

KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 101 VANCE AVE. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 am

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation



In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Christina Harmon

WELCOME

♦ Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- We confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



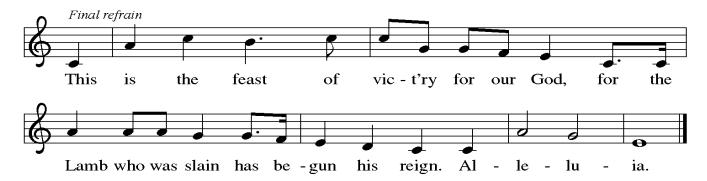
☆ GREETING

- A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

♥ KYRIE ELW S184







中 PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

L A reading from the eighth chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; 3but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." 5Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. 12But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L Word of God, word of life. C Thanks be to God.

♣ Gospel Acclamation

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廿 GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

esus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Deacon Liz Fisher

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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- thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim, Oh, for 1 a
- gra cious Mas ter My
- Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease. The name of
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;





of my God and king, the the glo - ries tri-umphs of his grace! spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. sings mu - sic bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum - ble poor mourn - ful, be - lieve.



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

♣ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

- A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 - I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 - I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,"

The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."

- P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

♥ Sharing of God's Peace

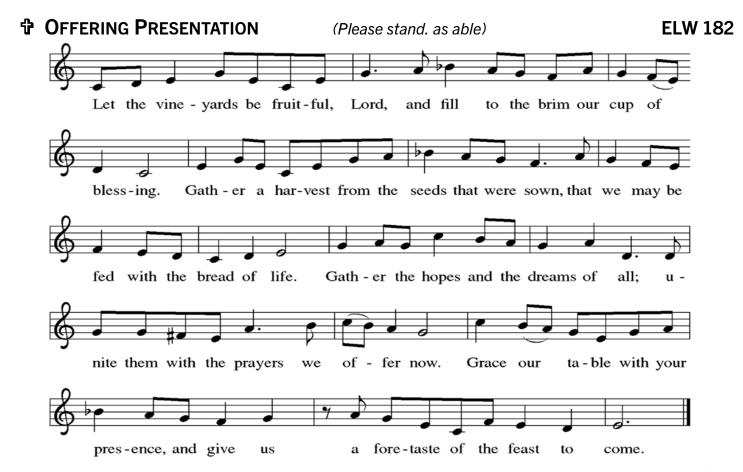
- A Following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus breathed peace upon his disciples. We share in this peace of Christ in the Church today. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

(Especially greet the children and youth.)

Anthem

I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go

Linda Hartman



OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

廿 HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

₩ORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

廿 LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.
- 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.

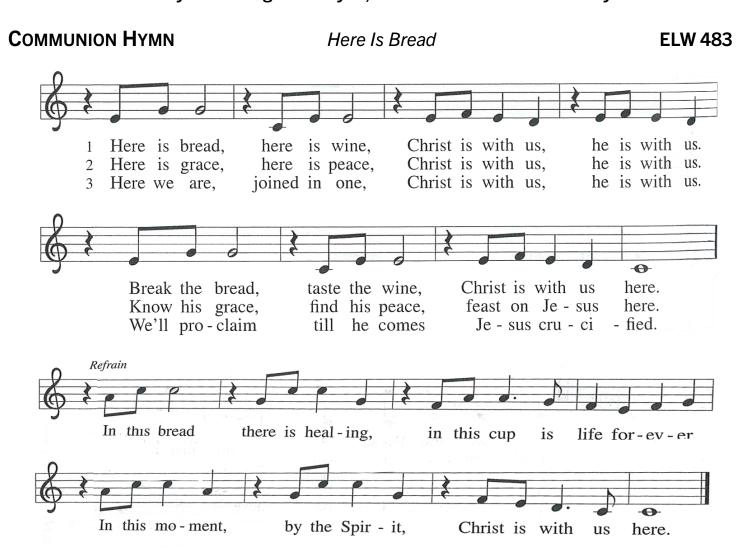
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

☆ Invitation

P In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

You may receive the Elements as the words are said: The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.



₽ Post Communion Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C Amen.

† Prayer after Communion

- P Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.
- C Amen.

⊕ BENEDICTION

- P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

 → bless you and remain with you always.
- C Amen.

♣ SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

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- ₱ DISMISSAL
- A Go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude on "Azmon"

arr. Robert Lau

