



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

September 28, 2025

16th 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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

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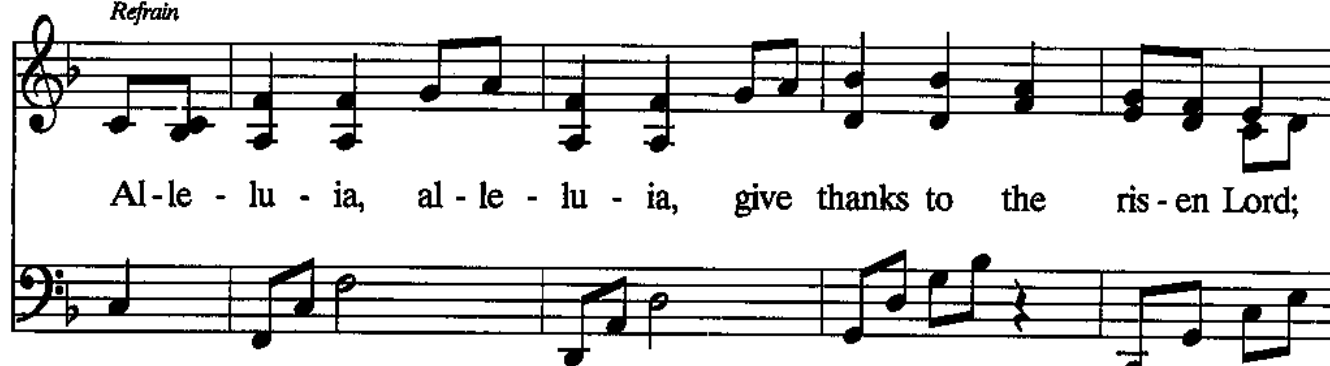
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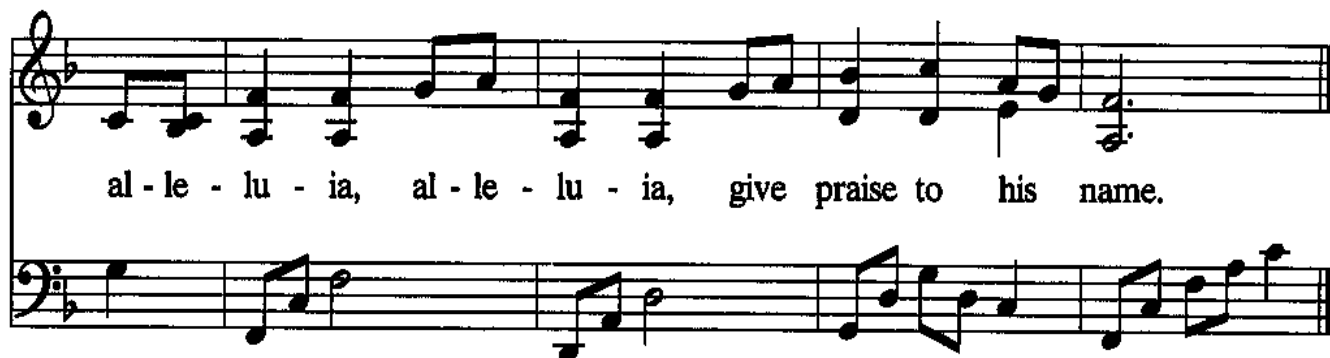
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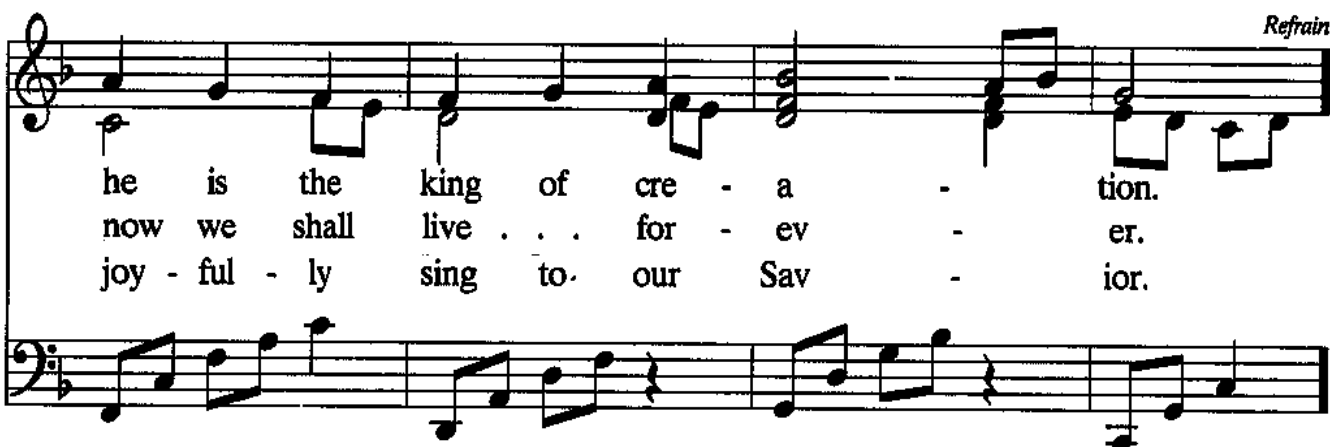
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

