



Jesus Teaching in the Synagogue

“Preserve Our Faith As We are Persecuted!”

***Open Bible Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oxford, FL***

July 8th, 2018

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus preserves our faith even in the face of persecution. We have seen that the Christian suffers in the face of natural calamities and that he too must face death, both his own and that of those he loves. In circumstances such as these Jesus abides faithful to his Word. Now comes the suffering that is the result of our faithfulness to that Word, of translating faith into faithfulness. It is a suffering that is promised and that is most painful when it comes from those who have heard that Word with us. Even in the face of such offense he preserves faith in the Word by the Word.

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 352-753-9038. 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 Welcome Center and the left side of the new fellowship hall.

Personal Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Ask an usher.

Also “The Hearing Loop System” is installed. Please turn you hearing aid or cochlear implant to “T” (Telephone.)

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

Applause: Please refrain from any applause during the service.

Photos: Please refrain from taking any pictures during the service.

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

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

*Preludes: Adoration by Felix Borowsky
Fred Hainen, violin*



SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: #416 "How Firm a Foundation"

P: The grace of the Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

The Confessions of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, Let us praise the Lord.

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.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good.
 Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith,
 provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through
 Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: Deuteronomy 24:17-22

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God rescued his people when they were persecuted at the hand of the Egyptians. God brought them safely out of the land of Egypt. Now in appreciation, they are to share with those in need by giving them a portion of their crops.

Do not deprive the alien or the fatherless of justice or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this.

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

NIV

Psalm 143: The Psalmist calls on the Lord not to hide his face from him, but to reassure him of His unfailing love. He asks the Lord to teach him to do His Will.

PSALM 143

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our_ trust in you.

Psalm Tone



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry
for <u>m</u>ercy; 2. Do not bring your servant into <u>j</u>udgment, 3. My spirit grows faint with<u>i</u>n me; | <p>in your faithfulness and righteousness come to
<u>m</u>y relief.</p> <p>for no one living is righteous <u>b</u>efore you.
my heart within me <u>i</u>s dismayed.</p> |
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Refrain

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Answer me quick<u>l</u>y, O LORD; 5. Let the morning bring me word of your un<u>f</u>ailing love, 6. Teach me to do your will, for you <u>a</u>re my God;
ground. | <p>do not hide your <u>f</u>ace from me.
for I have put my <u>t</u>rust in your.
may your good Spirit lead me on <u>l</u>evel</p> |
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Glory be to the Father and to the Son

as it was in the beginning,

Refrain

and to the Holy Spirit,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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A thorn in the flesh could be persecution in the community that we experience because of our faithfulness to the Word. It could be persecution of the truth from members who say they are loyal to the truth but aren't. Each congregation will have its own list of messengers of Satan who hinder the course of the gospel's proclamation.

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **NIV**

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

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 6:1-6

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(Please stand out of reverence for Christ)

How painful for Jesus, when those who should have been first to recognize him instead reject him. What about us? Would Jesus be surprised at us who have had the Word for so long and still think so little of it? How sad to see in congregations today those who are unfaithful to the Word of God and should know better.



Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that has been given him, that he even does

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.*

Offertory: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by Oliver Holden/Keveren
Fred Hainen, violin

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

P: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we thank You for Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We thank You Lord Jesus that you make your grace sufficient not only to save us from all our sins, but also to provide strength in our weakness day by day. Strengthen Your church in this place and throughout the world. Deliver Your people who are persecuted for their faith. Cause the Gospel to shine in all parts of the earth like a bright beacon that draws people out of the darkness of sin and unbelief. Bless all who teach and preach Your word that they may be led by Your Holy Spirit to proclaim the message that exalts Christ and saves sinners. For this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Have mercy on our nation. Forgive us for our idolatry and self-indulgence. For the sake of the believers here withhold the punishment we deserve. Instead of what we deserve, pour out Your Spirit to bring about spiritual renewal. Bless our leaders and make them a blessing to our world. Through the current turmoil in Washington DC expose and purge all who are abusing their power and establish those who are honorable. Merciful God, who provided Moses to lead Israel at an urgent time, we pray You to prepare a great leader for our nation, someone to unite our divided factions and lead our nation out of this present wilderness. For our nation and leaders, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Protect us from all danger and temptation. Comfort those who grieve and those who are ill. For the sick and dying, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, Heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His Ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth, so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

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: #420

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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: #331 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Chancel Flowers Today: are given to the glory and praise of our Almighty God by Carmen Smith.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: *For healing we pray for:* Judy Hainen, Mike Davis, Chuck Jaeger, Ed Richesson, Bill Whitford ***For chronic pain we pray for:*** Ken Wells, BJ Collins, Mike Villemure, Jennifer Schlegel, 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.

Happy Anniversary: Joe & Paula Malec – 11th, Richard & Earlene Raine – 15th

Karen’s hours: Mon: 9:30-1:00, Tuesday- OFF, Wed: 9:30-3:00, Thursday-12-3, Fri. 9-12

Pastor Schulz will be on vacation through July 16th. If there are any emergency hospital visits needed for Ocala and The Villages Hospitals, please call Pastor William Balza at: 239-628-5604, or call the office at 352-753-9038.

