



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

September 21, 2025

15th 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.**

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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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.**

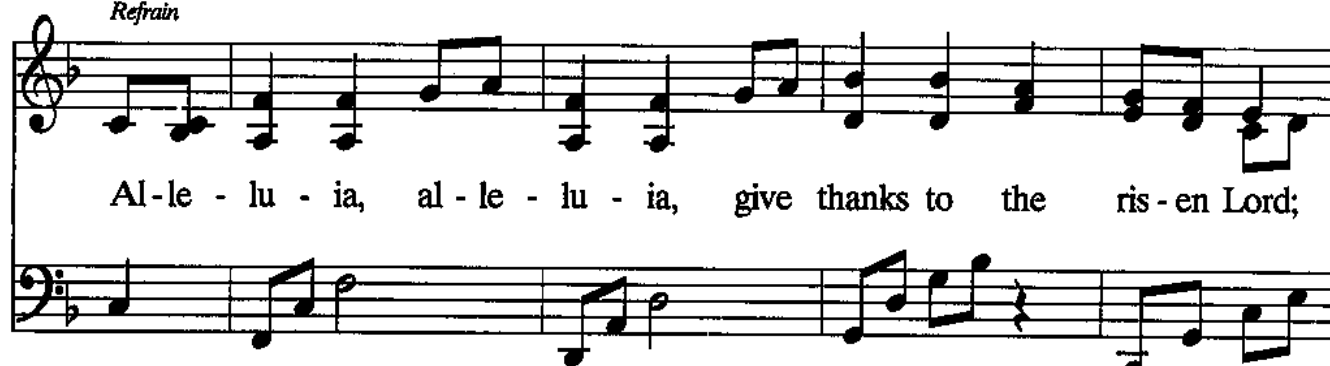
PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

