



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

*Rick Founds*

### Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

### Chorus

You came from heaven 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

## WELCOME AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### LET'S TALK

*Children's Time*

### Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

**L** A reading from the second chapter of Acts.

**P**eter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

**N**ow on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

*Pastor John Futterer*

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# SONG OF RESPONSE

## Glorious Day

Mark Hall / Michael Bleaker

### VERSE 1 & 2

1. One day when heav - en was filled with His prais - es, one day when sin  
2. One day they led Him up Cal - v'ry's moun - tain. One day they nailed  
was as black as could be, Je - sus came forth to be born of a vir -  
Him to die on a tree. Suf - fer - ing an - guish, de - spised and re - ject -  
- gin, dwelt a - mong men my ex - am - ple is He. The Word be - came flesh  
- ed, bear - ing our sins my Re - deem - er is He. The hand that healed na -  
and the light shined a - mong us. His glo - ry re - vealed. Liv - ing, He loved  
- tions stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me.

### CHORUS

me, dy - ing He saved me. Bur - ied, He car - ried my sins far a - way. Ris - ing, He jus -  
- ti - fied free - ly for - ev - er. One day He's com - ing, O glo - ri - ous day, O glo - ri - ous day.

*Last time to Coda*

3. One day the grave

could con - ceal Him no long - er, one day the stone rolled a - way from the door.

Then He a - rose ov - er death He had con - quered. Now is as - cend - ed my Lord ev - er - more.


Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from ris - ing a - gain.


*D.S. al Coda* Liv - ing, He loved O glo - ri - ous day, glo - ri - ous day.


### BRIDGE


One day the trum - pet will sound for His com - ing,

one day the skies with His glo - ries will shine. Won - der - ful day my be - lov -

47 **CHORUS**  
  
 - ed one bring-ing. My Sav-ior Je-sus is mine. Liv-ing, He loved me, dy-ing He saved

51  
  
 me. Bur-ied, He car - ried my sins far a-way. Ris-ing, He jus - ti - fied free-ly for-ev-

55 **ENDING**  
  
 - er. One day He's com - ing, O glo - ri - ous day, O glo - ri - ous day,

59  
  
 glo - ri - ous day. O glo - ri - ous day.

### 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 SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me

with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## **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 GOD'S PEOPLE**

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Merciful God,"*

*The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**C** Most merciful God we confess that we are captive 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.

## 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** Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**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 Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**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

*Good Soil*

*Handt Hanson*

### Chorus

Lord let my heart be good soil  
Open to the seed of Your word  
Lord let my heart be good soil  
Where love can grow  
And peace is understood  
When my heart is hard  
Break the stone away

When my heart is cold  
Warm it with the day  
When my heart is lost  
Lead me on Your way  
Lord let my heart  
Lord let my heart  
Lord let my heart be good soil

## COMMUNION SONG

*Jesus, Messiah*

*Jesse Reeves*

### Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

### Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

### Bridge

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

### Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine

### Ending

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

## 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 God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**VERSE**

Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait  
up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait  
up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord. Our God,

**PRE-CHORUS**

You reign for - ev - er. Our Hope, our strong De - liv -

**CHORUS**

'rer. You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev -  
er - last - ing God, You do not faint, You won't grow wea - ry.  
You're the de - fend - er of the weak, You com - fort those in need.

**INSTRUMENTAL**

You lift us up on wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.

**PRE-CHORUS**

Our God, You reign  
for - ev - er. Our Hope, our strong De - liv -

**CHORUS**

'rer. You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev - er - last - ing God,  
You do not faint, You won't grow wea - ry. You're the de - fend -  
er of the weak, You com - fort those in need. You lift us up on  
wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.