

# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081

July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am

Congregation responses in **Bold**.

### **W**ELCOME

## **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

God is Here

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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

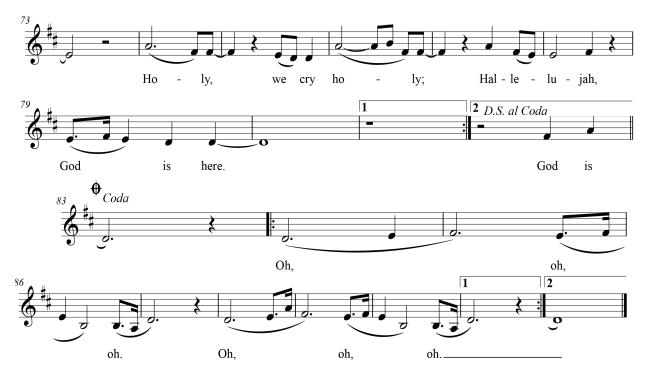
A Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time





## READING Psalm 25:1-10

- L A reading from Psalm 25.
- <sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
- <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

n expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." 29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Pastor John Futterer



## **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."

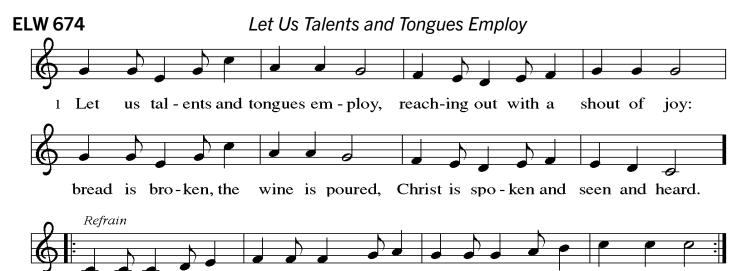
- P Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

## 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.



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

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#### 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.
- 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.

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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 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.





## **DISMISSAL**

- Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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