



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

## GATHERING MUSIC

*All That I Am*

*Rend Collective*

### Verse 1

Ev'rything's on the altar now  
No holding back no holding out  
In view of Your matchless sacrifice  
Take ev'ry treasure take this life

### Chorus

All that I am for all that You are my Lord  
All that I have for all that You are  
You're the pearl beyond price greater than life  
All that I am for all that You are  
Oh oh oh oh oh oh

### Verse 2

Selfish ambition and my pride  
I'm giving up I'm letting die  
In these empty hands I have it all have it all  
The pure joy of knowing You my Lord

### Bridge

It's only in surrender that I'm free  
It's only in surrender that I'm truly free  
It's only in surrender that I'm free  
(All I am is Yours my Lord)  
It's only in surrender that I'm truly free  
I am free I am free indeed  
I am free I am free indeed

## WELCOME

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## LET'S TALK

*Children's Time*

## READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**L** A reading from the thirteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians.

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

**I**f I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. *continued...*

<sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

Then Jesus]began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*Pastor John Futterer*

**VERSE**



1. Je sus, Je - - sus. One  
2. Je sus, Je - - sus. From



touch of Your hand, I am healed, and I am whole. Je - sus,  
dark - ness to light, my life o - ver - flows. Je - sus,



Je - - sus. One glimpse of Your face brings  
Je - - sus. Your mer - cy and grace, like a



fi - re to my soul. And Je - sus, I come.  
riv - er flow - ing down.



Be - hold - ing Your face, I am changed from glo - ry to glo - ry.



And now I see, and now I know, one



touch of Your life brings glo - ry to my soul. And

**ENDING**



Je - sus, Je - - sus.

## 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 With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,"  
The congregation's response is: "hear our prayer."*

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

## 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 PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**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 The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**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***In This Feast of Love**Russell Fragar*

1 In this feast of love,  
in this feast of love,  
Lord, you share your blood and your body,  
Jesus, Lamb of God.

3 Grant us peace, O Lord,  
grant us peace, O Lord;  
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,  
ever-living Word.

2 In this bread and wine,  
in this bread and wine,  
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,  
Lamb of God divine.

**COMMUNION SONG***Here Is Bread, Here is Wine**Graham Kendrick***Verse 1**

Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here

**Chorus**

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

**Verse 2**

Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here

**Verse 3**

Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified

**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 Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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