Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081

October 11, 2026 **20th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 AM

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

Gathering Music — *Be Unto Your Name* — *Gary Sadler, Lynn DeShazo*

We are a moment, you are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time; We are a vapor, you are eternal, love everlasting, reining on high. Holy, holy Lord God almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Highest praises honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.	We are the broke, you are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save; You are the love song we'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your name. Holy, holy Lord God almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Highest praises honor and glory Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name, Be unto You name.

Gathering Music — *Sing Unto the Lord* — *Leon Patillo*

Verse 1 Sing unto the Lord a new song Let His praises fill the temple He is the King of kings And the Lord of lords Bow down before Him ***Chorus*** Hallelujah glory to God. Hallelujah glory to God.	**Verse 2** Sing unto the Lord a new song For He loves to hear our praises Let all of creation sing Glory to our God Bow down before Him, ***Chorus*** Hallelujah, glory to god. Hallelujah, glory to God. Glory to God.

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

A Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Let's Talk — *Children's Time*

READING Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

L A reading from the fourth chapter of Philippians.

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this
way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I
ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of
the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. 4
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The
Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think
about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me,
do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been
invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell
those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have
been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made light of it
and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated
them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and
burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not
worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'
10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so
the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed
a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in
here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind
him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

SERMON *Deacon Liz Fisher*

SONG OF RESPONSE *Give Thanks* *Henry Smith*

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because
He's given Jesus Christ, His Son ***Repeat***

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us ***Repeat***

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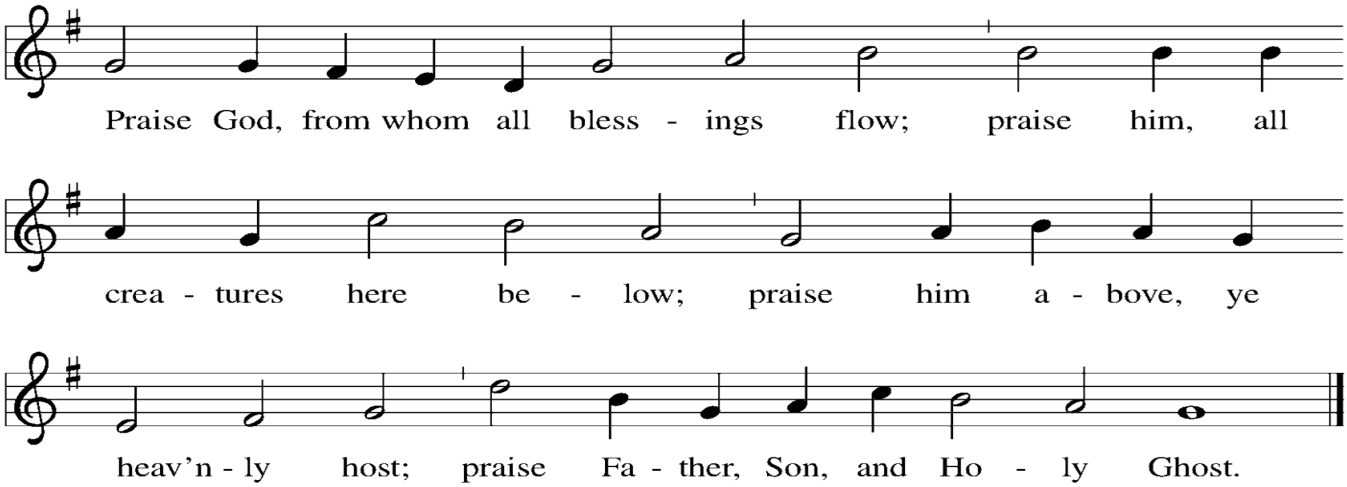
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Because of what the Lord has done for us ***Repeat***

Give thanks, Give thanks, Give thanks

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 SONG *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* *Thomas Ken*



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 forward for communion. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C Amen.

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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "Hear us, O God."
The congregation's response is: **"Your mercy is great."**

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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. Gluton-free is available on request. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Sung)*

C Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

P The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

Refrain

C So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

P The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

Refrain

C And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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 Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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 *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine* *Graham Kendrick*

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one
Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim, till he comes
Jesus crucified.

In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
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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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG *Victory in Jesus* *Eugene Bartlett*

I heard an old, old story,
how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
to save a wretch like me.

I heard about His groaning,
of His precious blood's atoning.
Then I repented of my sins
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
with His redeeming blood.
He loved me ere I knew Him,
and all my love is due Him.
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,
of His cleansing pow'r revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again
and caused the blind to see.

And then I cried,
"Dear Jesus, come
and heal my broken spirit";
And somehow Jesus came
and brought to me the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me
with His redeeming blood.
He loved me ere I knew Him,
and all my love is due Him.
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold
beyond the crystal sea,
About the angels singing,
and the old redemption story;
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
the song of victory.

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He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

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