

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

June 22, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am

Congregation responses in **Bold**.

WELCOME

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God.
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to 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

- P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK Children's Time Deacon Liz

READING Galatians 3:23-29

L A reading from the third chapter of Galatians.

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.





Lord of heav - en and earth. Lord of heav - en and earth.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 INTERCESSION

A Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

As able, you are invited to kneel or be seated for the prayers.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,"

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

- P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

- A The peace of Christ be with you.
- C And also with you.
- A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

OFFERING

The offering plates are in the narthex for your use. You may also place your offering in the plate at the communion rail when you come to the altar for communion. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.
- 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 Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

You may receive the Elements as the words are said:

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

Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.

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Verse 1

This bread His flesh this wine His blood Emblems of the love of God We fear no wrath or piercing sword We are redeemed released restored in Jesus

Chorus 1

Alleluia we take this bread Alleluia we drink this cup Remembering to proclaim His death Until He comes again

Verse 2

Come ev'ry soul weighed down with care Anxious thoughts uneasy prayers Come and believe and find your rest
Come and receive the righteousness of Jesus

Chorus 2

Alleluia we take this bread
Alleluia we drink this cup
Remembering to proclaim His death
Until He comes Oh alleluia we take this bread
Alleluia we drink this cup
Remembering to proclaim His death
Until He comes again Oo oo

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 triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
- C Amen.

SENDING SONG

We Will Glorify

Twilla Paris



DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.