



“Keep Us Joyful in Christ Our King!”

***Open Bible Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oxford, FL
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NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Lord, keep us joyful in Christ our King! On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's plan for our salvation through Christ our King. And we rejoice because our Christ our King reigns—the king who once came as a sacrifice; the king who still shepherds us day by day; the king who one day will conquer all our enemies. Rejoice in his reign and look forward to the day when every knee will bow with us before the king of kings and lord of Lords!

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 Church, 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.

FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

Restrooms can be found on the right side of the Welcome Center.

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 turn off 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.



† 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.

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.*

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE

Welcome and introduction

Greet Your Neighbor (Please practice social distancing)

OPENING HYMN: CW# 341 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS (Taken from Martin Luther’s Small Catechism)

P: Let us confess our sins.

P: *What is confession?*

C: **Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: *What sins should we confess?*

C: **Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.**

P: *How can we recognize these sins?*

C: Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you hurt anyone by word or deed? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful or done other wrong?

P: *How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of his forgiveness?*

C: He will say, “According to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, Let us praise the Lord.

CW #399 “To God Be the Glory” vs 1

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory – great things he has done!*

WE GATHER AROUND HIS WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 23, 24

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We rejoice because we have a King who acts on behalf of his people, like a shepherd for sheep. God says, “I will guide them; I will guard them; I will seek them; I will find them.” Most importantly, God promised to raise up King David’s greater Son to be the prince of his people and their Good Shepherd.

Response:

C:  CW # 280 “Thy Strong Word” vs 1

*Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Without end!*

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:20-28

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When the Israelites brought the firstfruit offering to the Lord, they confessed that the whole harvest belonged to God, and they rejoiced at the greater harvest that was coming. Through the resurrection of Jesus, God promised that a field full of souls will follow the Firstfruits from death to life. Until then, Christ will reign as King until the Great Day comes when he reverses everything Adam ruined and destroys every enemy that stands against the Church.

Response:

C:  CW # 280 “Thy Strong Word” vs 3

*Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous.
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Without end!*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 27:27-31

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(Please stand out of reverence for Christ)

He deserved the finest crown, but look what Man gave! He could have swept them all away. Man deserved nothing more-but look at what He gave! He gave his holiness for our sin and his death for our life. Rejoice in Christ the King who came as our sacrifice!

Response:

C:  CW # 280 “Thy Strong Word” vs 5

*Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Without end!*

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW # 265 “This Is the Feast of Victory”

SERMON:

Sermon Text: I Corinthians 15:20-28
“The Amazing Feet of Christ our King!”

- 1) Once Pierced
 - 2) Now Prevailing
 - 3) Soon Parading!
- Pastor Mark M. Schulz*

THE CREED IN SONG

*I believe in God, the Father maker of the heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God’s own Son, of human birth.
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate, Whom the Spirit did conceive.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate: He’s the God whom I believe.*

*Crucified, was dead and buried; Down to hell in victory;
From the dead he rose the third day; Up to heaven triumphantly.
There at God's right hand he's ruling; By his will the world is led.
He will come to judge the nation, Both the living and the dead.*

*I believe in God the Spirit, In his church, his chosen band.
They are joined in sweet communion: Holy in his sight they stand.
I believe in sins forgiven; I believe I'll rise again;
I believe in life eternal. Amen! Amen! Amen!*

Handbells: "We Gather Together" Arr. Lloyd Larson ASCAP
Pam Johnson, Director

WE GATHER FOR THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, Your world and Your people are in crisis. Satan is blinding the hearts of whole nations to the light of the Gospel. War and terrorism threaten innocent people every day. Our nation is abandoning its Bible-based values and morality. Christians who speak up for biblical values and doctrines are targets of those who hate You. Worst of all Christian Churches are corrupted by false doctrine and moral laxity. We thank You, gracious God, for the assurance that Christ is King of Kings and, in spite of appearances, is ruling over all things for the sake of His Church. Thank you for the assurance that He is coming soon to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to all Your baptized people diligence in their watching for the Savior's appearing, that they may be prepared for that joyous day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, our hope is in You. Grant all pastors and servants of Your Church to proclaim that hope in boldness and clarity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of the nations hear our prayers for those who lead our country and all who serve in our military. Fill them with Your wisdom and protect them in every danger. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You who promise everlasting joy to Your people, remember all in trying circumstances: the sick, the suffering, the dying, the mourning [*especially Your servants* _____]. Comfort them with Your divine promises and grant Your healing peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of heaven, Your Son is victor over death and the grave. We praise You for all who have fallen asleep in Him and who await with us the joy of the resurrection. Bring us all to the glorious homecoming You have promised Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

WE GATHER FOR DISMISSAL
INTO OUR MISSION FIELD

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.

C: **AMEN!**

CLOSING HYMN: CW # 334 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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