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

November 1, 2026 **All Saints Sunday**

8:30 AM

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

Gathering Music *Trading My Sorrows* *Darrell Evans*

I'm trading my sorrows; I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness; I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord! Yes, Yes, Lord!
Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord! Yes, Yes, Lord!
Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord! Yes, Yes, Lord! Amen!

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted,
not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise
will endure, that His joy's gonna be my strength.

Though the sorrows may last for the night,
His joy comes with the morning.

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Welcome

Prayer of the Day

A Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through 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*

READING 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

L A reading from the third chapter of 1st John.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what
we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him
purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

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

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came
to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against
you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in
the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SERMON *Pastor John Futterer*

SONG OF RESPONSE *For All the Saints* *William How, Ralph Vaughn Williams*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

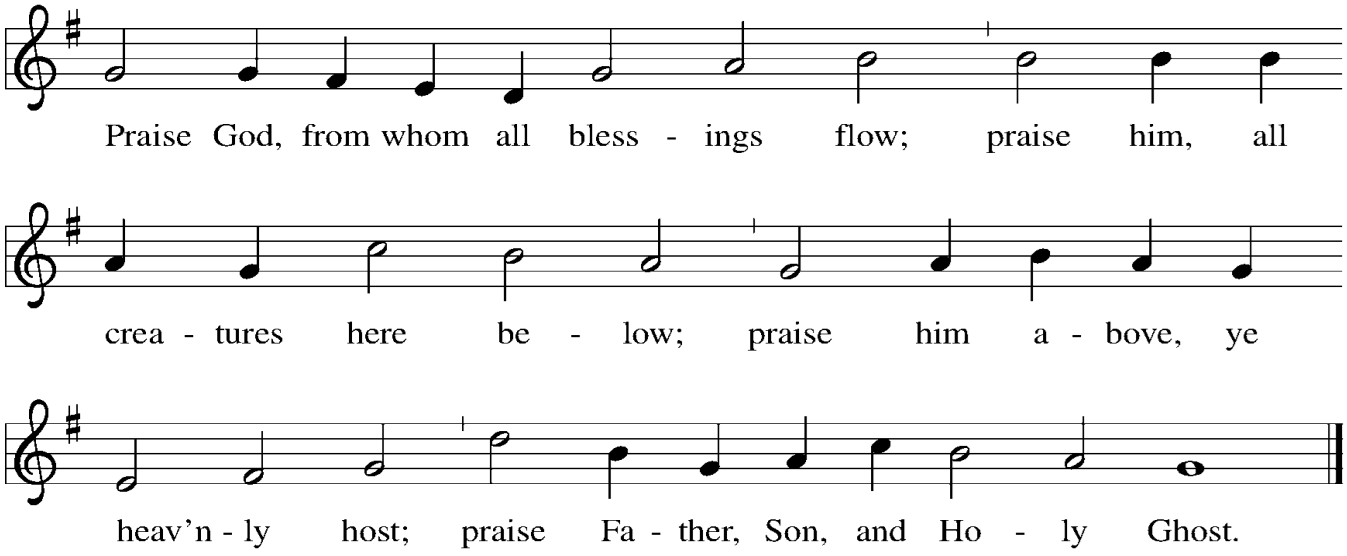
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest
coast, through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

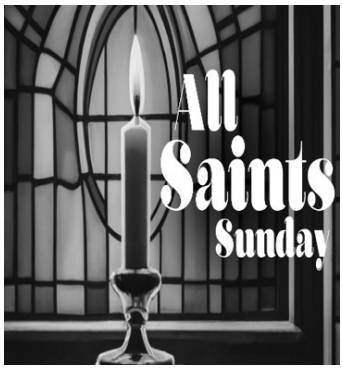
C Amen.

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.

RITE OF REMEMBRANCE



P Today we stand with saints alive and saints from whom their labors rest.

C We are the communion of all saints.

P Lord God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses.

C We give you thanks for your servants of days past.

P For Abraham, the father of believers, and for Sarah, his wife.

C For Moses, the lawgiver, and for Aaron, the priest.

P For all the Prophets and those who recorded for us your truths.

C For Peter and Paul and all the Apostles willing to witness to your Word.

P For Mary and Joseph who cared for your Son as a child.

C For the Saints and Martyrs in every time and every land.

P For those we know and those whose faith and acts of faith are unknown to us.

C For preachers of your truth who were faithful to convictions.

P For renewers of society; for artists and scientists: for devoted public servants.

C For those who care for the sick, who defend freedom, who teach.

P For all who use their gifts to glorify you and do your will among us.

C We give you thanks for the faith and lives of your people.

P Rejoicing in that great company of sinners made saints by your grace. O Lord, lift members of the faith community that is Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church, who have, during the past twelve months, inherited the joys you have prepared for all those who love you.

As each name is read, the congregation is invited to repeat the names after the pastor as a candle is lighted.

Cookie Athanaelos	December 22, 2025
Betty Shaver	March 7, 2026
Betty Walker	May 9, 2026
Prebble Henrickson	July 19, 2026

P We also remember others, beloved of those who worship here, who now gather at your throne of light. Keep us in union with them through our faith in your grace. We dedicate this service of worship to your glory, O Lord, and to the remembrance of them all. May their examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacrificial service to your Church not be lost on us but compel us to carry on their witness.

P When we die, we live with you O Lord.
C Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours, O Lord.

P Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "God, in your mercy,"
*The congregation's response is: "**hear our prayer.**"*

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,
C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
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

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 In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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 *Shall We Gather at the River* *Robert Lowry*

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. ***Refrain***

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. ***Refrain***

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. ***Refrain***

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 Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *All the People Said Amen* *Matt Maher*

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

And all the people said Amen whoa
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know
love is what we're after

We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

And all the people said Amen whoa
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Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ.