



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

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

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.**

OPENING SONG

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PRAYER OF DAY

A Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

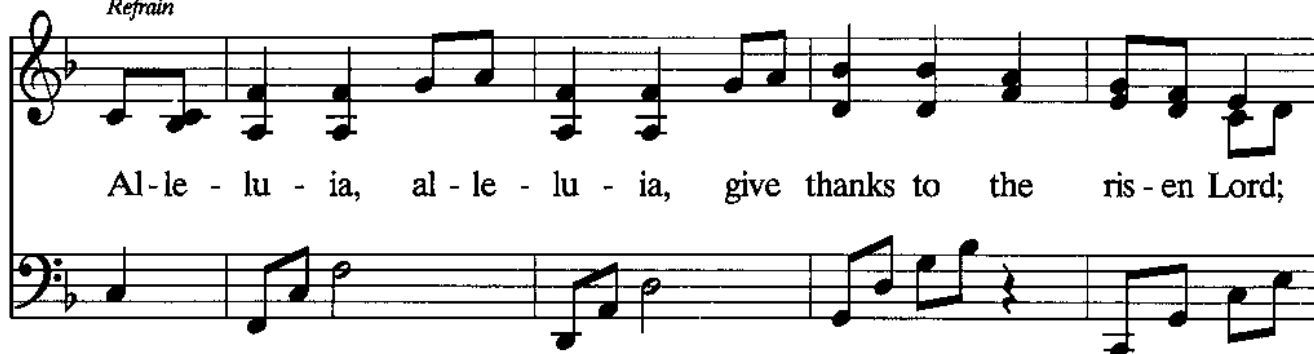
LET'S TALK

Children's Time

OPENING SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Refrain



he is the king of cre - a - tion.
now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

READING Revelation 1:4-8

L A reading from the first chapter of Revelation.

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

✠ GOSPEL John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

<p>1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; where there is doubt, true faith in you.</p>	<p>3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.</p>
<p>2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, ...only light; and where there is sadness, ever joy.</p>	<p>4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of our selves that we receive and in dying that we're born to eternal life.</p>

✝ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

Prayer petitions will conclude: "Hear us, O God."

The congregation's response is: "Your mercy is great."

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

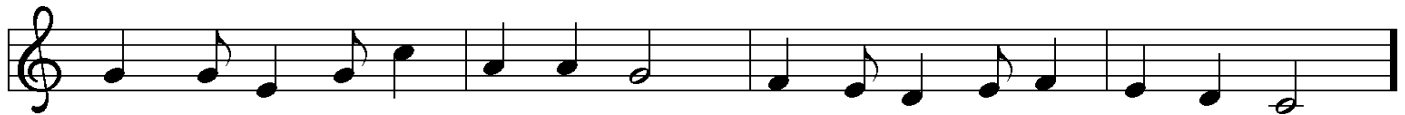
A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

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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.

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. 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.

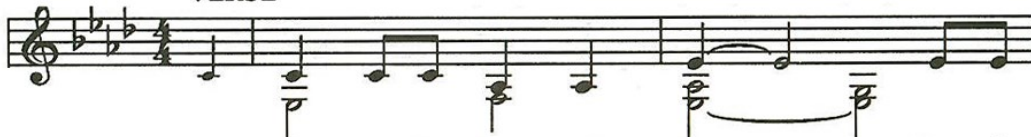
Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.

COMMUNION SONG

I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan

VERSE



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 - lieve in Me shall not
flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this
flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His
I am the life. If you be - lieve in
You are the Christ, the Son of

6



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

9



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.”

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

Go Make Disciples

Handt Hanson

Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tis - ing them, teach - ing them.

5
Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you 'til the end of time. Go, be the

10
salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world. Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so

15
all can see that you're serv - ing Me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tis - ing them, teach - ing them.' The second staff starts at measure 5: 'Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you 'til the end of time. Go, be the'. The third staff starts at measure 10: 'salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world. Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so'. The fourth staff starts at measure 15: 'all can see that you're serv - ing Me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.' The score ends with a double bar line.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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