



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

July 20, 2025

Sixth 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.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Give Us Clean Hands*

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## 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 **And also with you. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## LET'S TALK

*Children's Time*

## VERSE

4

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spir - it, come make us hum-  
ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i -

The verse consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers measures 1-3, and the second system covers measures 4-6. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

## CHORUS

8

dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -

12

oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -

16

oth - er. And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, that seeks Your face,

19

oh God of Ja - cob; And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

22

that seeks Your face, oh God of Ja - cob.

The chorus consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature and time signature remain the same as in the verse. The first system covers measures 7-8, the second covers measures 9-10, the third covers measures 11-12, the fourth covers measures 13-14, and the fifth covers measures 15-16. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

## **READING Colossians 1:15-28**

**L** A reading from the first chapter of Colossians.

*This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

**C**hrist Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,<sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.<sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.<sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.<sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,<sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,<sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,<sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.<sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,<sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.<sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.<sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42**

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

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

*During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.*

**N**ow as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.<sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying.<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.”<sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things,<sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

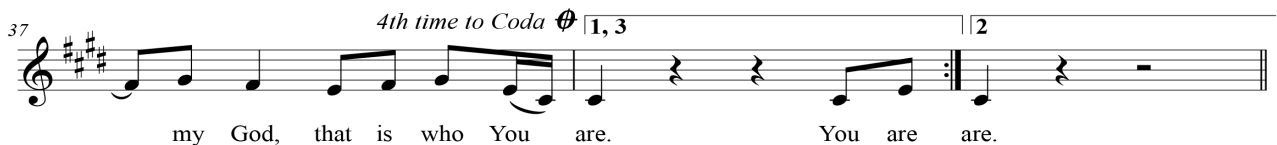
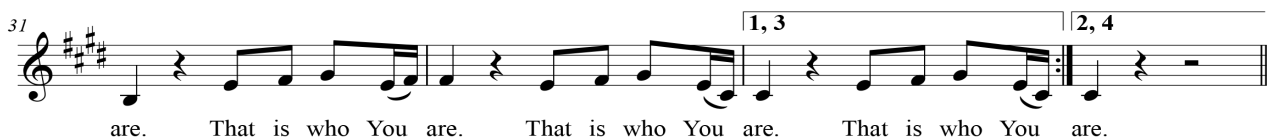
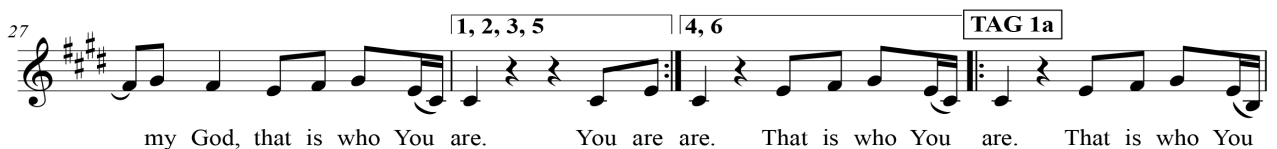
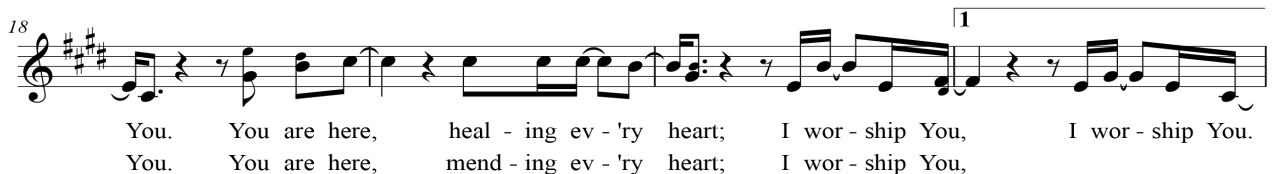
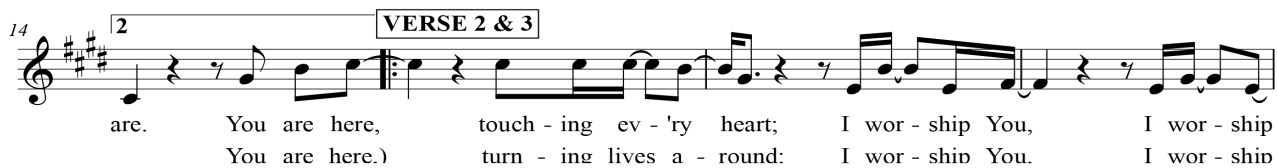
**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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


## **SERMON**

*Pastor John Futterer*

## VERSE 1




**BRIDGE**




E - ven when I don't see it, You're work - ing. E - ven when I don't feel it, You're work - ing.

