



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

**May 11, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**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.**

**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 Amen.**

**OPENING SONG**

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**PRAYER OF DAY**

A Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



VERSE



1. We are a mo - ment, You are for - ev - er, Lord of the a - ges,  
2. We are the bro - ken, You are the heal - er, Je - sus, Re - deem - er,



God be - fore time; We are a va - por, You are e - ter - nal,  
might - y to save; You are the love song we'll sing for - ev - er,



CHORUS

Love ev - er - last - ing, reign - ing on high. Ho - ly, ho - ly  
bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your name.



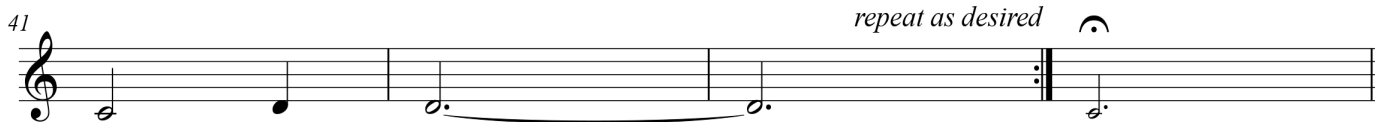
Lord God Al - might - y, wor - thy is the Lamb Who was slain; High - est



prais - es hon - or and glo - ry be un - to Your name,



be un - to Your name. name, be un -



to Your name.

repeat as desired



**PSALM 23**

L A reading from Psalm 23.

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL John 10:22-30**

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

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

**A**t that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Tony Bradshaw*



<b>Verse 1</b> There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One  <b>Chorus</b> Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done	<b>Verse 2</b> Jesus my Redeemer name above all names Precious Lamb of God Messiah O for sinners slain  <b>Verse 3</b> When I stand in glory I will see His face There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place
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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***Nicene Creed*

**A** With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Hear us, O God."*

*The congregation's response is: "Your mercy is great."*

**P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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

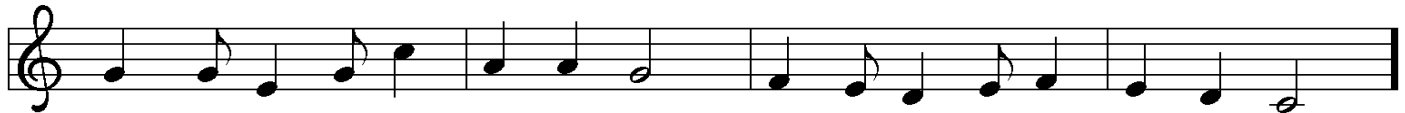
*We will be collecting a morning offering by "passing the plate" the old fashioned way. Our Council will be making a decision about whether to return to this every Sunday, or continuing to have offering plates in the narthex for your use. Your feedback is appreciated - please speak to Pastor John, Deacon Liz, or a council member if you have an opinion on this part of our service. Thank you.*

## ELW 674

### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

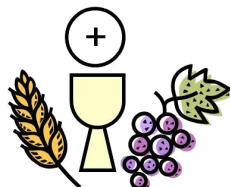
## OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

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** Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**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.*

## COMMUNION SONG *ELW 661*

*In Moments Like These*

David Graham

**VERSE**

In mo - ments like these, I sing out a song, I sing out a  
love song to Je - sus. In mo - ments like these, I lift up my hands, I

**CHORUS**

lift up my hands to the Lord. Sing - ing, "I love You, Lord."  
Sing - ing, "I love You, Lord." Sing - ing, "I love  
You, Lord, I love You."



## COMMUNION SOLO

*Remember and Proclaim  
Nicholas Bronson, soloist*

*Linton/Wills*

## 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 triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

*Rick Founds*

**VERSE**

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to

**CHORUS**

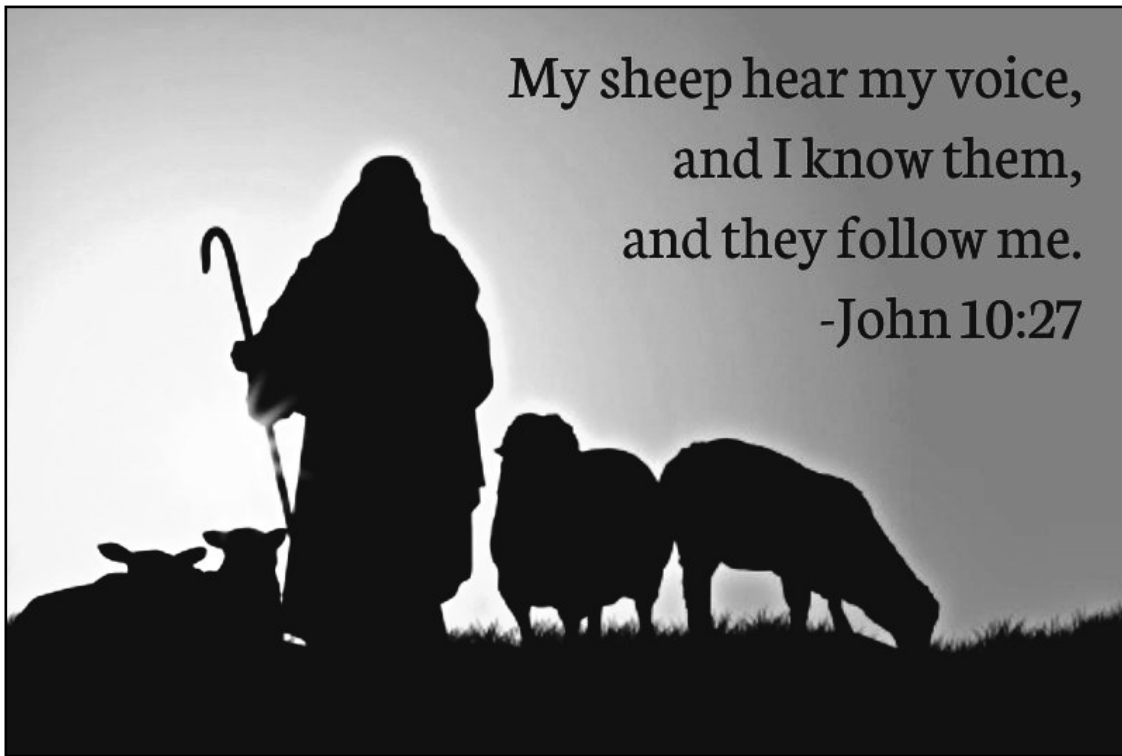
save us. You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.





## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

### **Wednesday, May 14, 2025—Matthias, Apostle**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

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