



“A Shepherd You Can Count On!”

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

***May 12th, 2019
9:30 am***

NOTES ON TODAY’S SERVICE

On Good Shepherd Sunday God’s Word shows us our Shepherd, Jesus, who leads his flock to safe pastures and his eternal fold.

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. †

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: #251 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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: The Lord is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

C: **He loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.**

P: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess to you that we are dead in trespasses and sins. Like wayward sheep, we all have turned away; we have not heeded our Shepherd's voice. In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

P: Christ was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

C: **In him we have forgiveness, life and resurrection from the dead.**

P: If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, dwells in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies.

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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: 2 Timothy 1:3-7

(page 1792)

The greatness of motherhood is found in the Savior who gives moms the certainty of something truly worth sharing with their children-eternal joys in Christ. Eunice & Lois shared their joy in Christ with Timothy.

I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. **NIV**

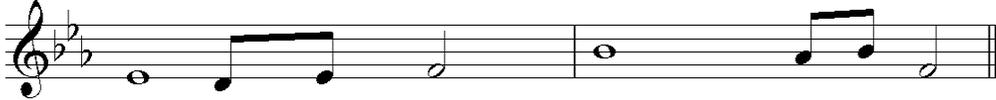
THE PSALM OF THE DAY: The Psalmist knows that his shepherd will take care of all his needs. No matter how dark the day may be, the psalmist has a shepherd who will lead him eventually to green pastures and fresh waters.

PSALM 23

Refrain



Psalm tone



1. The LORD is my shepherd;	I shall not <u>be</u> in want	
2. He makes me lie down in green <u>pastures</u> ;	he leads me beside quiet <u>waters</u> .	
3. He <u>restores</u> my soul;	he guides me in paths of	
righteousness for his		<u>name's</u>
sake.		
4. Even though I walk through the valley of	for you are with me; your rod and your staff,	
the shadow of death, I will fear no <u>evil</u> ,		they
<u>comfort</u> me.		

Refrain

5. You prepare a table before me in the presence	You anoint my head with oil, my cup <u>overflows</u> .
	of my <u>enemies</u> .
6. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the	and I will dwell in the house of the LORD <u>forever</u> .
	days <u>of</u> my life,

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 SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

(page 1855)

The paradox of Christ is that he is both Lamb and Shepherd. He saves his flock, by shedding his blood as the Lamb sacrificed for sin. But now, washed in his blood, the white robed host is led by the Shepherd-Lamb to the springs of living water and a life where everything that once was wrong is made right forever.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them,' nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'" **NIV**

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.



Choir

"The Risen Christ"

By Keith Getty, Phil Madeira/Fettke

Director: Judy Hainen

*1. O breath of God come fill this place;
Revive our hearts to know your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the risen Christ.*

*2. O Word of God, so clear and true,
Renew our minds to trust in You;
And give to us the bread of life
That we may know the risen Christ.*

*3. O love of God, so unrestrained,
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect your sacrifice
That we may know the risen Christ.*

*4. May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the risen Christ.*

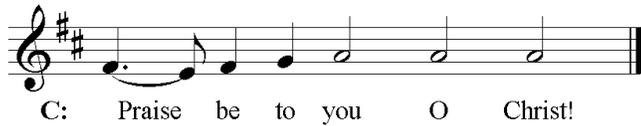
THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30

(page 1615)

(Please stand out of reverence for Christ)

As a shepherd dividing goats from the sheep, Jesus drew a sharp distinction between these unbelievers questioning him and the believers who followed him. His disciples knew him, they hear him, they follow him, and they will live forever. All this can only be true because our Good Shepherd is God in the flesh.

Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." **NIV**



HYMN OF THE DAY #375 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” vs 1-4 & 6

SERMON: John 10:22-30
“A Shepherd Who Exceeds Expectations!”
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: “His Eye is on the Sparrow” by Charles H. Gabriel/Jack Schrade Stacy Vance, flute

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows fall?
Why should my heart feel lonely and long for heaven my home?
With Jesus as my fortress, my constant friend is He.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I’m happy. I sing because I’m free.
For His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Our God is the load lightener; the mother hen gathering her scattered brood beneath her; the comforter; the counselor; the eagle that lifts her fledging young on outstretched wings; the advocate; the guide; the ever-present help. Scripture is rich with images of our nurturing God as the one who provides respite and rest. Today we honor the ones who are, for many of us, the prime examples of

nurture in our lives-our mothers- let us celebrate the greatness of our God's comforting love. The Lord is our Nurturer!

