



“Lead Me Not into Temptation!”

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

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NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Each of us battles with temptation every day, and the results are too obvious to mention. Christ was no stranger to temptation, either. He battled yet was without sin...for us and for our eternal righteousness. This message of victory gives us confidence as we journey through the wilderness of sin in true repentance.

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.

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. ✝

Pre-Music:
Bethel Balge, Peter McGuire

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: #201 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our 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.

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,



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 our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, 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: Deuteronomy 26:5-10

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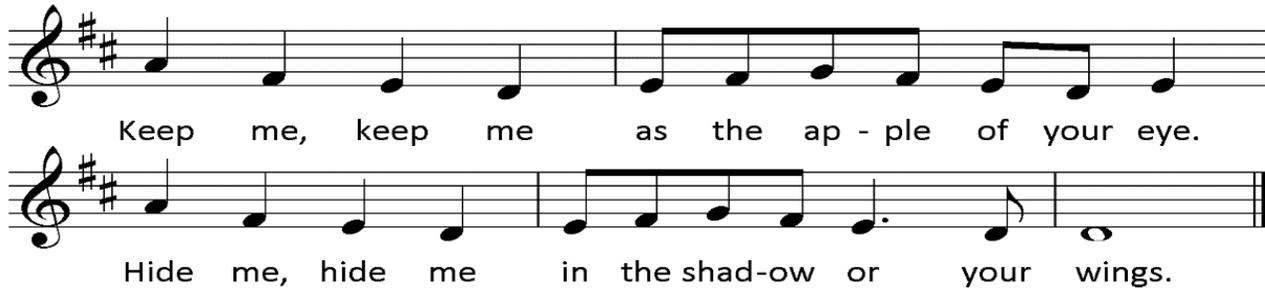
With a mighty hand the Lord worked victory over evil for his people, bringing them up out of slavery into the Promised Land. No longer slaves to sin, we long for the Promised Land of a new heaven and a new earth, the home of God's elect. There is no greater prize than the love and mercy of our God.

Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me." Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. **NIV**

Psalm 91

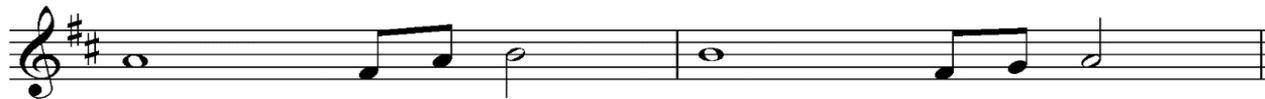
Psalm 91: The Psalmist prays that the Lord protect him and keep him safe from all the perils that he faces in life. He looks to the Lord as his refuge and fortress.

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow or your wings.

PSALM TONE



He who dwells in the shelter of the **M**ost High
I will say **o**f the LORD,

will rest in the shadow of the **A**lmighty.
“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God,
in **w**hom I Trust”

Refrain

You will not fear the terror **o**f the night,
If you make the Most High your **d**welling,

nor the arrow that **f**lies by day.
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will
come **n**ear your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
They will lift you up **i**n their hands,

to guard you in **a**ll your ways;
so that you will not strike your foot **a**gainst a
stone.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
As it was in the beginning,**

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

Refrain

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 10:8-13

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Christ has fully completed all the requirements of God’s law in our place. For us, the obedience of the Law is fulfilled and all that is left is the obedience of faith: that if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **NIV**

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: It is written: “Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”

Choir:

“Surely He has Borne our Griefs ”

Isaiah 53:4,5/Joseph M. Martin

Judy Hainen, Director

Stacy Vance, flute

*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried all our sorrows.
He was pierced for all our sin; bruised by all our iniquities;
And by his stripes we all are healed.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 4:1-13

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(Please stand out of reverence for Christ)

At any point, had Jesus failed to resist temptation, all would have been lost. But our champion won the battle: Jesus the Christ holds the field and the kingdom is ours forever.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’” The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. **NIV**



C: Praise be to you O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #472 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

SERMON: Luke 4:1-13
“Topple the Tower of Temptation!”
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: Bethel Balge, Jenny Haugen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Lord who hears the voice of His people, sees our misery and delivers us with a mighty hand and outstretched arm.

For ourselves and all who are struggling with temptation, that God strengthen us to recognize Satan's lies, trust Christ's forgiveness, hold firm to the One who conquered Satan and resist the enticements of the devil, the world and our sinful natures, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of God, that every division be overcome by the truth of God's Word, that in unity God's people proclaim Jesus to the world and that the Gospel turn unbelieving hearts to worship the Lord our God and serve Him only, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are afflicted by doubts, that our Father would send the Holy Spirit to reassure them with the Savior's promises, to grant them confidence to confess that "Jesus is Lord" and believe that God raised Him from the dead, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all marriages, that on this day when we are reminded of the importance of love, all husbands and wives would express their love for each another and recommit themselves to faithfulness that makes that love real in their lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are troubled by the difficulties of life, [including _____], that the Lord who brought Israel out of Egypt with a mighty hand and outstretched arm would mercifully reach into their lives with comfort, faith and relief, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For hearts and minds eager to give back to our bountiful God, that by the working of the Holy Spirit we thankfully and willingly return to Him the firstfruits of all He gives us, that He would use those offerings to extend His kingdom of grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pastors, missionaries, staff ministers, teachers and all workers in Christ's Church, that our Father would provide for their needs, use them to satisfy our spiritual hunger and teach us that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For good government and for good citizenship, that God lead those who govern to promote justice, protect the weak, reward virtue and punish evil; and that He guide us to exercise our freedoms responsibly, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our armed forces, law enforcement and for all who work for our protection, that God would shelter them from harm and give them courage and wisdom for their daily work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, 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: #439

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

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: #440 "On Eagles' Wings"

Please join us for Fellowship following the service.

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