SERVING WITH GRATITUDE

Organist July 8th: Mary Burel

Organist next week July 15th : Judy Hainen

Sunshine & Rehab Committee: July 1 - 15: Henrietta Cobb

July 16th – 23rd: Doug Tharp **Ocala:** July: Vanita McCurnin

Greeters Today: Doug Tharp, Sandy Newman

Greeters Next Week July 15th & 22nd : Steve & Nancy Kuepker

Ushers Today July 8th & 15th : Walt Farnsworth, Doug Tharp

Communion Assistant July : Roger Otto

Coffee Hostesses July 8th: Sandy Swain, Carmen Smith, Betty DeWitz

Coffee Hostesses for July 15th: Ruth Ann Niermeyer, Karen Pearson

Altar Guild for July: Lois Klatt

Counters: Chris Schmolke, Barb Matthias

Prayer Partner: July 8th & 15th: Greg Wendorf

Newsletter & Kneemail Coordinator: Karen Pearson

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Who's Who Reporter: Peggi Carrier

Bulletin Assembler: John Marks

Cleaning: Jim & Carol Beetch

Food Pantry Drop-off Volunteers: Jim & Eva Orcutt

WELS Connection Technician: Dan Pearson, LeRoy Valley

Golf Cart Driver: July 8th: Alan Koch, **July 15th:** Dennis Duessler

Prayer Partners Program - Our Prayer Partner for today is Greg Wendorf. Prayer requestors should join Greg at the front of the church by the communion rail immediately following the worship service this morning.

The Defenders Led by: Bill Sigurdson & Jim Johnson. The Defenders will meet Thursday **July 26th**. Meet at Wolfy's in Ocala, at 11:30am for lunch, then on to R & D Tactical in Ocala for a little practice.

Offerings: July 1st Attendance: 100

General Fund	\$ 5,619.00
Building Fund	\$ 130.00
Coffee	\$ 26.00
Flowers	\$ 70.00
Kids of OB	\$ 10.00
Carriage House	\$ 28.00
LACE	\$ 155.13
Steeplechase	\$ 24.00
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Total	\$ 6,062.13

Commitments to “Keep Our Vision Growing” \$926,095.00 (includes the Anne Lind gift and the Antioch Grant \$25,000) Total to-date collected: \$874,661.70

Announcements This Week 7/08/18 – 7/14/18

- Today 9:30 AM Worship Service
- Today 10:30 AM Carriage House
- Today 10:30 AM Fellowship Time
- Today 11:30 AM Steeplechase Service

GAME NIGHT: The Fellowship Group will have a game night on Friday, July 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please bring a snack to pass, games you’d like to play and your friends to join in the fun! Any questions, please ask Karen Pearson.

Understanding Alzheimer’s: Join us for an Understanding Alzheimer’s presentation using the Teepa Snow Positive Approach™ to Care (PAC) with Julie Fernandez. It will be Thursday, August 2nd for 2:00 – 3:00pm at Open Bible Church in the Fellowship Hall. See the Bulletin board for more information.

Bible Trivia for this week:

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Does a greater level of faith guarantee God will grant your prayer request?

Often well-intentioned Christians will say that someone's situation didn't get better because they didn't have enough faith. Paul was surely a man of great faith. The Lord had revealed to him things others had never seen and heard. God is not a "genie in a bottle" to respond to our shortsighted requests in prayer. Ultimately God's loving plans for us dictate his wise, caring response.

Why did God allow that specific struggle Paul was experiencing in his life to remain?

The Lord knew how sinful nature can pull us away from him (especially pride). The "thorn in the flesh" was God's tool to keep Paul humble and to keep him connected to his real strength—the Lord. When we are "weak," we despair of ourselves and finally give the task over to God. God's power stands out more brilliantly with the miracles he accomplishes when we are "weak."

Gospel – Mark 6:1-6

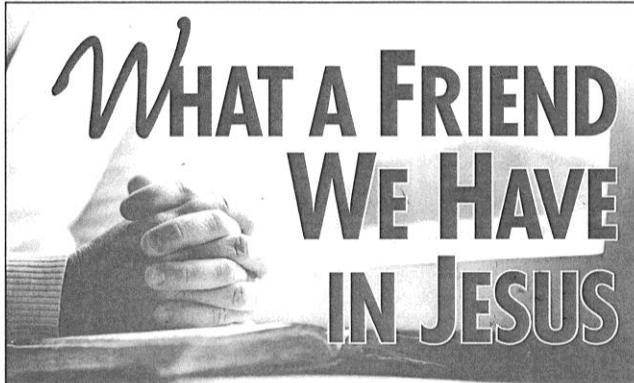
What obstacle did Jesus meet while preaching in his hometown?

The people of Nazareth, Jesus' hometown, remembered Jesus as a child, and they pictured him as a carpenter. Now he was a preacher? Since they were so familiar with him and his family, they were unwilling to see past the person and listen to what he preached.

What did the reaction to Jesus in Nazareth show?

The reaction of the people of Nazareth to Jesus showed their lack of faith. They were amazed at his wisdom and the miracles he did, but they let their reasoning get in the way. Instead they should have seen Jesus' wisdom and miracles as evidence that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, by believing they would have had life in his name (See John 20:30-31.)

“There’s a Prayer for That” Karen Pearson is taking orders for this book. See the Bulletin board and sign-up sheet. Deadline will be today, **Sunday July 8th**. Payment will be due when the books come in. There will be a quantity discount off the \$10.00 per book cost plus shipping.



WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

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