P: We give you thanks and praise for the women who have nurtured us through the years. Thank you for the women who loved us even when we were bad, and so showed us the meaning of faithfulness. Thank you for the women who showed us how to pray and led us to know Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

C: **Let us honor those women whose love has made us strong.**

P: Help all the women among us to become bearers of your redeeming love to all the young lives they touch, to all those who are their children or grandchildren. Help us raise the little girls among us into strong women of God, that in them the world may see the fierce and tender love with which you, O God, have loved us since the beginning.

O Lord, You once promised to raise up a shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving to us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear His voice and know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your everlasting arms forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You will not allow any power or enemy to triumph over Your saving purpose or snatch Your lambs from Your hand. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern in our land according to Your Law and defend the lives of the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed and the aged. Bless all those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may not hinder Your purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, often our mothers have been mirrors of your love. They tie our shoes, drive us to the ball game, put a Band-Aid on our knee, braid our hair, bake us cookies, help us pick up our room, write us a letter, say a prayer for us, wait up for us and laugh at our jokes. For the ordinary ways and countless days of care our mothers gave us, we give thanks. For the worry we caused them, we ask forgiveness. For our place in this family of God, we rejoice. Through Jesus, whom Mary loved, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, as You bore all the burdens of our mortal flesh in Your Son, give to the sick, the hospitalized, the recuperating, those suffering chronic ills and all people in their afflictions Your healing and peace. *[Today we especially commend into Your hands _____.]* Keep them steadfast in trouble and comfort them, that they may endure to eternal life and perfect healing in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, risen, ascended and glorified, to You we give thanks for the promise of resurrection to Your departed. Bring us to share with them the unending joys of our final home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, dear Father, we ask in the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through whom we have confidence and the boldness to pray. **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: #374 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

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: #360 “The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want” vs 1-3, & 5
WELS CONNECTION**

Please join us for Fellowship following the service.

CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY---are given to God’s glory in recognition of Mother’s Day and all their many sacrifices and love. The Church Council is providing floral arrangements for all women as a Mother’s Day gift to express gratitude for all they have done. The flowers will be handed out after the service.

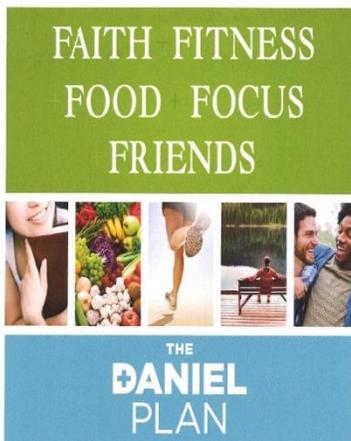


Announcements This Week 5/12/19 – 5/18/19

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Service Carriage House* Fellowship Time Steeplechase Worship Service
Monday	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Kids from King of Kings – Buffalo Crossing SPLASH*
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Carriage House Bible Study* The Willows Bible Study* The Defenders – Meet at Wolfy’s in Ocala Buffalo Crossing* Choir Rehearsal The Daniel Plan
Thursday	9:00 am	Council Meeting
Friday	9:00 am	Happy Hearts, Happy Hands Handiwork
Saturday		

*Pastor Rodger Dale

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



- May 15th: Food: Enjoying God’s Abundance
- May 22nd: Fitness: Strengthening Your Body
- May 29th: Focus: Renewing Your Mind
- June 5th: Friends: Encouraging Each Other
- June 12th: Living the Lifestyle

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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

The students from
King of Kings Lutheran School
presents
Pirates!
The Musical

Monday, May 13
11:00 am

Buffalo Crossings
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The Villages, FL 32159

See you there



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

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