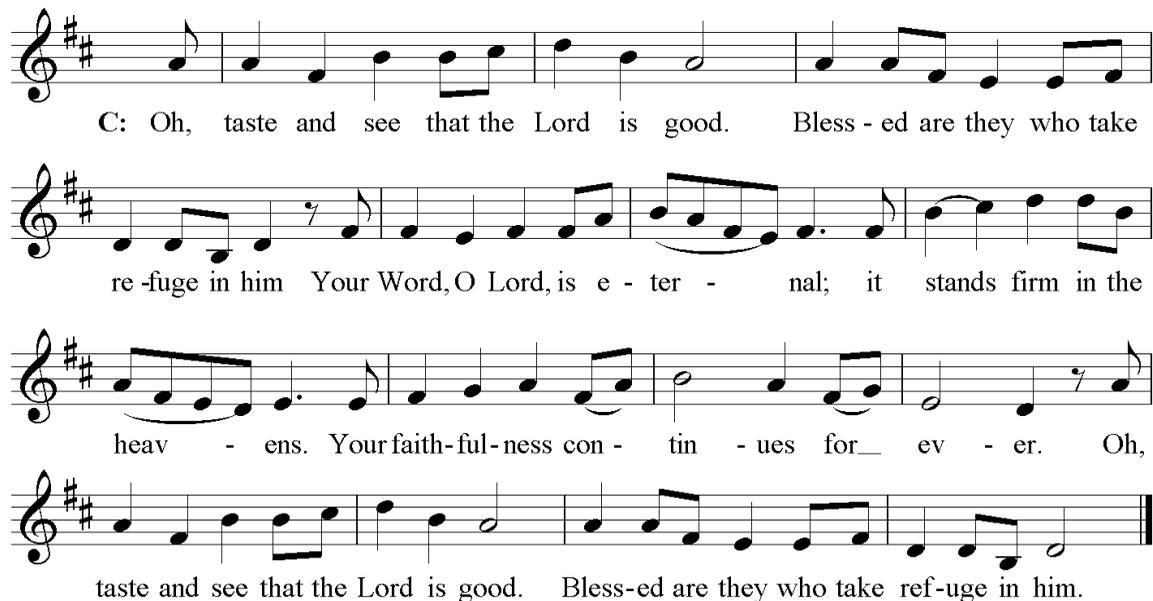
It's located on the home page-right hand side under Mornings with Mommy "Sunday Bulletin."

Preludes: "Lamb of God" by George Bizet Arr.by Bruce Carlton

"Dearest Jesus, My All" by Virginia Moody Van Horn

"Savior Like A Shepherd, Lead Us" by Robert J Hughes. Based on a tune by Wm Bradbury

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take re - fuge in him Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for_ ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

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Elijah was one of those who came down from heaven to speak with Jesus for the encouragement of Peter, James and John. Elijah is the greatest preacher of repentance and Moses the greatest teacher of the Law; Jesus is the one who comes to win forgiveness for the penitent who have transgressed the law and are therefore sinners.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not.” As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart. **NIV**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 148: The Psalmist praises the Lord for the creation of this universe. His name alone is to be exalted. Every being owes its existence to this God.

Reproducible Congregational Part

Psalm 148

Traditional

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!

Refrain text: Traditional (PD).

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Congregation sings the **REFRAIN** and Choir will sing the verses.

REFRAIN

1. Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."
Heaven and earth, awake and sing,
"God is our eternal King." **REFRAIN**

2. Men and women, young and old, Raise the anthem manifold;

Join with children's songs of praise,
Worship God through length of days. **REFRAIN**

3. Praise God, all you hosts above, Ever shining forth in love;
Sun and moon, uplift your voice;
Night and stars, in God rejoice! **REFRAIN**

4. From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll;
"Holy, Holy, Holy One,
Glory be to God alone!" **REFRAIN**

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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As we get older, it seems we visit the doctor on a more regular basis. The body breaks down. But inwardly, we are becoming stronger & stronger as we focus on Jesus, who supplies us with what we need to face each challenge and reminds us of the glory that is yet to come.

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. **NIV**

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

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(Please stand out of reverence for Christ)

The Transfiguration was primarily for the benefit of those he called. It is to prepare them for the descent into the suffering of the Savior and their own suffering as well. If they can just remember! If they can just hang on to what they saw and especially to what they heard on the mountain top! Then they will not despair.

