



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

**April 1, 2026**

**Holy Wednesday**

**6:30 pm**



**SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

This day was formerly called "Spy Wednesday," an allusion to the gospel reading, in which Judas is identified as the betrayer of Jesus. As Jesus endured the suffering of the cross, we are called to run the race of life with perseverance, confident of the joy to come. In the Three Days, which begin tomorrow evening, we will journey with Christ from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, from death to life.

✝ Please stand as you are able. Congregational responses in **Bold**.

**PRELUDE**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

*arr. Pam Gervais*

✝ **GREETING**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✝ **HYMN ELW 614**

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

**BALM IN GILEAD**

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

**P** Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

**C Amen.**

**READING Psalm 103:10-14**

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup>For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.

**READING Ephesians 4:31-32**

**L** A reading from the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

**P**ut away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**✠ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Let us make confession to God.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment.

But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

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P Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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.

*All are invited to come forward to receive this Absolution.*

P In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

***Each person may respond, Amen***

**HYMN ELW 595**

*Jesus Loves Me!*

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**PRAYERS**

*You are invited to kneel or sit*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

*(Petitions conclude: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.)*

**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.**

P Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord has made you free. Go in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*A Lenten Meditation*

*Keith MacRoberts*

**OUR SCHEDULE** for the remainder of Holy Week/Easter Day

**Thursday, Apr. 2** 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at Kimball

**Friday, Apr. 3** 6:30 pm Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian

**Sunday, Apr. 5** 7:00 am Easter Worship-Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Traditional Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion

*Nursery Provided for all Worship Services*

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.