



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

Worship 10:00

KMLC Office Hours:
Varies due to COVID-19.

Ash Wednesday

7PM ✠ February 17th, 2021



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.

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.

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.

²Wash 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.

⁴Against 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.

⁶Indeed, 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.

⁸Let 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.

¹⁰Create 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.

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

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.
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:

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.

Isaiah 58:1-11

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked. Sincere repentance will lead to a dramatic improvement of their condition.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of 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:

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Red Book 763

1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession:

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.

Just as the 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.

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, How Sweet the Sound

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.

Prayers:

Gracious God, you call your church to be ministers of reconciliation throughout the world. Inspire the church throughout the world to proclaim to good news of your love and forgiveness and empower us to live the good news each day.

God of all creation, you created the earth and all that is in it, and you declared that it is good. Help us to protect all you have created and guide us to be good stewards of all you have made.

God of peace, guide world leaders to work for peace for all people. Inspire them to work to put an end to violence, war and terrorism. May your peace fill the hearts of all people.

God of healing, you are our hope in the midst of despair, our help in the midst of sorrow, and our consolation in the midst of affliction. Grant comfort to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit...tonight we pray for Teri, Chris, Clara, Allie, Ellen, Ted, Maxine, Lisa, Barry, Emily, Irene, Bob, Barb, Mina, Joanne, Marge, Cathleen, Carol, Hannah, Victoria, Aris, Morgan, Billy, John, Pam, Morgan, Kaitlin, Megan, Gene, Lisa, Vaughn, Cathy, Andra, Tim, Clifford, Steve, Don, Marge, Joe, Ruth Ann, John, Herb, Gary, Raymond and Dottie, Lynne, Lizzy, Raven, Gail, Janna, Darryl, Dave, Mary, Gladys. And support caregivers who attend to all in need. All these and other things pray for through our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the pow'r, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Benediction:

Sending Song:*Only by grace*

Purple Book 112

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us, you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,
Now by your grace we come.

Lord, if you mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. *(Repeat)*

Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us, you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,
Now by your grace we come.

Sending:

A: Go into the world to serve God and one another with gladness; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!

‡ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ‡

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Teri Massey, Chris, Clara, and Allie Burkauskas, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Irene Girvan, Bob Stuart, Barb Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Joanne Adams, Marge Lucido, Cathleen Applegate, Hannah Dumbrowski, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Morgan Smith, Billy Ward, John Walker, Pam Solstad, Morgan Davison, Kaitlin Sprague, Gene Snuggs, Lisa, Frank Dyson, Beth Loony, Belle Hunt, Megan Peoplis, Vaughn & Cathy Schweitzer, Andra Ciparis, Clifford Johnson, Beth Deaton, Jennifer Von Cannon, Don Bowman, John Vrba, Karen Matthews, Marge McClosky, Richard Laudati, Joe Wright, Ruth Ann Getsinger, Steve Jones, Herb Flamer, Raymond & Dottie Holden, Lynne Denne, Lizzy Akins, Raven Van Dyck, Gail Jones, Janna Ellen, Tracy Gourville, Darryl Bloch, Dave Guernsey, Mary Miller, Gladys Girardot.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Sandy Hunt and Ginny Blauboer (Buckley), Tracy McKay, Tom Grady, Pat Hankin (Hambel), Paul Piedmont (Piedmont), Kristi Johnson, Cyndie Heath, Jami Harris, Jac Schlagle, Lexi Westfall (Hitchcock), Senka Gambino, Jean Behanna, Rick & Sharon Ellis (Lundy), Terry Ford & Carl Ford (Rehder), Arlo Bond (Jordan), Joey (Palamara), Pat Addington (Hearne), Julian, Jason & baby Jackson (Full), Mary Adobato (Vecchio), Megan Manley (Cox), Richard White (Prevatte), Arden Buckley & Erin O'Brien (Buckley), Brad Cook (Shearin), Kari Craig, (Palamara), Bridges family (Lundy), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Anne C., Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Matt Stultz, Pastor Tom Schutt, Belle Hunt, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, (Keck), Barbara Gavigan (Gavigan), Robin Stoehr (Gourville) Meghan O'Brien (Campbell), Kent Parker (Shearin) Barbara Murtha (Hambel/Lundy), Martin Jackson (Jones), Larry Roger (Shearin), Laura & John McMahon (Lundy).

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MISSIONS OF OUR CHURCH

Federal Point Help Center / Coupons to Service men's families / KMLC Preschool / Girl Scout Troops #867, #901 and #155 / Good Shepherd (food & supplies) / Trinity Grove / KMLC Youth Group / Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program / The Lutheran Church of Costa Rica/ Casa Abierta-La Carpio / Seamen's Center

STUDENTS ATTENDING COLLEGE / SEMINARY

Emily Graff-Luther Seminary / Tommy Ullring-Cape Fear Community College / Katelyn Copenhaver-Santa Fe College / Jordan Pivik- East Carolina University / Rachel Pivik-ECU / Katie Elkin-Duke Divinity School / Andro Keck- University of South Carolina / Vegas Vecchio- University of Washington, Seattle / Heather Keck- Medical University of South Carolina / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland / Matthew Shuttleworth-Cape Fear Community College / Mia Shoffner-East Carolina University / Sydney Maguire-College of Charleston / Preston Gourville-Vanderbilt / Kelsey Bloch-Wake Tech / Kari Bloch-Wake Tech.

MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING

Col Wayne Lett in Frankfort, Germany; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Steven Blum at Fort Bragg; Christopher Bennett in San Diego, CA; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Brandon Muehl at Fort Bragg, NC; Jacob Clinton at Fort Geiger, NC; Thomas Stafford at Ft. Bragg, NC, Nick Schwenker-Fort Benning, GA.

COSTA RICA MICRO LOAN RECIPIENTS

Rosa Marin, Aida Marin, Raquel Marin: Village of Guatuso / Zoraida Hernandez, Raul Perez: Village of Quitirrisi / Ana Yensi Rivera: La Carpi / Alexa Araya: San Jose / Marta Dodero.