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave

them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. NIV

P: This is the Word of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #369 “Beautiful Savior”

SERMON: Mark 9:2-9



“Glow on the Way to Glory!”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Apostles’ Creed (Please stand)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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 into 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THANK OFFERING *The members of Open Bible congregation have joined together to do the Lord’s work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering that supports our church’s ministry, but you are welcome to do so.*

*Offering: "The Most Beautiful Thing"
"A Sweet, Sweet Sound"
Stephen Bautista*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Your Son Your glory tabernacled in human flesh and blood to bring to us eternal life. Open the eyes of all people to see the glory of God in the face of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lover of the human race, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory to witness that all the law and the prophets speak of Him. Give all pastors and servants of the Church such clarity in their teaching, that all who listen to them may hear the voice of the Savior calling them to life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of the nations, You intend all authority upon the earth to be a blessing, not a burden. Remember those entrusted with civil authority here and in all places and enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comforter of the sorrowing, You alone can bring peace that passes understanding to aching hearts. Remember all who are ill, hospitalized, lonely, afflicted or dying [*especially Your servants _____ and those we name in our hearts*]. Let them sense Your presence, taste Your peace and experience healing and relief according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Immortal One, You raised Your Son from the dead by Your life-giving Spirit, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters who share in His endless life and glory. Receive our thanks for Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John and all who have fallen asleep in our Savior's faith and friendship. Bring us to behold with them the fullness of His glory in the age to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant to us, all-glorious Trinity, for You are a good God and You love Your whole creation. To You we give all glory, honor and worship: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever! **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN: CW #379 "Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound"

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN:

#411 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Stephen Bautista

Postlude: “Song of Salvation” by Lani Smith

Prayer Partners Program - Our Prayer Partner for today is Jim Johnson. Prayer requestors should join Jim at the front of the church by the communion rail immediately following the 9:30am worship service this morning.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: *For healing we pray for:* Fred Rathgeber, Judy Hainen, Jutta Owens, Elisabeth Wells, Ken Sheidler, Armand Occhetti, Les Stauske, Kay Blan, Ed Richesson, Edward Pearson, Ron Klatt, Mary Helen Schultz, Barb Hartshorn *For chronic pain we pray for:* Ken Wells, BJ Collins, Mike Villemure, Jim Duncan, Marilyn Pearson, Renda Mackey, Doreen Schaefer, Linda Niermeyer, **our nation and leaders; those who protect us at home and abroad; those without work and income; marriages and families; the unborn. If you know of someone in the hospital, please contact the church office at 352-753-9038, to let us know. Thank-you.**

SERVING WITH GRATITUDE

Organist: Jeanette Kellam, **Ash Wednesday:** Judy Hainen

Organist next week: Judy Hainen

Sunshine & Rehab Committee: Feb 1 -15: Genie Selvey Ocala: Vanita McCurnin

Greeters Today: Arline Kiewra, Leslie Nelson

Greeters Next Week Feb 18th : Feg & Joan Henkel

Ushers Feb. 11th : 8:00: Alan Johnson, Doug Tharp 9:30: Ken Severa, Joe Malec

Ushers Feb 14th Ash Wednesday 5:30pm: Ted Hahm, Jim Fehlhaber

Ushers Next Week: 8:00: Dave Gonia, Roger Otto, **9:30:** Jim Duncan, Roger Acklam

Communion Assistant Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday: 5:30pm:

Coffee Hostesses 11th : Sandy Fehlhaber, Betty DeWitz, Jan Liermann, Pat Kramer

Altar Guild for February Bonnie Farnsworth, Audrey Hoerchner, Mary Burel

Counters: Barb Matthias, Chris Schmolke, Nancy Gonia

Prayer Partner: February 11th 9:30 am : Jim Johnson

Prayer Partner next week 8:00 am : Pat Knack

Newsletter & Kneemail Coordinator: Karen Pearson

(secretaryopenbiblechurch@centurylink.net)

Who's Who Reporter: Peggi Carrier

Bulletin Assembler: John Marks

Cleaning: Ron Klatt, Rich Kuhlman

Food Pantry Drop-off Volunteers: Gordon & Shirley Roback

Photographer: Jane Valley

WELS Connection Technician: Dan Pearson, LeRoy Valley

Offerings: February 4th 8:00 Att: 33, 9:30 :135

General Fund \$ 7,852.00

Building Fund \$ 555.00

Yahn Memorial \$ 50.00 (Designated for the Music Fund)

