



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

September 14, 2025

14th 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

Lift High the Cross

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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. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

3 O Lord, once lift - ed of on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

READING Exodus 32:7-14

L A reading from the thirty-second chapter of Exodus.

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

VERSE

1. He be - came sin, who knew no sin; that we might be - come His
 (2.) bod y the bread, His blood the wine bro - ken and poured out,
 right - eous - ness; He hum - bled Him - self, and car - ried the cross.
 all for love. The whole earth trem - bled, and the veil was torn.
 Love so a - maz - ing, Love so a - maz - ing. Je - sus, Mes - si -
 Love so a - maz - ing, Love so a - maz - ing.

CHORUS

ah; Name a - bove all names; Bless - ed Re - deem -
 er; Em - man - u - el. The Res - cue for sin - ners,
 the Ran - som from heav - en; Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

Last time to Coda

BRIDGE

2. His All our hope is in You, all our hope
 is in You; all the glo - ry to You, God, the Light of the
 world. Je - sus, Mes - si

D.S. al Coda

ENDING

Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.
 The Lord of all! The Lord of all.
 Coda

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, me; dwell in me; me; Word of Ho - ly

Je - sus, dwell in me. me. Till Your face is all I Spir - it, breathe on me. Be my pas - sion, set me

continued...

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

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Anonymous

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
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, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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

1. You are not a - lone

if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fraid, you're not the on - ly. We are all the same,

in need of mer - cy, to be for - giv - en and be free. It's

CHORUS

all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Give thanks to the Lord, for His love

2nd time to Coda **VERSE 2**

nev - er ends. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." 2. If you're rich or poor,

well, it don't mat - ter. Weak or strong, you know love is what we're af - ter.

We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. God knows we stum - ble and fall,

D.S. al Coda

and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

Coda

men." Bless - ed are

BRIDGE

the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless - ed are the per - se - cut - ed and the

pure in heart. Bless - ed are the peo - ple hun - gry for an - oth - er start, for

CHORUS

theirs is the king - dom, the king - dom of God. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa.

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Give thanks to the Lord, for His love

ENDING

nev - er ends. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." men."

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