



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

June 1, 2025

Seventh 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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

INTRO **VERSE**

1. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?
2. Christ is call - ing, find re - fresh - ing
3. Spir it mov - ing, mer - cy wash - ing;
4. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?

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Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Tired and bro - ken, peace un - spo - ken,
 at the cross of liv - ing wat - ers. Lay your life down, all the old gone,
 Heal - ing in these liv - ing wat - ers. Lead your chil - dren to the shore - line,
 Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Love, for - give - ness, vast and bound - less,

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rest be - side these liv - ing wat - ers. wat - ers. There's a
 rise up in these liv - ing wat - ers.
 life is in these liv - ing wat - ers.
 Christ, He is our liv - ing

CHORUS

riv - er that flows with mer - cy and love, bring - ing joy to the cit - y of our God; There our

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Last time to Coda **TURNAROUND**

hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more, praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers.

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BRIDGE

praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. Ooh. Ooh.

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D.S. al Coda

Ooh. Ooh. Ooh. Ooh.

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ENDING

praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. There our hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y -

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more, praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers.

READING Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

L A reading from the twenty-second chapter of Revelation.

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 17:20-26

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

Jesus prayed: ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

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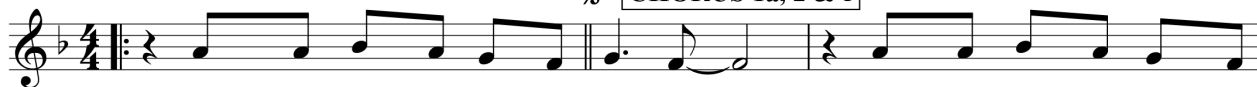
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SONG OF RESPONSE

No Greater Love

Tommy Walker

§ CHORUS 1a, 2 & 3



1. There's no great - er love than Je - sus, there's no great - er love than
2. There's no great - er joy than Je - sus, there's no great - er joy than
(3.) Je - sus, there's no great - er peace than

Last time to Coda Φ 1



He gives. There's no great - er love that frees us so deep with - in.
He gives. There's no great - er joy that frees us so deep with - in. _____
He gives. There's no great - er peace that frees us so deep with - in. _____



All the world's emp - ty pleas - ures will soon pass a - way,



but His love will last for - ev - er, in my heart it shall re - main.



3. There's no great - er peace than

D.S. al Coda



We praise Your name, stand in awe of Your



nev - er - end - ing love. Love so great that it cov - ers all my sin and shame. No great - er



pow'r, there is no great - er force in all the earth than the strength of His

CHORUS 1b



love. There's no great - er love than Je - sus, there's no great - er love than



He gives. There's no great - er love that frees us so deep with - in. _____

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.

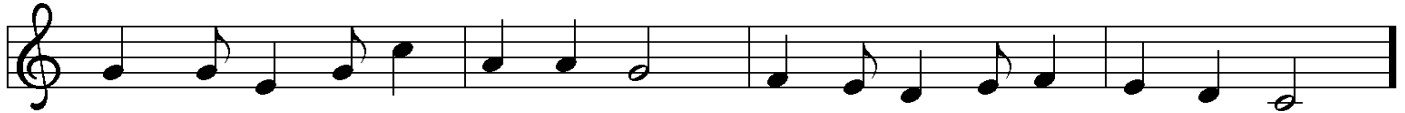
A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

OFFERING

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.



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

One Bread, One Body

John Foley

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;
one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and
we, though man-y through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
Refrain
wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

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.

VERSE

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high, I will praise Him.

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He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name!

CHORUS

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He is the Lord, for - ev - er His truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re -

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joice in His ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.