



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

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Redeemer, Savior, Friend
Majestic*

*Darrell Evans, Chris Springer
Lincoln Brewster*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

Reading Psalm 23

L A reading from the Psalm 23.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

SONG OF RESPONSE

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and faithful God,

C **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.**

O - ver the moun - tains and the sea Your riv - er runs with love for me,

and I will o - pen up my heart, and let the Heal - er set me free. I'm hap - py to be in the truth,

and I will dai - ly lift my hands, for I will al - ways sing of when Your love came down, yeah.

§ **CHORUS**

I could sing of Your love for - ev - er, I could sing of Your love

for - ev - er, I could sing of Your love for - ev - er, I could sing of Your love

Last time to Coda Φ

BRIDGE

for - ev - er. Oh, I feel like danc - ing; it's fool - ish - ness, I

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know. But when the world has seen the light, they will dance

23

D.S. al Coda

with joy like we're dancing now.

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Coda

for - - - ev - - - er.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the
Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our
sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On
the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has
spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,"
The congregation's response is: "hear our prayer."*

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

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!

WORDS 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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 Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

You may receive the Elements as the words are said:

The Body of Christ given for You; The Blood of Christ shed for You.

COMMUNION SONG

Glorify Thy Name

Donna Adkins

1. Fa ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You, glo - ri - fy Thy
2. Je sus...
3. Spir it...

6 name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name, glo - ri - fy Thy

12 name, glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHORUS

Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down,

let the walls fall down; By His love let the walls fall, walls fall

10 *Fine* VERSE

down. 1. One by one, we're drawn to - geth - er, one by one, to Je - sus' side.
2. In His love, no walls be - tween us, in His love a com - mon ground.

One in Him we'll live for - ev - er, stran - gers He has rec - on - ciled.
Kneel - ing at the cross of Je - sus all our pride comes tum - bl'ing down.

D.C. al Fine

CHORUS

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It's all God's chil - dren sing - ing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He reigns,

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He reigns!" It's all God's chil - dren sing - ing, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He reigns.

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