



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

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

Thy Word

Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me, and yet my

still you're there right be - side me, and noth - ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and

Refrain

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

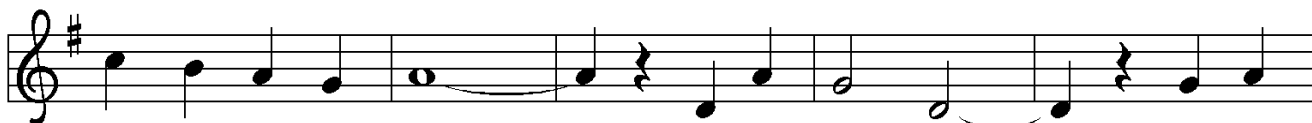


Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

CHORUS

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

21 I have heard You call - ing in the

24 night. I will go, Lord,

27 if You lead me. I will

30 hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

WELCOME

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

L A reading from the twelfth chapter of 1st Corinthians.

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 2:1-11

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

VERSE 1

1. Wa - ter You turned in - to wine, o - pened the eyes of the blind; There's no one

VERSE 2

like You, none like You. 2. In - to the dark - ness You shine,

out of the ash - es, we rise; There's no one like You, none like

CHORUS 1

You. Our God is great - er, our God is strong - er;

God, You are high - er than an - y oth - er. Our God is heal - er, awe - some in pow - er, our God,

INSTRUMENTAL

our God.

BRIDGE 1

And if our God is for us then who could ev - er stop us, and if our God is with us

then what could stand a - gainst? And if our God is for us then who could ev - er stop us,

and if our God is with us then what could stand a - gainst?

What could stand a - gainst?

CHORUS 2

Our God is great - er, our God is strong - er; God, You are high - er than an - y oth - er.

Our God is heal - er, awe - some in pow - er, our God, our God.

BRIDGE 2

And if our God is for us then who could ev - er stop us, and if our God is with us



then what could stand a - gainst? And if our God is for us then who could ev - er stop us,



and if our God is with us then what could stand a - gainst?



Then what could stand a - gainst?

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Our God is heal - er, awe - some in pow - er, our God, our God.—

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*All Who Are Thirsty**Brenton Brown & Glenn Roberston***VERSE**

All who are thirsty
 All who are weak
 Come to the fountain
 Dip your heart in the stream of life
 Let the pain and the sorrow
 Be washed away
 In the waves of His mercy
 As deep cries out to deep (We sing)

CHORUS 2

Holy Spirit come
 Holy Spirit come (REPEAT)

INTERLUDE

As deep cries out to deep
 As deep cries out to deep
 As deep cries out to deep we sing

CHORUS 1

Come Lord Jesus come
 Come Lord Jesus come (REPEAT)

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.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
we are march-ing in the light of God.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
we are march - ing in the light of God.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing

We are march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, march - ing,
ham - ba, we are march - ing,
si - ya - ham - ba, march - ing,
ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing... We are praying... We are singing...

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday, January 19, 2025 Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Saturday, January 25, 2025 Conversion of Paul

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

