

*Fishermen and nets*

## **“Blessed are Those Who Trust the Anointed One!”**

Open Bible Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oxford, FL

*February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

**NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE**

Jesus reveals himself as the Lord's Anointed with the power and authority to call us to serve as his messengers.

**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](http://www.openbiblelutheranchurch.com).

**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 silence** 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. ✝

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**OPENING HYMN: #573 “Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying”**

**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 Confession 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.**

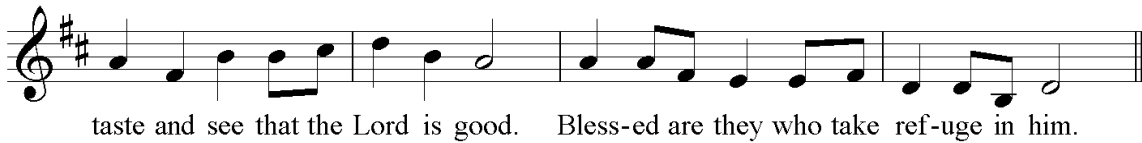
**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**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,



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8**

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*God called Isaiah to the prophetic office with a grand vision of heaven. This man of unclean lips was called to carry the message of salvation for the Lord. Though sin had separated him from the Lord Almighty, yet the LORD of free and faithful grace took away his guilt and atoned for his sin. With a pure and contrite heart Isaiah boldly answers the Lord’s call.*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” **NIV**

## Psalm 85

**Psalm 85:** The Psalmist recognizes how the Lord has shown favor on him. He has forgiven the sins of his people and brought his people a lasting peace.

### Refrain



C: I will hear what the Lord pro-claims; peace to his peo - ple.

### Psalm Tone



You showed favor to your land, O LORD;  
You forgave the iniquity of your people  
Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,

### Refrain

I will listen to what God the LORD will say  
Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
Love and faithfulness meet together;  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**As it was in the beginning,**

### Refrain

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
and covered all their sins.  
and grant us your salvation.

he promises peace to his people, his saints;  
that his glory may dwell in our land.  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 14:12b-20

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*After describing the attitude of the heart in connection with spiritual gifts, Paul moves into the application of such Christ-imitating love regarding spiritual gifts, specifically the gift of speaking in tongues. Spiritual gifts are not given out like so many children's toys, to use for self or personal glory. Love goes hand-in-hand with spiritual gifts when they are used for the building up of the body of Christ. Love for our neighbor is a hallmark of the messengers of Christ.*

Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

For this reason, anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So, what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? You may be giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified.

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church, I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

NIV

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**C: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." 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!

**Choir:**

**"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God "**

*Stuart Townend, Keith Getty/Lloyd Larson  
Judy Hainen, Director*

- 1. The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe;  
All things created by his hand and held together at his command.  
He knows the mysteries of the seas, the secret of the stars are his,  
He guides the planets on their way, and turns the earth through another day.*
- 2. The matchless wisdom of his ways that mark the path of righteousness;  
His Word a lamp unto my feet, his Spirit teaching and guiding me.  
And O, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost  
So that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ.*
- 3. O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love,  
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of your sov'reignty.  
So through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in your perfect way."*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 5:1-11**

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**(Please stand out of reverence for Christ)**

*In calling the disciples to be full-time fishers of men, Jesus reveals his power as the Lord's anointed. What a beautiful picture of future fishing for these maturing disciples. For the miracle of this abundant catch of fish would only be surpassed by the fishing for souls to which they were called. What a privilege for us to answer the same call, to lay our hands on the net of the gospel and be fishers of men.*

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. NIV



**HYMN OF THE DAY #84 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

**SERMON: I Corinthians 14:12-20**  
**"Christians are not Showboats!"**  
***Pastor Mark M. Schulz***

**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.*

**Installation of Church Officers**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Eternal God, You are holy and mighty, and great is the majesty of Your glory. As once You cleansed the guilty lips of Isaiah and sent him forth to call Your people to repentance and to speak hope in Your name, cleanse us and send us forth with Your Word, that many may hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Glorious Father, in Your great mercy You sent forth Your Son to atone for the sins of the whole world, and He established a Church by His blood. Renew Your Church and strengthen the resolve of Your people in difficult and dangerous times, that they may be faithful in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O merciful Lord, You have called Your pastors and missionaries to become fishers for men by proclaiming the whole counsel of Your Word. Guard them in their task and give them courage and zeal. Bless us through their faithful preaching of Your Law and Gospel, that we may be set free through forgiveness to serve You with our whole heart, mind, body and strength. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, through Your Word preached and taught, You equip Your people for the fulfillment of their baptismal vocations. Bless especially the young men, that they may hear Your call to the pastoral office and sustain those who are now being trained for this holy calling. Bless the young women, that they may hear Your call to be teachers, directors of Christian education or to serve as they are able to do the noble work of Your Kingdom and sustain those now being educated for these paths. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, all things are Yours and all authority has its source in You. Bless us with good leaders in government and enable us to be good citizens, both working together for the common good of all people. Bring Your peace to bear where war, violence and terrorism threaten, and protect those who defend us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as Your Son bestowed the healing gifts of Your grace, so bestow upon the sick, the suffering, the wounded in spirit and the dying the fullness of Your grace. Especially do we pray on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and those named in our hearts. Give to the suffering relief and the sick healing, according to Your will, and give them patience under the burden of their afflictions until that day when we shall no more be troubled by the weakness of flesh and shall see our bodies made new as Christ's own glorious flesh in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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: #571**

**"From Greenland's Icy Mountains"**



**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: #566 “We All Are One in Mission”**

Please join us for Fellowship following the service.

## My Friend

My friend, I stand in judgment now,  
And feel that you're to blame somehow.  
On earth I walked with you by day,  
And never did you point the way.  
You knew the Lord in truth and glory;  
But never did you tell the story.  
My knowledge then was very dim;  
You could have led me safely to Him.  
Though we lived together here on earth,  
You never mentioned a second birth.  
And now I stand this day condemned,  
Because you failed to mention Him.  
You taught me many things, that's true;  
I called you "friend", and trusted you.  
But now I learn that it's too late,  
You could have kept me from this fate.

We walked by day, and talked by night,  
And yet you showed me not the light.  
You let me live and love, and die,  
And all the while you knew I'd never live on high  
Yes, I called you friend in life  
And trusted you in joy and strife  
Yet in coming to this end  
I see you really weren't my friend.

## **Festival of Friendship**

Sunday, February 24th, 2019

*Start today thinking and praying about whom you will bring!*



# BETHEL BALGE TRIO

Bethel Balge - piano, Jennifer Haugen - soprano,  
Peter McGuire - violin

With Special Guest Lyle Lamboley - cello

**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**  
**3:00 PM**

**FREE CONCERT**



Bethel Balge, pianist. After a very impressive career performing in Germany and other countries, she became artistic director and founder of a new chamber music series at Martin Luther College in Mew Um, MN called Summit Avenue Music Series (SAMS.)



Peter McGuire, violinist. He has performed all over the US and the world. He has even given masterclasses throughout the US and Switzerland.

Jenny Haugen vocalist. She is a Minnesota-based soprano and educator who received her Bachelor of Arts in Music from Bethany Lutheran College (magna cum laude)



Special guest Lyle Lamboly (concert Cellist) He is the principle cellist for both Gainesville and Ocala Symphony Orchestras.

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