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

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

11:00 AM

✝*Please stand as you are able. Congregation responses in* ***Bold****.*

Prelude *In His Presence* *Donald Lee Moore*

Welcome

✝ 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.

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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.

✝ GATHERING HYMN *ELW* 533 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* UNSER HERRSCHER



✝ KYRIE *ELW* S 147



✝ CANTICLE OF PRAISE *ELW* S148 *Glory to God in the Highest*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

LET'S TALK *Children's Time*

READING Philippians 4:1-9

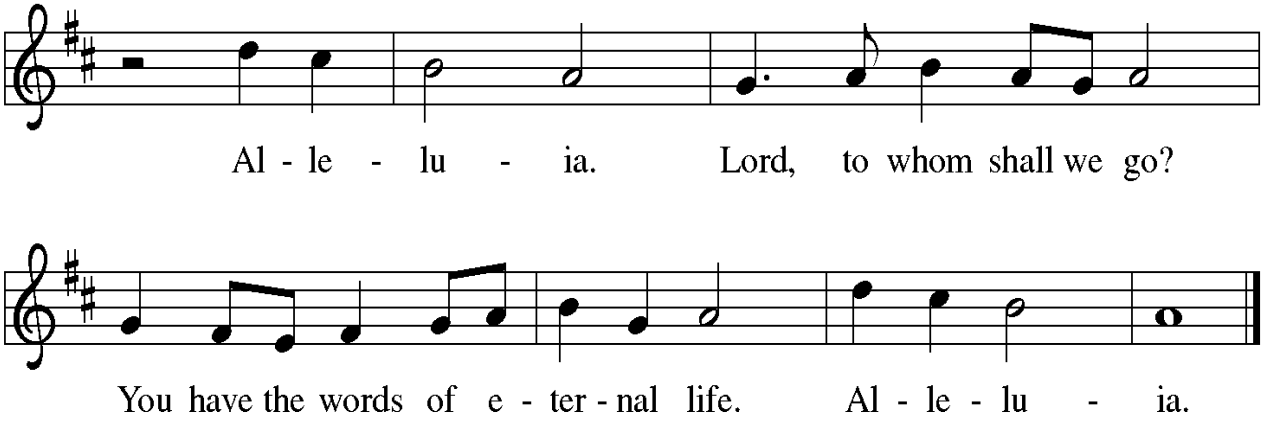
Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

L A reading from the fourth chapter of Philippains.

[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 ACCLAMATION *ELW* S151



✝ 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*

ANTHEM *Come to the Feast* *Mary Kay Beall*

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.

✝ SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

✝ OFFERING PRESENTATION *ELW* 182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.

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!

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.

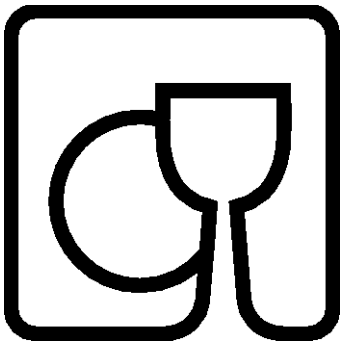
HOLY COMMUNION

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.



COMMUNION HYMN ***ELW* 625** *Come, We That Love the Lord* MARCHING TO ZION



✝ 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.

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on "Slane"* *Jason D. Payne*

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✝ SENDING HYMN *WOV* 776 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE





‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’