



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

Congregation responses in *Bold*.

GATHERING MUSIC

Shine On Us

Bill Maxwell

VERSE

1. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us. Lord, let Your
2. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. Lord, let Your
3. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o - ver us. Lord, let Your

light, light of Your face shine on us. That we may be saved, that
grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. That we may be saved, that
love, love with no end come o - ver us. That we may be saved, that

we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, let Your light
we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, let Your grace
we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est night, let Your love

shine on us. us, let Your light shine on us.
fall on us.
come o - ver

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

L A reading from the second chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

Jesus said: ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

continued...

¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Power of Your Love

Geoff Bullock

VERSE



1. Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed, re - newed;
2. Lord un - veil my eyes, let me see You face to face;



Flow - ing from the grace that I found in You.
The know - ledge of Your love, as You live, in me.



And Lord I've come to know the weak - ness - es I see in me
Lord re - new my mind as Your will un - folds in my life,



will be stripped a - way by the pow'r of Your love.
in liv - ing ev - 'ry day by the pow'r of Your love.

CHORUS



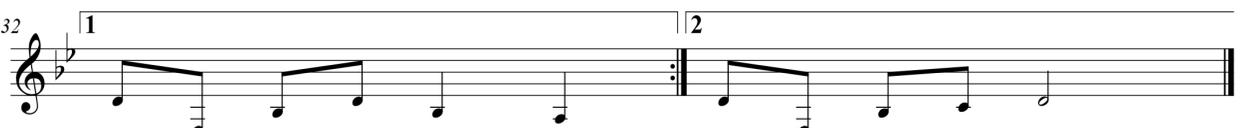
Hold me close, let Your love sur - round me, bring me near,



draw me to Your side. And as I wait, I'll rise up like the ea -



gle, and I will soar with You, Your spir - it leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.



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.

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 As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers of Intercession.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "Merciful God,"

The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

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 Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. 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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

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.

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

Christ is with us here. here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,

Christ is with us here.

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 May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

Next Page

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



COPYRIGHTS

LIGHT THE FIRE Bill Maxwell CCLI Song# 332454 © 1996 Bloodsmith Music

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE Contributors: Horace Clarence Boyer Tune © Horace Clarence Boyer admin Augsburg Fortress

THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE Geoff Bullock CCLI Song# 917491 © 1992 Geoff Bullock Music (admin by Song Solutions)

HERE IS BREAD Graham Kendrick CCLI Song# 983717 © 1991 Make Way Music (admin by Music Services, Inc.)

SALT AND LIGHT Jan L'Ecuyer, John L'Ecuyer CCLI Song# 3470093 © 2002 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (admin by Integrity Music)

MUSIC: Used with permission under ONE LICENSE A-731197 and CCLI #3289425. All rights reserved.

LITURGY: From Sundays and Seasons.com Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress, All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License SAS003917

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.