



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise the Lord

Laura Story

Chorus 1

Praise the Lord oh my soul
I will praise the Lord as long as I live
I will sing praises to my God
Even with my dying breath

He lifts up the burdens
Of those beneath heavy loads
The stranger He protects
And the righteous one He loves

Verse 1

He is the One
Who made Heaven and earth
The sea and ev'rything in it
He is the One
Who keeps every promise forever
He gives justice to the oppressed
And sets the pris'ner free

Bridge

The Lord will reign forever
Our God is King to all generations
The Lord will reign forever our God (REPEAT)

Chorus 2

We will praise the Lord oh my soul
We will praise the Lord as long as we live
We will sing praises to our God
Even with our dying breath (REPEAT)

Verse 2

He is the One
Who feeds the hungry
And opens the eyes of the blind

Ending

Even with our dying breath
Even with our dying breath

GATHERING MUSIC

Good, Good Father

Pat Barrett, Anthony Brown

Verse 1 I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are
It's who You are, And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 2 I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

L A reading from fourth and fifth chapters of 1st Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

VERSE



1. All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this world re - veres, and
 (2.) heart's de - sire is to know You more, to be found in You, and
 (3.) know the pow'r of Your ris - en life, and to know You in Your



wars to own, all I once thought gain I have count - ed loss; Spent and worth - less now, com -
 known as Yours, to pos - sess by faith what I could not earn; All sur - pas - sing gift of
 suf - fer - ings, to be - come like You in Your death, my Lord; So with You to live, and

CHORUS



pared to this. Know - ing You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er
 right - eous - ness.
 nev - er die.



thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my right - eous - ness, and I



love You, Lord. 2. Now my love You, Lord, love You, Lord. _____
 3. Oh to

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.

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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.

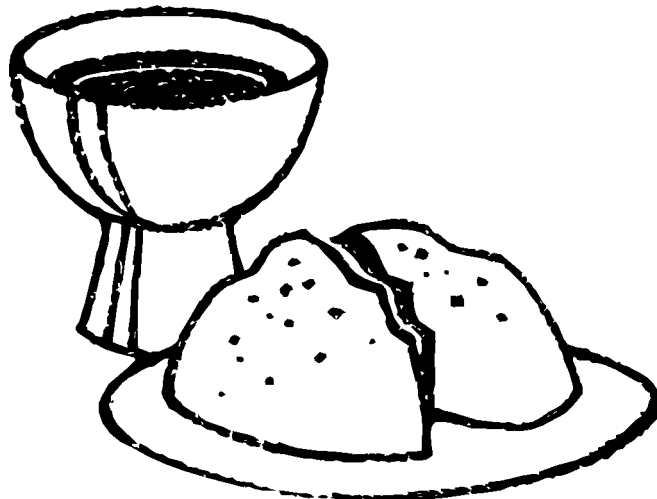
INVITATION

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

Blessed Assurance

Fanny Cosby, Phoebe Knapp

VERSE



1. Bless ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per fect sub - mis - sion— all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and



- vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of His Spir - it, washed in His
 sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
 blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with His good - ness, lost in His

CHORUS



blood. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
 love.
 love.



long; This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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.

SENDING SONG

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark

VERSE




1. These are the days of E - li - jah, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord;
 (2.) these are the days of E - ze - kiel, the dry bones be - com - ing as



And these are the days of Your ser - vant, Mo - ses, right - eous - ness be - ing re -
 flesh; And these are the days of Your ser - vant, Dav - id, re build - ing a tem - ple of



- stored; And though these are days of great tri - als, of fam - ine and dark - ness and
 praise; And these are the days of the har - vest, the fields are as white in the

12  sword; Still we are the voice in the des-ert cry-ing, “Pre-pare ye the way of the Lord.” world; And we are the la-bour-ers in Your vine-yard, de-clar-ing the Word of the Lord.

16 **CHORUS 1a**  Be-hold He comes, rid-ing on the clouds, shin-ing like the sun at the trum-pet

20  call; Lift your voice, it’s the year of Ju-bi-lee, and out of Zi-on’s hill sal-va-tion

 comes. 1 2
2. And

 There is no god like Je-ho-vah, there is no god like Je-ho-vah,

31  there is no god like Je-ho-vah, there is no god like Je-ho-vah.

 There is no god like Je-ho-vah, there is no god like Je-ho-vah,

35  there is no god like Je-ho-vah, there is no god like Je-ho-vah. Hey! Be-hold He

CHORUS 1b  comes, rid-ing on the clouds, shin-ing like the sun at the trum-pet call; Lift your

42  voice, it’s the year of Ju-bi-lee, and out of Zi-on’s hill sal-va-tion

45 1 2
comes. Be - hold, He comes.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.