



Peter awakens Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead

“Show the Life of Christ in Us!”

Open Bible Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oxford, FL

May 8th, 2021 4:00 pm

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NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Christ *for us* aims at visible results that show the life of Christ *in 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 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.

✝ 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. ✝

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE

Welcome and introduction.

Greet Your Neighbor (Please practice social distancing)

OPENING HYMN: CW # 411 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The Confession of Sins

P: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and we confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
And not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

C: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

P: We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

C: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

P: We have lived for this world alone,
And doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

C: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

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.

Hymn: CW # 141 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" vs 1 & 5

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!

5 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

WE GATHER AROUND HIS WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-42

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Peter hurried to help a servant of servants. He was not too busy or too important. Tabitha, for her part, could not preach and did not teach. Tabitha just helped those she could as best she could. She didn't look for a great reward. She quietly went about her business using the talents and other gifts that God had given her to show her love to Christ in loving service to those who could not repay her.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas); who was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. NIV

Response: # 735 (Supplement) "Speak, O Lord" vs 1

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today.
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes,
For Your glory.*

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh, my lord, what shall we do?” the servant asked.

¹⁶ “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes so that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. **NIV**

Response: # 735 (Supplement) “Speak, O Lord vs 2

*Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes,
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise,
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

(Please stand out of reverence for Christ)

How will the world see Jesus? It should see him when it sees us. We strive in our lives to reflect the love of Christ and his obedience to the Father. This is not something optional for the Christian. The branches connected to the vine bear fruit.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in his name. This is my command: Love each other. **NIV**

Response: # 735 (Supplement) "Speak, O Lord vs 3

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built,
And you fill the earth with your glory.*

HYMN OF THE DAY #370 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" vs 1-3

**SERMON: 2 Kings 6:15-17
"Don't Be Afraid!"
Pastor William Balza**

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.

Choir: "Air for Brother James" Arr: Walter Rodby & Joseph Roff Director: Randy Cochran

Saturday: Karen Pearson, Stacy Vance

Sunday: Small Choir

1 *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by,
He leadeth me, He leadeth me Thy quiet waters by.*

2 *My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
With in the paths of righteousness,
E'ven for His own name's sake,*

*With in the paths of righteousness,
E'vn for His own names' sake.*

3 *Yea though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou are with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still,
For Thou are with me, and thy rod,
And staff me comfort still.*

4 *My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows,
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

5 *Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore My dwelling place shall be,
And in God's house for evermore My dwelling place shall be,
Amen, Amen.*

THANK OFFERING *If you'd like to give an offering, please place it in the wooden offering box on your way out of the Sanctuary. Thank you.*

WE GATHER FOR THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The Touch Of A Mother



P: We praise you, O God, for the many ways our mothers have touched our lives.

C: **Touch them, O Lord, with you love.**

P: We thank you, O Savior, for the many times our mothers cared for us when we were sick or injured.

C: **Touch them, O Lord with your care.**

P: We adore you, O Redeemer, for the touching words of kindness and compassion our mothers spoke to us.

C: **Touch them, O Lord, with your words of comfort.**

P: We magnify you, O Christ for the times our mothers held u close when we were sad or afraid.

C: **Hold them, O Lord, in your strong embrace.**

P: We glorify you, O Holy One, for the ways our mothers pulled us out of trouble and pointed us in the right direction.

C: **Reach out to them, O Lord. Protect them from all harm and guide them by your grace.**

P: We extol your name, O God, for the ways we have felt your presence through the words and actions of our mothers.

C: **Draw our mothers close to you forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (*contemporary*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



A Christian Home

BARBARA B. HART

JEAN SIBELIUS

1. O give us homes built firm up - on the Sav - ior, Where Christ is head and
2. O give us homes with god - ly fa - thers, moth - ers, Who al - ways place their
3. O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Mas - ter, The Bi - ble read, the
4. O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine for - ev - er! We trust to Thee their

coun - sel - lor and guide; Where ev - 'ry child is taught His love and fa - vor
hope and trust in Him; Whose ten - der pa - tience tur - moil nev - er both - ers,
pre - cious hymns still sung; Where pray'r comes first in peace or in dis - as - ter,
prob - lems, toil and care; Their bonds of love no en - e - my can sev - er

And gives his heart to Christ, the cru - ci - fied: How sweet to know that
Whose calm and cour - age trou - ble can - not dim; A home where each finds
And praise is nat - ural speech to ev - 'ry tongue; Where mountains move be -
If Thou art al - ways Lord and Mas - ter there: Be Thou the cen - ter

tho his foot - steps wa - ver His faith - ful Lord is walk - ing by his side!
joy in serv - ing oth - ers, And love still shines tho days be dark and grim.
fore a faith that's vast - er, And Christ suf - fi - cient is for old and young.
of our least en - deav - or - Be Thou our guest, cur hearts and homes to share.*

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WE GATHER FOR DISMISSAL INTO OUR MISSION FIELD

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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" Saturday only

Sunday only:

"Hear, O Lord" (Congregation is invited to sing the verses & Chorus when comfortable)

Hear, O Lord the sound of my call. Hear, O Lord and have mer - cy!

My soul is long-ing for the glo - ry of you! O hear O

Lord and an - - - - - swer me!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff continues the melody for the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

(Solo) *Ev'ry night before I sleep
I pray my soul to take,
Or else I pray that loneliness
Is gone when I awake. **Chorus***

(Solo) *Why do I no longer feel like
I've a place to stay?
O take me where someone will care,
So fear will go away. **Chorus***

(Solo) *In you, O Lord, I place my cares,
And all my troubles too.
O grant, dear Lord, that some day soon
I'll live in peace with you. **Chorus***

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