

*Naaman in the Jordan*

***“Godliness with Contentment Is  
Great Gain!”***

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

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### **NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE**

Next to the attachment to hearth and home, a person's chief attachment is to his purse. So it is not out of order to consider what God has to say about his gifts of wealth and to let him put those gifts in a proper context for us.

**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 352-753-9038. Or go to our web site: [www.openbiblelutheranchurch.com](http://www.openbiblelutheranchurch.com). Please join us for Fellowship following the service.

### **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.

**Prayers for Worship** can be found on pages 10 and 11 in the front of the hymnbook.

**Prayer before worship:** *Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.*

✠ 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: CW #421 "All Depends on Our Possessing"**

**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.

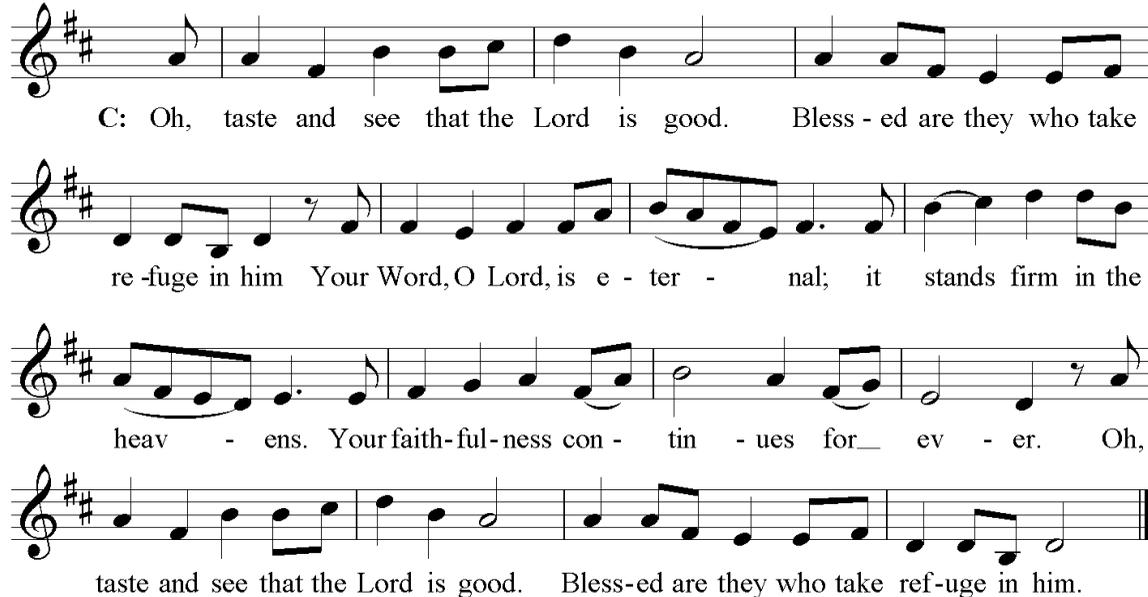
**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

**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.  
Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: 2 Kings 5:14-27**

**(page 556)**

*Naaman had such gratitude for the gift of healing that he wanted to give his wealth to God's instrument in healing him. But Gehazi, had other ideas. He knew how to make greed look good. We all need to examine ourselves to see if even our piety is a cloak for avarice.*

So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant." The prophet answered, "As surely as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused. "If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the Lord. But may the Lord forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord forgive your servant for this." "Go in peace," Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him." So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked. "Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me

to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’” “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. Then he went in and stood before his master, Elisha. “Where have you been, Gehazi?” Elisha asked. “Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered. But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, flocks, herds, or menservants and maidservants? Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and he was leprous, as white as snow. **NIV**

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 90:** The Psalmist speaks about how the Lord is eternal. He is our refuge and dwelling place. He sets the number of days we will be on this earth and teaches us to make the most of those days to glorify and honor him.

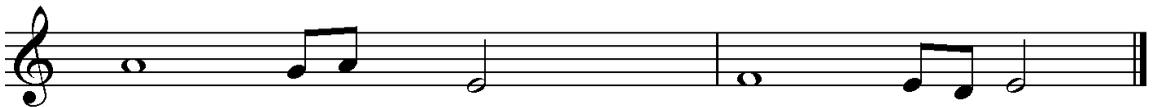
### PSALM 90

*Refrain*



In ev' ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

*Psalm Tone*



1. Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

2. Before the mountains were born or you brought from everlasting to everlasting you  
/forth the earth and the world, /are God.
3. For a thousand years in your sight are like a day  
/that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

**Refrain**

4. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your  
/presence.
5. You turn mortals back to dust. You sweep them away in the sleep  
/of death.
6. The length of our days is seventy years—or  
eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and  
/sorrow.
7. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Refrain**

8. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be  
/glad all our days.

**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 SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 3:1-6**

**(page 1804)**

*How will we resist the glitter of gold and the honey taste of luxury? Fix your thoughts on Jesus! In Him we have not things nor fleeting pleasure nor pointless ease. In him we have one whose thoughts are constantly fixed on us as he bears the cross before his Father's throne and intercedes for us. It is He who has won an eternal home in heaven for us.*

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," testifying to what would be said in the future. But Christ is faithful as the Son over

God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope in which we boast. **NIV**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**C: Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. 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:** “Be Still My Soul” by Jean J.C. Sibelius/Dale Witte  
Choir, Fred Hainen, violin  
(Hymn lyrics may be found in the CW#415)

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:17-27**

**(page 1521)**

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

*God's gifts to us of wealth more than most of his other gifts can become snares to our salvation when we treasure them more than the Giver and more than our salvation.*

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” **NIV**

P: This is the Word of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you O Christ!

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #401 “Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ”**

**SERMON: Mark 10:17-27**

**“Healing For Affluenza!”  
Pastor Mark M. Schulz**



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electronic devices.

**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.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

For God to do the impossible in our midst and save us, that the riches that surround us may not entice us away from faith or dampen our love for him by stealing our hearts away from him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are persecuted for Christ's sake and who have had to leave everything to follow him, that he would sustain them in their trials with his grace and comfort them in

the promise of all that will be poured out upon them in the age to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and all the nations of the world that God would bring down evil rulers who oppress and kill, that he would protect the refugees from Syria and elsewhere, especially those who call upon his name in faith, that he would bless our nation with righteous and wise leaders, that he would restore the family to the ideal he intended when he ordained marriage, and that he would bring peace to the streets of our cities, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful use of all that God places in our hands for a season, that remembering we will take nothing out of this world but what the Lord has given us in our baptismal rebirth, we may use all earthly gifts for his good purposes, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those engaged in the healing arts, that God would bless their efforts as a sign of the eternal healing he longs to give us all in his Son, and that they may be kept from abandoning their true calling to embrace the way of death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the suffering and the dying [*and especially for \_\_\_\_\_*], that the Lord would bear them in the arms of his mercy, guard them in faith and comfort them in his love; that he would heal the sick in accord with his will; and that he would peacefully deliver the dying unto himself, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into your hands, dear Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**THE 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: CW #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: #441 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

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