



Kure Memorial Lutheran Church

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Statement of Welcome

Accepting those whom Christ has already accepted, Kure Memorial Lutheran Church affirms that all people, regardless of race, national origin, sexual orientation, or economic status, are unconditionally welcome to our community of faith and are invited to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

Our Mission Statement

As joyful followers of Jesus Christ, we welcome and care for all people.

We boldly proclaim the Good News, share our faith, and love God by serving others.

KMLC Core Values

- ✚ *Communion Centered Worship*
- ✚ *Caring*
- ✚ *Service to Others*

Pastor Dan Keck

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

KMLC Office Hours:

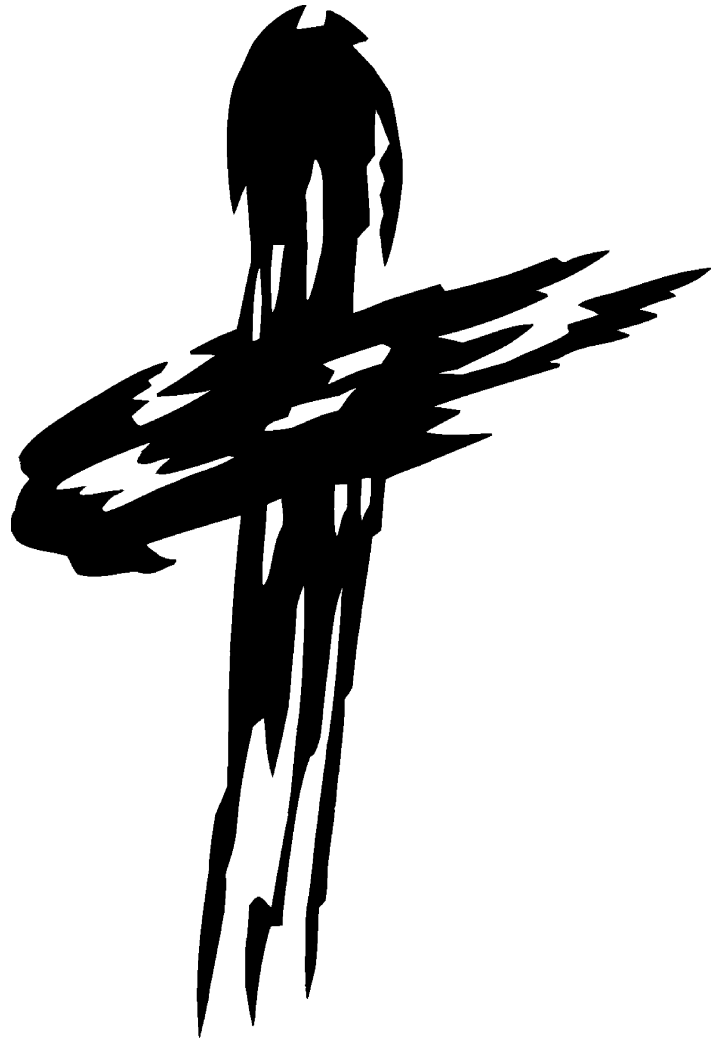
Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm ✚ February 14, 2024



Welcome to Worship! We are glad to be worshipping with you today.

May you sense the Spirit's presence here!

If you live in the area and don't have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming part of our community of faith! The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered for all who believe Jesus suffered and died, that we might be forgiven, strengthened in spirit and have everlasting life. We celebrate and receive the meal at an Open Table. Children are welcome to receive at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive are invited to come to the altar for a blessing.

Please complete the Guest Information/Prayer Request card if you are our guest this morning or if you have a prayer request! Thank you!

✠ Indicates when to stand as you are able  Hymnals can be found under the pew ahead of you!

GATHERING

Everyone gathers in silence

P: "The Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart." (Deuteronomy 8:2) Lent is a season of humility and repentance, as we turn to the Lord and seek his forgiveness. Lent is a time to forgive others as we have been forgiven. But it is not the only time, just a reminder for us to live a life of forgiveness in our daily lives.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggest our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come ... because we are the people of the resurrection!

