



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

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC

*Praise the Lord
My Life is in you Lord*

*Laura Story
Daniel Gardner*

**CCLI
BOB 165**

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Keith Garver

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

L A reading from the third chapter of Jonah.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

L Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

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

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON

Pastor Joe Tallent

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me, and yet my

still you're there right be - side me, and noth-ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and

Refrain

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

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.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed 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.

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.

*Each prayer petition 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, 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 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.



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

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.

SENDING SONG

Go Make Disciples

Handt Hanson

BOB 70

Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap -

3

tiz - ing — them, — teach - ing — them. —

5

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for

7

I am with you till the end of — time. —

9

Go, be the salt of the earth.

11

Go, be the light for the world.

13

Go, be a city on a hill, so

15

all can see that you're serving me.

17

Go, make disciples.

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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2024 – THE YEAR OF THE ENDOWMENT

In May of 2022, Kimball embarked on a new opportunity to move forward with service to our community by establishing an Endowment Fund for our congregation. Kimball has a long history - over 100 years - of serving the needs of people in Kannapolis and Cabarrus/Rowan counties. We have been especially strong in the areas of community outreach, youth activities both within and outside our church walls and we have a history of providing scholarships for deserving young people to attend summer camps, colleges, graduate schools and for theological education. This legacy of help and service is one of the many things that marks Kimball as a strong and caring part of our community and our North Carolina Synod.

The creation of our Endowment represents a perpetual financial gift to the church, whereby the principle of the gifts is not withdrawn, but continues to grow over time from additional gifts and investment returns. Our congregation believes this will ensure the continuing legacy of our Christian Spirit long into the future. Once the Endowment receives contributions, regular distributions will be made each year in support of the three areas which have been identified in our bylaws.

- 1) Up to 100% can be used for Youth Ministries.
- 2) Up to 100% can be used for Community Outreach.
- 3) Up to 100% can be used for Scholarships.

Now for the best part. Your Endowment committee has received full support from our leadership and council to declare 2024 as “The Year of the Endowment.” Each month in 2024 you will see informative articles, specific fundraising opportunities as well as testimonials from members who have already included the Endowment in their legacy plans.

To begin the year, the Endowment committee has created a name for our Endowment. This name will help in our efforts to market and promote the wonderful legacy that the Endowment will leave to our congregation now and for many decades in the future. This will truly show the Kimball spirit. Beginning with this communication, Our Endowment will be known as the

★LASTING LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND★

This is a very exciting time to be a member of the Kimball family. The Lasting Legacy Endowment Fund gives us all a chance to give “gifts that change lives.” We look forward to informing, educating, and supporting this very important initiative.

Warmest regards,

Lasting Legacy Endowment Fund Committee

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“Come, follow me,” Jesus said,
“and I will send you out
to fish for people.”

Mark 1:17