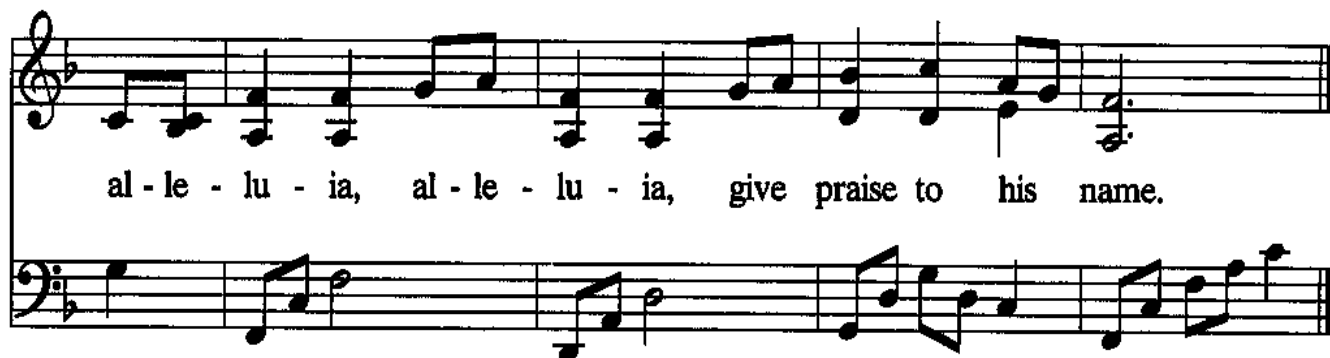
C **Amen.**

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

Refrain

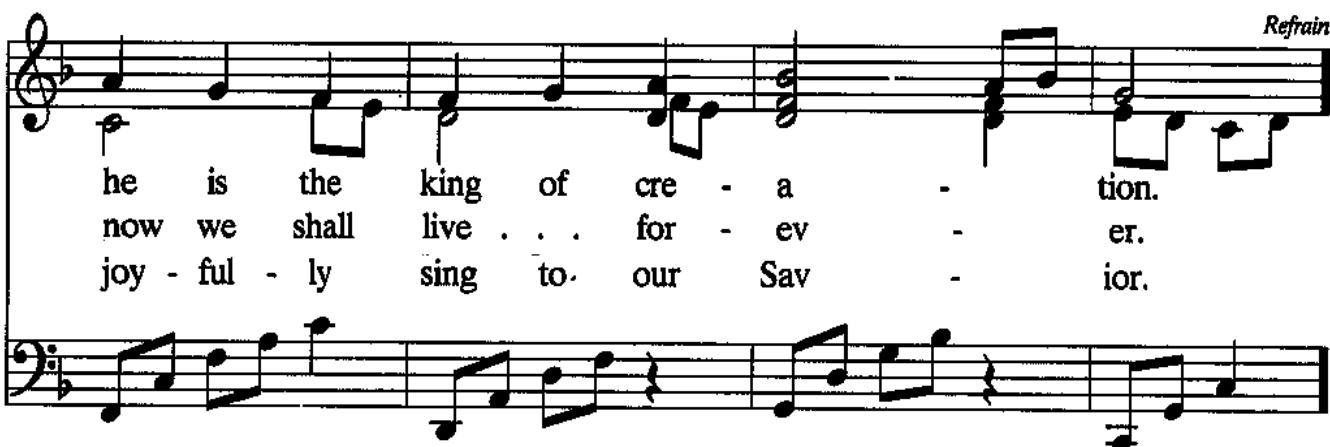
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Refrain

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

PSALM 113

L A reading from the Psalm 113.

- ¹ Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
 - ² Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.
 - ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.
 - ⁴ The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.
 - ⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
 - ⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
 - ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
 - ⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
 - ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
- Praise the Lord!

L Word of God, word of life. **C Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

VERSE



1. You are my vi - sion, O King of my heart.
2. You are my wis - dom, You are my true word.
3. You are my bat - tle - shield, sword for the fight.
4. I don't want rich - es or man's emp - ty praise.
5. High King of heav - en, when vic - to - ry's won



Noth - ing else sat - is - fies, on - ly You, Lord. You are my
 I ev - er with You, and You with me, Lord. You're my great
 You are my dig - ni - ty, You're my de - light. You're my soul's
 You're my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways. You, and You
 may I reach heav - en's joy, O bright heav - en's Son. Heart of my



best thought by day or by night. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Your
 Fa - ther, and I'm Your true son. You dwell in - side me, to -
 shel - ter and You're my high tower. Come, raise me heav - en - ward, O
 on - ly, the first in my heart. High King of heav - en, my
 own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O___

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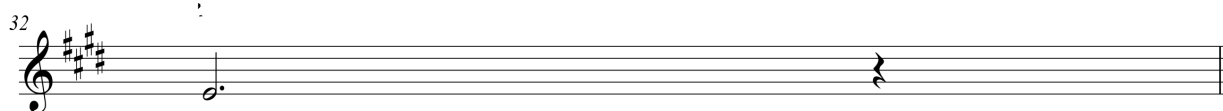
pres - ence my light. oh, oh, Oh, oh, oh,) Rul - er of
 geth - er we're one.
 Power of my power.
 treas - ure You are.



all. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. Oh, oh,
 (Oh, oh,___ oh.



oh.

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 Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

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: "receive our prayer."

P We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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.

OFFERTORY

Dwell in Me

Marty Parks

Unison

1. Dwell in me, me, dwell in me; Word of Ho - ly
(2. Breathe on) me, me, breathe on me;
Je - sus, dwell in me. Spir - it, breathe on me. Till Your face is all I
Be my pas - sion, set me

continued...

see. free. Word of Je - sus, dwell in me. 2. Breathe on
Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

Repeat ending

Song ending

me. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

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.

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

What is This Bread?

Frederick & Jean Baue

1. What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. Oh, taste and see the Lord is peace. 2. What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace Brings His embrace. Of life and love until I sing! Oh, taste and see the Lord is King. 3. So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod. My God, My God, Why have you not forsaken me? Oh, taste and see the Lord is free.	4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear. In mouth and soul He makes us whole— Christ truly present in this meal. Oh, taste and see the Lord is real. 5. Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe that I receive His very body and His blood. Oh, taste and see the Lord is good.
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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.

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VERSE

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a -
 2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, (I'll fly a - way,)
 3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then

way. To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a -
 (fly a - way.) Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, (I'll fly a - way,)
 To a land where joys shall nev - er end,

CHORUS

way. I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry; I'll fly a -
 (fly a - way.) (I'll fly a - way,) (I'll fly a - way,)

way. When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a -
 (in the morn - ing.) (I'll fly a - way,)

way.
 (fly a - - - way.)