✠ **Song of Reflection:**

Create in Me

Purple Book 35

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you;
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.

✠ **Psalm 51:1-12**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

✠ **Song of Reflection:**

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you;
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.
So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to you.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

✠ **Prayer:**

A: Let us pray. Gracious and life-giving God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, give us hearts of love and compassion, and strengthen us with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Joel 2:1-2; 12-17

Because of the coming day of the LORD, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community declares that God is gracious and asks God to spare the people lest the nations doubt God's power to save.

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near— ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Message:

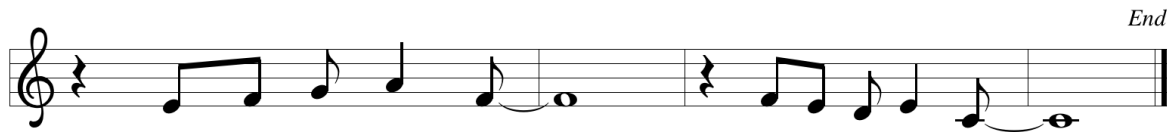
✠ **Hymn of the Day:**

Change My Heart, O God

Red Book 801



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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✠ **Invitation to Lent**

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

A: We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinfulness separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

P: As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent: self-reflection and repentance, prayer, giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament.

A: As we continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection, may we acknowledge our need for a Savior, reflect on the suffering of our Lord for us, rejoice in the resurrection and live a life of hope.

✠ **Prayer of Confession:**

A: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You are compassionate beyond comparison, loving beyond imagination, and faithful beyond our betrayal.

P: Just as David wrote in the Psalm, "our sin is ever before us." We, too, admit our sins and our failures: We have become stained with wrongdoing, at times sacrificing the goodness of your love for the demise of this world. Perhaps too often, we have abandoned your law, caring less for your creation and more for our own ambition.

C: Wash us clean, God of all mercy, and deliver us from our sinfulness. Help us to hear your voice calling us back. Remind us of your love bringing us home, and renew our spirits to be the people you created us to be. Amen.

✠ **Song of Forgiveness:**

Amazing Grace

Red Book 779

- 1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound- that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Imposition of Ashes

People are invited to come forward to receive ashes. Each person will receive the mark of the cross in ashes on their forehead with the words:

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (from Genesis 3:19)

Song of Remembrance:

Abide with me

Red Book 629



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

✠ **Concluding prayer:**

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

A: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins though our Lord Jesus Christ,

A: strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

✠ **Sharing the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Everyone is invited to share the peace with those around them!

***Following sharing the peace, the offering will be brought forward. If you have an offering you would like to give, please place it in the basket at the entrance of the sanctuary.*



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✠ **Prayer:**

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gifts and offerings given in various ways, as signs of your gracious love for us. Use these gifts and the abilities you give us to make a difference in the world around us. This we pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

✠ **The Lord's Supper:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: In the night he was betrayed...Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat it, 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 in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Communion Hymns

Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song

Red Book 808



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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Once We Sang and Danced

Red Book 701



1 Once we sang and danced with glad - ness, once de - light filled ev - 'ry breath;
 2 All the wil - lows bow in weep - ing, all the riv - ers rage and moan,
 3 God, who came to dwell a - mong us, God, who suf - fered our dis - grace,
 4 Come, O Christ, a - mong the ash - es, come to wipe our tears a - way,



now we sit a - mong the ash - es, all our dreams de - stroyed by death.
 as cre - a - tion joins our plead - ing: "God, do not leave us a - lone."
 from your own heart, grieved and wound - ed, come the rich - es of your grace.
 death de - stroy and sor - row ban - ish; now and al - ways, come and stay.