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he is the king of cre - a - tion.
now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

PSALM 146

L A reading from the Psalm 146.

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

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

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

Jesus said: ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

Praise the Lord, oh my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will

5 sing prais - es to my God,

7 *Last time to Coda* ⊕
e - ven with my dy - ing breath.

10
1. He is the One who made Heav - en and earth, the sea and ev - 'ry - thing
2. He is the One who feeds the hun - gry and o - pens the eyes of the blind.

13
in it. He is the One who keeps ev - e - ry prom - ise for - ev - er.
He lifts up the bur - dens of those be - neath heav - y loads;

17
He gives jus - tice to the op - pressed and sets the pris - 'ner free.
The strang - er, He pro - tects and the right - eous one, He

22 *D.C. al Coda*
loves.

24 ⊕ *Coda*
breath. The Lord will reign for - ev - er. Our

28
God is King to all gen - e - ra - tions. The Lord will reign for - ev - er, our God.

33 1 2
The We will praise the Lord, oh my soul! We will praise the Lord as

38 1
long as we live. We will sing prais - es to our God e - ven with our dy - ing breath, We will

43 2
breath, e - ven with our dy - ing breath, e - ven with our dy - ing breath.

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
(2. Breathe on) me,
me, dwell in
breathe on me;
me; Word of
Ho - ly

Je - sus, dwell in me.
Spir - it, breathe on me. Till Your face is all I
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

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townsend

VERSE



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

INSTRUMENTAL



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.

1. A rich young man came to ask of Christ, "Good teach - er, will You
 (2.) Je - sus sat by the of - fring gate as peo - ple brought their
 (3.) teach me, Lord, to walk this road, the road of sim - ple

4 tell me, what must I do for e - ter - nal life? I've kept Your laws com - plete - ly." "Sell
 mon - ey: The rich, they filled the col - lec - tion plate; The wid - ow gave a pen - ny. "Now,
 liv - ing; To be con - tent with what I own and gen - er - ous in giv - ing. And

9 all you have, give to the poor, then heav - en's treas - ure shall be
 she's out - giv - en all the rest— Her gift was all that she pos -
 when I cling to what I have, please wrest it quick - ly from my

14 *Last time to Coda* $\oplus$
 yours." How hard for those who are rich on earth to gain the wealth of
 sessed." Not what you give but what you keep is what the King is
 grasp; I'd rath - er lose all the things of earth to gain the things of

19 $\overbrace{1, 2}$
 heav - en.
 count - ing. 2. Now
 3. O

24 $\overbrace{3}$ $\overbrace{1}$
 heav - en.

29 $\overbrace{2}$

34

40 *D.S. al Coda*
 3. O

42 $\oplus$ Coda
 heav - en. Yes, I'd rath - er lose all the things of earth to

45
 gain the things of heav - en.

50 $\overbrace{1}$ $\overbrace{2}$