

***“The Holy Spirit Has Set Your  
Heart on Fire!”***



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

***June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
9:30 am***

## **NOTES ON TODAY’S SERVICE**

The fifty days have passed, and the promised Holy Spirit is poured out upon the Bride of Christ. The once-hidden gospel is no longer the possession of a chosen few. For the Spirit enables the message of salvation to enflame hearts for bearing witness to the ends of the earth.

**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 and the left side of the new fellowship hall.



Welcome Center

**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: #263 “All Glory Be to God”

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.

*Forgive Us, Renew Us, Lead Us*



*An Order Of Confession And Forgiveness*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: “Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord. “For I am God and there is no other.”

C: **If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Today God’s Spirit descends, to prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.

### *Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We are wrong in our thinking and our doing, sinful in our plotting and our performance. Selfishly we turn from you to trust ourselves, our own accomplishments. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” God’s Word declares. Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake our sins are forgiven. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**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.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

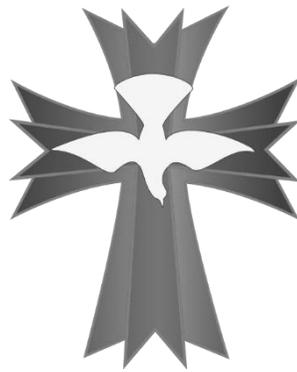
**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 11:1-9**

**(page 15)**

*The self-glorifying pride of sinful hearts can be seen in the account of the Tower of Babel. The one language of creation was misused as a tool to keep people unified in idolatrous work. Language and tongues are confused in order to bring people to carry out the will of the Lord and fill the earth.*

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved east-ward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so

that we may make a name for ourselves; and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” So, the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth. **NIV**



**THE PSALM OF THE DAY:** The Psalmist pleads for the Holy Spirit to renew his heart and never to leave his side. What he is taught by the Holy Spirit, he will want to share with others.

**PSALM 51B**

*Refrain*

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and  
 kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

*Psalm tone*

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1. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
2. You do not delight in sacrifice or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
3. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Refrain**

4. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
  5. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
  6. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
  7. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**As it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

**THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21**

**(page 1638)**

*The Christ-promised coming of the Holy Spirit reverses the confusion of Babel as the disciples are given the gift of speaking in tongues. The timidity of the Twelve dissolves in fiery witnessing to the Truth. What began in the streets of Jerusalem, is even now carried to the ends of the earth.*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **NIV**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**C: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. 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: John 15:26, 27**

**(page 1625)**

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

*Pilate questioned it, the disciples were confused by it, but Jesus promised it: the Truth. The Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son to testify not to subjective truth but to essential Truth; the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. **NIV**”



**HYMN OF THE DAY #176 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”**

**SERMON: Acts 2:1-21**

**“Change Me for the Better!”**

*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.*

**Offertory: “O Lord Send Forth Your Spirit” by Valerie Floeter  
Stacy Vance, flute**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord of our life, as Your Son, Jesus, ascended into heaven, He told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they had received power from on high. On this day You poured out Your Spirit upon all flesh. We rejoice that in Baptism, You have also poured Your Holy Spirit upon us, forgiving our sins and saving us. Renew us with the Holy Spirit so that our tongues may continually sing Your praise. Open our mouths to proclaim Your mercy. Make us all Your prophets as we proclaim Your salvation through Jesus to the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our salvation, through Your Holy Spirit in Baptism, You have grafted us into the Body of Christ. Continue to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon all your believers throughout the world and especially on pastors and teachers as they represent Your Church and minister to it. Empower their words with the same power that was at work in Peter and the apostles on Pentecost Day. By the Holy Spirit, use their faithful preaching and teaching to work faith in Jesus in hearts hardened by sin, death and the world, that all who call on You shall be saved. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Light of this dark world, You have sent the Holy Spirit to Your Church as the comforter. Soothe the wounds of Your people. According to Your will, bring restoration to broken families, heal the sick, uplift the depressed, provide for the poor, uphold the forgotten and answer the prayers of all who call out to You for aid [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hope of every nation, in these last days, send Your Spirit of wisdom upon our earthly leaders: our president, governor, and all elected and appointed officials who bear authority over us. Grant that we may live in peace. Bring unity and harmony to our divided nation. Guard those who protect us by serving in the armed forces. Preserve our freedoms of worship and speech, that Your Word might remain unfettered in our nation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All honor and glory are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. **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: #377**

**“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice” (vs 1,2,5,10)**

**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.

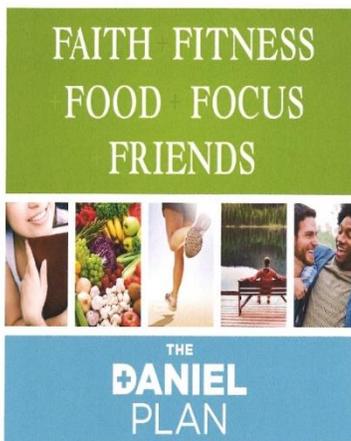
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN: #332 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

**Please join us for Fellowship following the service.**

**Wednesday Nights: 7:00 P.M. for 7 weeks**



June 12<sup>th</sup>: Living the Lifestyle

The Daniel Plan will continue to meet during the summer months.

This six-session video based small group study is centered on five essentials that will launch your journey to health: faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. God designed your body to be healthy and he provided everything you need to thrive and live an abundant life. The Daniel Plan small group study teaches simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your daily lifestyle. As Pastor of Open Bible Lutheran Church, I need to lose about 40 pounds to get my body back where it should be as the temple of the Holy Spirit. I have tried Weightwatchers, Atkins, and other plans, but all have eventually failed. Why I

am leading this study? My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I need a lifestyle plan for health that incorporates God's Word.

Anyone is welcome to join us for these studies, whether you are overweight or not.

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"The Shepherd." Our time slot is 11:05 – 11:30am.

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