



## ***“Things Are Looking Up!”***

Open Bible Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oxford, FL

***May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019***  
***9:30 am***

### **NOTES ON TODAY’S SERVICE**

Our King mounts his throne in victory to sit at the right hand of the Father.

**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. †

*Preludes: “This is My Father’s World” English Melody/Diane Bish  
“Ashokan Farewell” Jay Unger  
Fred Hainen, violin  
Played in honor of our service men and women.  
Written for the PBS series, The Civil War*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**OPENING HYMN: #216 “Saints, Behold! The Sight is Glorious”**

**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.

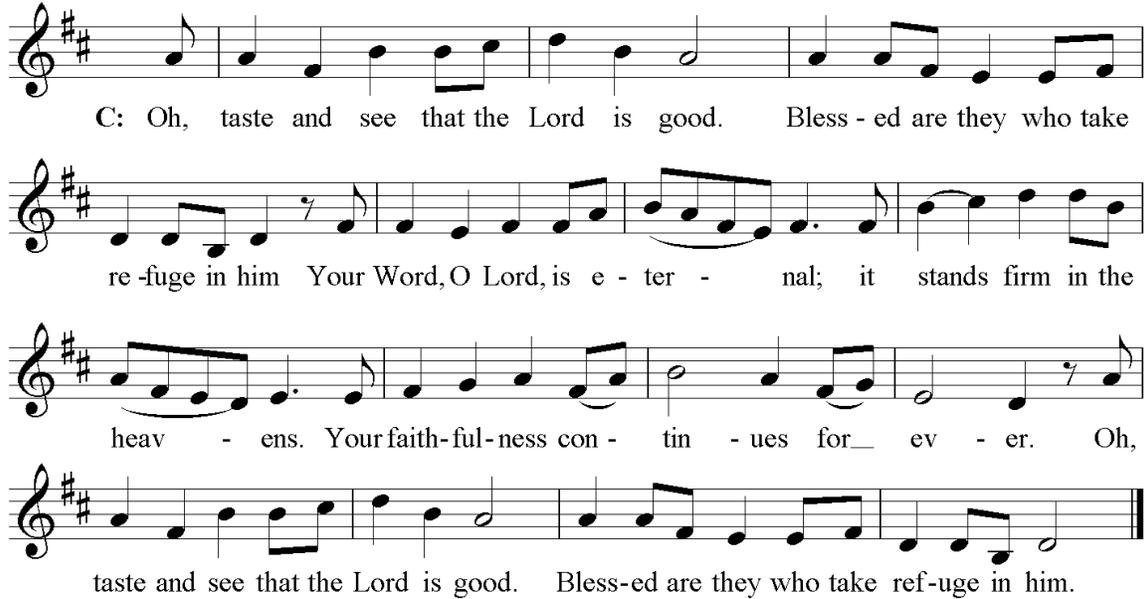
**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**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:**

Lord of the nations, we remember today those who gave their lives defending our nation overseas and here at home. Comfort all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one today. Give strength to families and friends who are left behind as they strive to carry on. Thank you for the examples provided for us of bravery in the heat of battle, of loyalty to country and to you, and of courage in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. May their memories live on in the way we live out our lives, with conviction and stamina and faithfulness to our calling. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



C: A - men.

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:9-11**

(page 1637)

*Jesus visibly departs, leaving his followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, a call to witness, and the promise that he will come again.*

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” **NIV**

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY:** The Psalmist rejoices that our God reigns over all the earth. The Messiah has ascended with shouts of joy into the heavens. Let us sing praises to Him.

**PSALM 47**

*Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God. Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm Tone*



1. Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with gries of joy.
2. How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!
3. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

*Refrain*

4. God ascended amid shouts of joy, The LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
  5. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
  6. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.
- 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 19:11-16**

**(page 1869)**

*There are no blood-stained armies of heaven...just a blood-stained King. But this King won the victory of victories for he is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.*

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. 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: Luke 24:44-53**

**(page 1593)**

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

*Humankind had been redeemed. Death had been conquered and the King was going home. Now, begins the work of carrying the message of Christ’s victory to the ends of the earth. We are witnesses, clothed with the Spirit and filled with resurrection joy.*

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. **NIV**

C: Praise be to you O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY #175 “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”**

**SERMON: Acts 1:9-11**  
**“Now He’s Everywhere!”**

*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: "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles/Hakkarainen  
Fred Hainen, violin*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord of the living and the dead, today we remember all those who fought and died defending our country.

**C: May our memories of what they did give us courage in our day.**

P: Today we remember all those who died representing our country in other lands.

**C: May our memories of them inspire us to represent our country well.**

P: Today we remember all those who battled with dignity to the very end.

**C: May our memories of them move us to have respect for the principles this nation was founded upon.**

P: Today we remember all those who continue to serve in the armed forces.

**C: May their service bring honor to all those who have gone before.**

*Special Prayers*

**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: #214 "Jerusalem the Golden"**

**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.



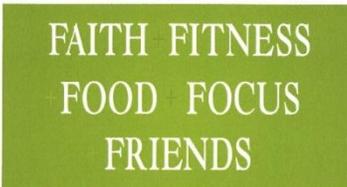
**CLOSING HYMN: #173 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”**

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

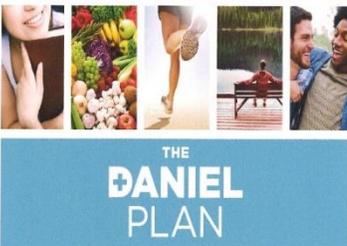
*Postlude: “A Hymn of Glory, Let Us Sing” by Gordon Young and Don Hustad  
Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen CW 171*

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



May 29<sup>th</sup>: Focus: Renewing Your Mind  
June 5<sup>th</sup>: Friends: Encouraging Each Other  
June 12<sup>th</sup>: 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.

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