



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday

8:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord

Bob Hudson

Chorus

Humble thyself
In the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself
In the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up
Higher and higher
And He shall lift you up

GATHERING MUSIC

Awesome God

Rich Mullins

Chorus

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God

Verse 1

When He rolls up His sleeves
He ain't just puttin' on the ritz
Our God is an awesome God
There is thunder in His footsteps
And lightning in His fists
Our God is an awesome God
And the Lord wasn't joking
When He kicked 'em out of Eden
It wasn't for no reason
That He shed His blood
His return is very close
And so you'd better be believin'
That our God is an awesome God

Verse 2

When the sky was starless
In the void of the night
Our God is an awesome God
He spoke into the darkness
And created the light
Our God is an awesome God
Judgment and wrath
He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace
He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not
Too quickly forgotten
That our God is an awesome God

WELCOME

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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

PSALM 46

L A reading from Psalm forty-six.

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 8:31-36

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

VERSE



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



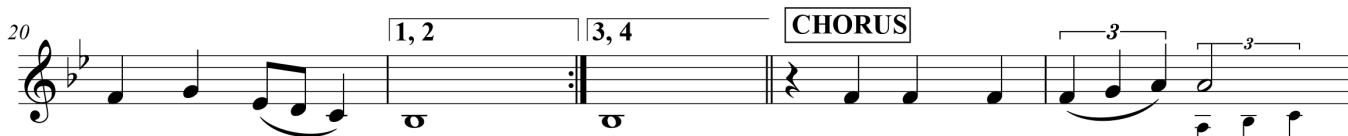
fail - ing; Our help - er He a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
 los - ing. Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph
 bid - eth; The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us



vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe -
 choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He -
 through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him -
 sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so -



His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is
 Lord Sab - a - oth His name, from age to age the same, and He must
 His rage we can en - dure, for lo, his doom is sure; One lit - tle
 The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom



not his e - qual. him. A might - y for - tress,
 win the bat - tle. er.
 word shall fell
 is for - ev



a might - y for - tress is our God. A might - y for - tress,



a might - y for - tress is our God. God.

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.

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 Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all 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 offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C **Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C **Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

VERSE

All my words fall short; I got noth - ing new. How could
 I could) sing these songs, as I oft - en do, but ev - 'ry
 I've got) one re - sponse, I've got just one move: with my

I ex - press all my gra - ti - tude? I could So I
 song must end and You nev - er do.
 arms stretched wide I will wor - ship You.

CHORUS 1a

throw up my hands and praise You a - gain and a - gain, 'cause all that I have is a hal - le -
 lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And I know it's not much, but I've noth - ing else fit for a king
 ex - cept for a heart sing - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -
 jah." I've got lu - jah."

D.C. **2**

Come on, my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me. Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a li - on in -
 side of those lungs. Get up and praise the Lord. Come on, my soul, oh,
 don't you get shy on me. Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a li - on in - side of those lungs.

1 **2**

Get up and praise the Lord. Get up and praise the Lord.

CHORUS 1b

So I throw up my hands and praise You a - gain and a - gain, 'cause
 all that I have is a hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And I
 know it's not much, but I've noth - ing else fit for a king ex - cept for a heart sing - ing,
 "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah."

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 God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

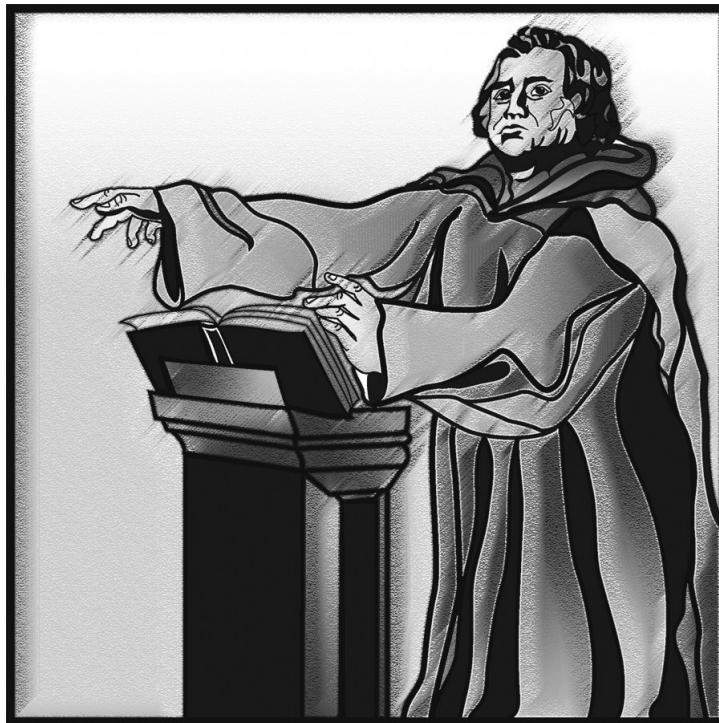
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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VERSE



1. Great is Your faith - ful - ness, O God;
 2. Great is Your love and jus - tice, God of Ja - cob;



You wres - tle with the sin - ner's rest - less heart.
 You use the weak to lead the strong.



You lead us by still wa - ters in - to mer - cy and noth - ing can
 You lead us in the song of Your sal - va - tion, and all Your peo -



keep us a - part. So, re - mem - ber Your peo - ple, re -
 ple sing a - long.



mem - ber Your chil - dren, re - mem - ber Your prom - ise O God.

CHORUS 1 %



Your grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough Your grace is e - nough,



for me. Your Re - mem - ber Your



peo - ple, re - mem - ber Your chil - dren, re - mem - ber Your prom - ise O God.

CHORUS 1



Your grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough Your



grace is e - nough, for me. Yeah, Your grace is e - nough;
 grace is e - nough;



heav - en reach - es out to us. Your grace is e - nough for me.
 I'm cov - ered in Your love. Your grace is e - nough for me,



God, I sing: Your for me.