Only By Grace

Purple Book 112

On-ly by grace can we en - ter, on - ly by grace can we stand;
not by our hu - man en - deav - or,
but by the blood of the Lamb. In - to your pres - ence you call
us, you call us to come.
In - to your pres - ence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,
now by your grace we come. *Fine*
Lord, if you mark our trans - gres - sions, who would
stand? Thanks to your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb. *D.C. al fine*

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✠ **Blessing and Prayer**

✠ **Benediction**

✠ Sending song:

Be Thou Now my Vision

Red Book 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

✠ Dismissal

A: Go in peace, in the power of the Spirit. Serve the Lord. And have fun doing it!

C: Thanks be to God!

‡ Ash Wednesday Service ‡

Serving Today:

Usher: Jack Campbell
Assisting Minister: Keith Graff
Reader: Jean Graff
AV Operator: Bill Buckley
Music Leader: Kristin Woodie

Thank you for your faithfulness!

Our Lenten Dinner Church Bible Studies will be starting up on Wednesday, February 21! They will be held on the following Wednesdays: February 21, 28, March 6, 13 and 20 as we lead into Holy Week! Each week they will begin at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. We hope you will join us for a time of worship, study, fellowship and a great soup supper! We invite you to bring a crock pot of soup to share for supper! A sign up sheet is posted in the church entryway as well as in the fellowship hall. Each week we will study a different character of the bible and there will be a special "soup of the day" that goes along with the study! We ask that one of the soups for the evening be the "soup of the day". So you can choose to bring that or a soup of your choice! Here's the schedule:

February 21: Study: Jacob Soup of the day: Lentil stew/soup

February 28: Study: Moses Soup of the day: Vegetable soup

March 6: Study: Joshua Soup of the day: Chicken soup

March 13: Study: John the Baptist Soup of the day: Beef Barley soup

March 20: Study: Jesus No special soup this week...we will have Homemade Bread!

Come and find out how each soup or bread connects with the story!

✝ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✝

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns:

Carl Ford, Danny Peterson, DeWayne Buckner, Don Ging, Eleanor Lundy, Ellen Prevette, Evie Frey and Rachel Brendle, Gabby Portu, Janet Kassor, Jaydon Matthews, Jean Behanna, Jean Tennant, Joe Prusa, Joseph Murtha, Laura McMahon, Lisa Lee, Lori Hitchcock, Margaret Burgham Mary Adobato, Mathias Warne, Maxine Jordan, Megan Peoples, Pat and Fred Edgecomb, Pat Hankin, Rick and Sharon Ellis, Senka Gambino, Steve Post, Steve Siferd, Terry Ford, Terry Hambel, Tom Grady, Trudy Ford

Please pray for the caregivers as they care for those who are ill.

Pray for the missions of our church:

Federal Point Help Center / Coupons to Service men's families
Good Shepherd (food & supplies)

KMLC Preschool

Trinity Grove

Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program

The Sunday Lunch Ministry/ New Hanover County

Special Olympics

*****Students Attending College / Seminary:**

Christopher Schwenker- Cape Fear Community College / Donovan Woodie- Cape Fear Community College, Emily Graff-Pastoral Internship: Abiding Presence Lutheran; Fuquay Varina / Rachel Pivik-Wayne Junior College / Katie Elkin-Pastoral Internship Zion Lutheran, Loveland, Co. / Andro Keck- University of South Carolina / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland/ Isabella Galindo-UNC-Wilmington/ Matthew Shuttleworth-Cape Fear Community College / Mia Shoffner-UNC-Wilmington / Sydney Maguire-College of Charleston / Preston Gourville-Vanderbilt / Kelsey Bloch-UNC-Wilmington / Kari Bloch-Wake Tech / Jordan Gourville-University of South Carolina / Hawthorne Hamm-UNC Chapel Hill, Sydney Roy/Cape Fear Community College

*****Military Personnel Serving**

Brandon Muehl at Fort Liberty, NC; Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at USAF Base in Djibouti, Africa; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Nick Schwenker – Fort Liberty, NC; Pastor Drew Goodson, US Navy Chaplain; Rileigh Fortney at Maimstrom AFB, Montana; Steven Blum at Fort Liberty, NC

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Interested in joining one of Kure Memorial's small groups?

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