



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

January 11, 2026

Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Shine Jesus, Shine*

*Graham Kendrick*

### Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

### Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me

### Chorus

Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord and let there be light

### Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me

## GATHERING MUSIC

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

*John Ylvisaker*

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."

- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

## WELCOME

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Let us pray. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**READING Acts 10:34-43**

**L** A reading from tenth chapter of Acts.

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**P**eter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

**J**esus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor John Futterer*

# SONG OF RESPONSE

## Holy Water

Andrew Vergthold

**VERSE 1**

8 1. God, I'm on my knees a - gain. God, I'm beg - ing please

12 a - gain. I need You. Oh, I need You.

17 Walk - ing down these des - ert roads, wa - ter for my thirst - y soul, I need You.

**CHORUS 1a**

22 Oh, I need You. Your for - give - ness is like sweet, sweet

28 hon - ey on my lips, like the sound of a sym - pho - ny to my ears,

34 like ho - ly wa - ter on my skin.

**VERSE 2**

40 2. Dead man walk - ing,

46 slave to sin, I wan - na know a - bout be - ing born a - gain. I need You.

50 O God, I need You. So, take me to the riv - er - side.

55 Take me un - der, bap - tize. I need You. O God, I need You, oh!

**% CHORUS 1b**

60 Your for - give - ness is like sweet, sweet hon - ey on my lips,

66 like the sound of a sym - pho - ny to my ears, like ho - ly

**INSTRUMENTAL**

72 wa - ter on my skin.

79 (3x)

I don't wan - na a - buse Your grace. God, I need it ev -

84

'ry day. It's the on - ly thing that ev - er real - ly makes me wan - na change

I don't wan - na a - buse Your grace. God, I need it ev - 'ry day. It's the on -

93

ly thing that ev - er real - ly makes me wan - na change. Your for -

**CHORUS 1c**

give - ness is like sweet, sweet hon - ey on my lips, like the

103 *D.S. al Coda*

sound of a sym - pho - ny to my ears, it's like ho - ly wa - ter. Your for

109 *Coda* **ENDING**

wa - ter on my skin. Yeah, it's like ho - ly wa - ter on my skin.

115

Oh, it's like ho - ly wa - ter

## 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 As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.
- A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers of God's People.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Merciful God,"*  
*The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

- P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
- C Amen.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C Amen.

- P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

- P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.

- P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C Amen.

## 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 forward for communion. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. Gluten-free is available on request. 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** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

**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.*



*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG

### *Out in the Wilderness*

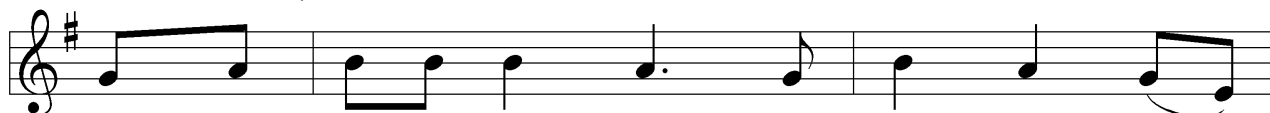
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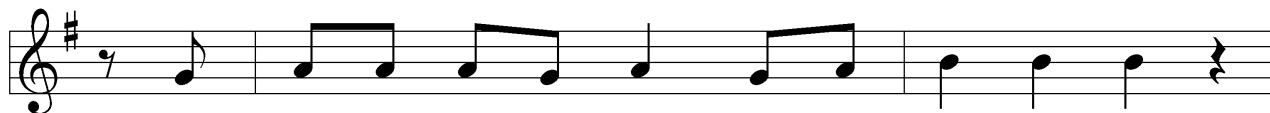
1 Driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness;  
2 Tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness;  
3 An - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;  
4 "You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.



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when the Spir - it says, "Go," you can't say, "No."  
though you try to be strong, it's been so long.  
you are far . . . from home where wild things roam.  
When you were . . . bap - tized, you re - a - lized



You lis - ten for the voice when you're bend - ed low;  
He whis - pers in your ear and you know he's wrong;  
There's dan - ger ev - 'ry - where but you're not a - lone;  
you'd heard the voice of God from the o - p'ning skies:



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"You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

## DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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