



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

March 9, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

8:30 am

**INSTRUMENTAL**

*Lord, I Need You*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**C** Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

**P** Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God of new beginnings,

**C** we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. 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.

**READING Romans 10:8b-13**

**L** A reading from the tenth chapter of Romans.

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

**T**he word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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

*(Sung)*

**C Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**P The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.**

### *Refrain*

**C So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**P The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.**

### *Refrain*

**C And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

## THE 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 God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.**

**You may receive the Elements as the words are said:**

*The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.*

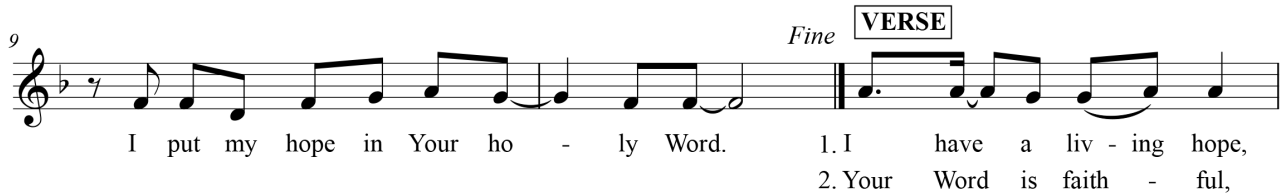
*Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.*



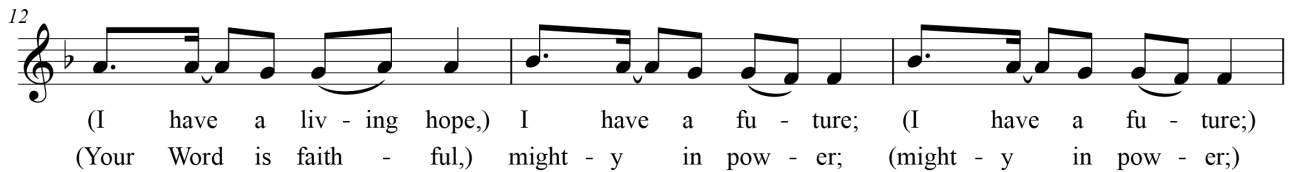
Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion, I know I can stand se - cure;




Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion, I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word,



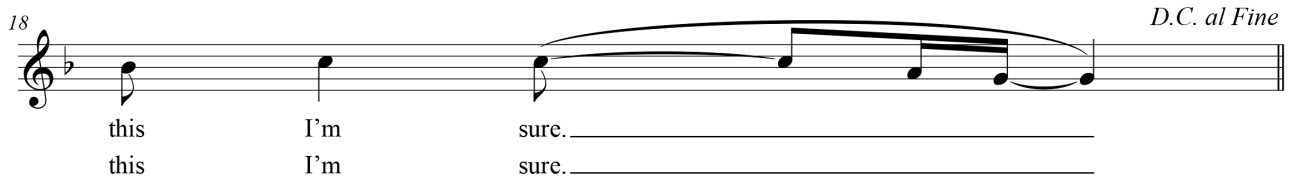
I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word. *Fine* **VERSE**  
 1. I have a liv - ing hope,  
 2. Your Word is faith - ful,



(I have a liv - ing hope,) I have a fu - ture; (I have a fu - ture;)  
 (Your Word is faith - ful,) might - y in pow - er; (might - y in pow - er;)



God has a plan for me, (God has a plan for me,) of this I'm sure, of  
 God will de - liv - er me, (God will de - liv - er me,) of this I'm sure, of



*D.C. al Fine*  
 this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_  
 this I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C** Amen.

# SCRIPTURE SONG

## Lord, I Need You

Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

**INTRO** **VERSE 1**

1. Lord, I come, I confess. Bow - ing here, I find my rest. And with - out You, I fall a - part. You're the

**CHORUS 1**

one that guides my heart. Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Ev - 'ry hour I need You. My one de - fense, my right - eous - ness; Oh, God, how I need

**VERSE 2**

You. 2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are. And where You are, Lord, I am free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in me. Where You are, Lord, I am free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in me.

§ **CHORUS 1**

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I need You. My one de - fense, my right - eous - ness; Oh, God, how I need You. So,

**BRIDGE**

teach my song to rise to You when temp - ta - tion comes my way. And when I can - not stand, I'll fall on You. Je - sus, You're my hope and stay. And when I can - not stand, I'll fall on

54 *D.S. al Coda*

You. Je - sus, You're my hope and stay. Lord, I

58 *Coda*

Lord, I

**CHORUS 2**

need You, oh, I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I need You. My one de - fense, my

64

right - eous - ness; Oh, God, how I need You. My one de - fense, my right - eous - ness; Oh,

69

God, how I need You.

## 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.

## PRAYER OF DAY

**A** Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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*

## GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

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

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

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

**J**esus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

*continued...*

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ” <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” <sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup> and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*Pastor John Futterer*

## 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.

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

As able, you are invited to kneel or be seated for the prayers.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: “God, in your mercy,”*

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

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

# BENEDICTION

P God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

# SENDING SONG

## *Out in the Wilderness*

Jay Beech



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.



driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness; when the  
tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness; though you  
an - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness; you are  
"You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness. When you



Spir - it says, "Go," you can't say, "No." You lis - ten for the  
try to be strong, it's been so long. He whis - pers in your  
far from home where wild things roam. There's dan - ger ev - 'ry -  
were bap - tized, you re - a - lized you'd heard the voice of

*continued...*

voice when you're bend - ed low; driv - en by the Spir - it  
 ear and you know he's wrong; tempt - ed by the dev - il  
 where but you're not a - lone; an - gels all a - round you  
 God from the o - p'ning skies: "You are my be - lov - ed"

out in the wil - der - ness.  
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**DISMISSAL**

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

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