

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

August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am

Congregation responses in **Bold**.

WELCOME

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.

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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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time



READING PSALM 33:12-22

- ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.
- ¹³ From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;
- ¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—
- ¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.
- ¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.
- ¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- ¹⁹ to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.
- ²⁰ We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
- ²² May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.
- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

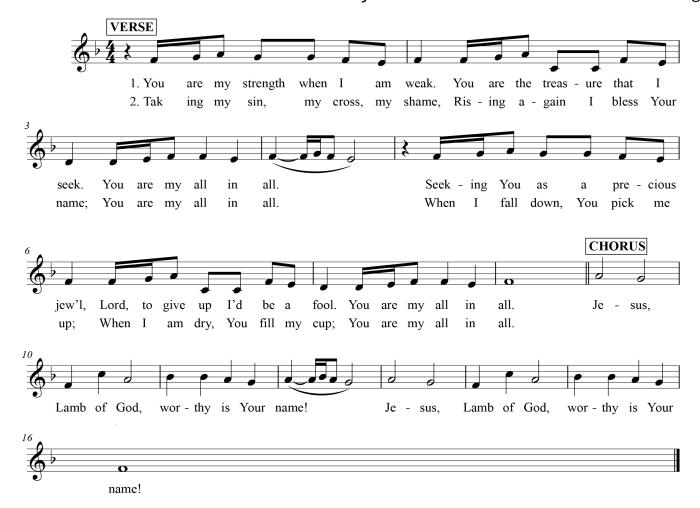
Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

esus said: ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor John Futterer



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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Prayers of Intercession

A In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

As able, you are invited to kneel or be seated for the prayers.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,"

The congregation's response is: "hear our prayer."

P Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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

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 to the altar for communion. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.



OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.
- 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 kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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.



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 love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.
- C Amen.

SENDING SONG

One Thing Remains

Johnson, Riddle, Gifford

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face. Stronger than the power of the grave.

Constant in the trials and the change.

One thing remains, one thing remains.

Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me, your love.

Verse 2

And on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.

And I never, ever have to be afraid.

One thing remains, one thing remains. Chorus

Bridge

In death, in life, I'm confident and covered by the pow'r of Your great love.

My debt is paid; There's nothing that can seperate my heart from your great love.

Chorus 2

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.

Verse 2

And on and on and on and on it goes.

It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.

And I never, ever have to be afraid.

One thing remains, one thing remains. *Chorus*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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