Coffee \$ 70.00

Flowers \$ 10.00

Name Tags \$ 12.00

Food Bank \$ 25.00

Kids \$ 10.00

Radio \$ 100.00

Interest \$ 6.50

LWMS Missions \$ 62.00

GriefShare Books \$ 24.00

Steeplechase \$ 29.00

Total \$ 8,805.50

Commitments to "Keep Our Vision Growing" \$859,057.00 (includes the Anne Lind gift and the Antioch Grant \$25,000) Total to-date collected: \$833,089.70



Church Office Hours: (Karen's Hours) Monday 9:30 – 1:30, Tuesday – OFF, Wednesday 9:00 – 4:30, Thursday 11:00 – 3:00, Friday 9:30 – 12:00.

Happy Birthday: Sharon Sigurdson – 12, Dan (Doc) Blaho - 17

North Co. Group Bible Study will meet today, Sunday, February 11th from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Journey with Jesus Bible Study: will meet on Mondays at 9:15 am.. Judy Hainen is the leader. Please call Judy if you would like to come. They meet at various homes. Topic this semester is "End Times--Practical Heavenly Mindedness" by R. Paul Stevens.

Game Nights are back: Please join the group and invite your friends. Bring your favorite game to play, a snack to pass and friends! The first and third Fridays from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Any questions, please ask Carol Yahn.

GriefShare will be held on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30. Cost: (\$12.00 for student book) Any questions, call Pastor Schulz at 989-525-5514. To register, call the church office (352-753-9038.)

New Life in Christ: Led by: Pastor Mark Schulz. Group meets at church on Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:00 PM. This is a class for people interested in becoming a member and a good refresher course for members. It is a wonderful review of the basic teachings of Scripture.

WinGS: Women in God's Service Led by: Jane Valley. The WinGS Womens group meets the second Wednesday of each month. February's meeting will begin at 1:00pm. Come and find out what that's all about! After our regular meeting we will have two ladies speaking to the group about Medicare and Hospice. The name of the presentation is "Your Next Step After Living Independently." Carole Sheidler, a member at Open Bible is the volunteer Coordinator at Compassionate Care Hospice of Lake and Sumter Counties. Her co-worker is Beth Carpenter. Please join us. It sounds like a very interesting topic.

Happy Hearts, Happy Hands Handiwork: Facilitator is Sandy Pawlowski

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 16th 9:00 – noon. This group creates quilts for those in need in our community. Also, does knitting, crochet,

embroidery or any other craft. So, if you have any craft project you are working on, please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Ladies Bible Study: The Ladies Bible Study will continue Tuesday's at 1:00 pm in the new fellowship hall. Topic is "Having a Mary Spirit" by Joanna Weaver. Please contact Pam Johnson at 352-390-6982, if you will be attending.

Announcements This Week 2/04/18 – 02/10/18

Today	8:00 AM	Worship Service
Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
Today	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time
Today	10:30 AM	Carriage House Service
Today	11:30 AM	Steeplechase Service
Today	3:00 PM	Stephen Bautista Concert
Monday	9:15 AM	Journey with Jesus Bible Study
Monday	11:30 AM	SPLASH-Lunch at Olive Garden, 1:00 Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 PM	466A Group – Henkel's Home
Tuesday	4:00 PM	Handbells Practice
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Altar Guild Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	WinGS meeting
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Wednesday Soup Supper – served by WinGS
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Ash Wednesday with Communion
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 AM	Council Meeting
Thursday	1:00 PM	Grief Share
Thursday	2:30 PM	New Life in Christ
Friday	9:00 AM	Happy Hearts, Happy Hands Handiwork
Friday	PM	Fore-Giving Golfers
Friday	6:30 PM	Game Night
Saturday	AM	Sunrise Saturday Morning Golfers
Saturday	AM	Saturday Duffers Golfing

February 24th 8:00 – 1:00pm: WinGS is sponsoring a garage sale at the home of Susan and Mel Parker. This is a neighborhood garage sale that generates large

crowds. All proceeds will be donated to Open Bible WinGS to use at their discretion. Please bring all your garage sale items with prices marked on each item to Susan and Mel's home on Friday, February 23rd.



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