42 **1, 2, 3**



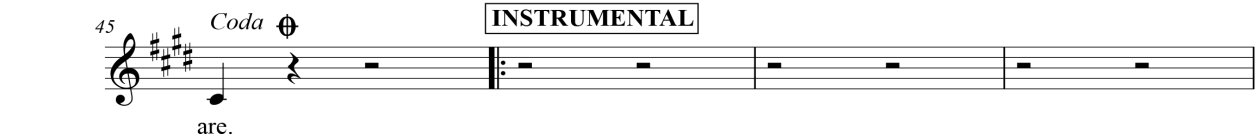
You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing. You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing.

44 **4** *D.S. al Coda*




You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing.

45 *Coda* **INSTRUMENTAL**




are.

49 **1** **2** **TAG 1b**



That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You

53 **1** **2**



are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

## 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** In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

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** Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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.*

### ELW 674

### 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.

#### Refrain



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

## OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

**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.*

## COMMUNION SONG

*I Am the Bread of Life*

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

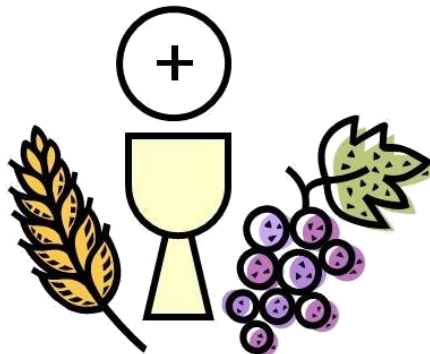
**P** The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.

**C** Amen.





1. I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2. The bread that I will give is My  
 3. Un - less you eat of the  
 4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion,  
 5. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

3



come to Me shall not hun - ger; and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man and  
 I am the life. If you be -  
 You are the Christ, the

5



lieve in Me shall not thirst.  
 eat of this bread,  
 drink of His blood, and  
 lieve in Me,  
 Son of God,

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No one can come to Me un -  
 you shall live for - ev - er,  
 drink of His blood, you  
 e - ven though you die,  
 Who has come in -

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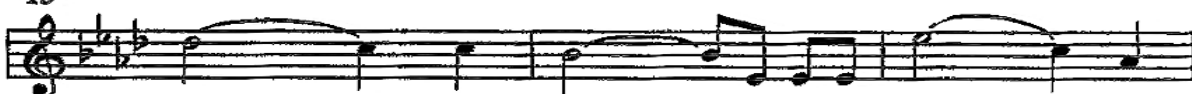
less the Fa - ther beck - ons.  
 you shall live for - ev - er.  
 shall not have life with - in you.  
 you shall live for - ev - er.  
 to the world.

## CHORUS



"And I will raise you up, and I will

13



raise you up, and I will raise you

16



up on the last day."



## VERSE



1. Sing to the King Who is com - ing to reign.

2. For His re - turn - ing we watch and we pray;



Glo - ry to Je - sus, the Lamb that was slain. Life and sal -

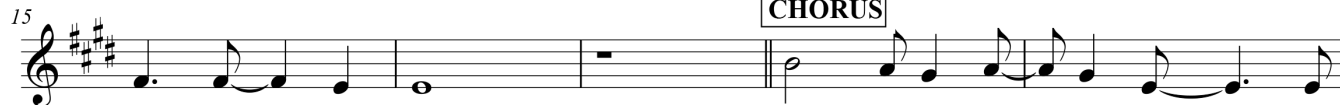
We will be read - y the dawn of that day. We'll join in



va - tion His em - pire shall bring, and joy to the na - tions, when

sing - ing with all the re - deemed, 'cause Sa - tan is van - quished and

## CHORUS



Je - sus is King.

Come, let us sing a song, a

Je - sus is King.



song de - clar - ing that we be - long to Je - sus; He is all we need.



Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voic - es raised to Je -



sus; Sing to the King.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

### **Tuesday, July 22, 2025—Mary Magdalene, Apostle**

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

### **Wednesday, July 23, 2025—Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373**

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

### **Friday, July 25, 2025—James, Apostle**

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).



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