

Holy Week and Easter at Kure Memorial Lutheran!

God's richest blessings to our island community! It seems like the season of Lent just got started and here we are...already planning for Palm Sunday...the meaningful days of Holy Week and the glorious celebration of Easter Sunday!

The services during Holy Week are many but meaningful. They walk us through the last days of Jesus' life beginning on Palm Sunday, followed by the celebration of the Last Supper, the crucifixion on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil service on Saturday and concluding with the resurrection on Easter Morning.

Here is a peek into what that week will have in store for us and why these services are meaningful in their own ways!

Palm/Passion Sunday (April 10): We will experience the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem! Beginning in the church yard, we will participate in a festive procession with palm branches from there into and around the sanctuary singing joyfully "All Glory, Laud and Honor"! We will then transition into the sadness of Jesus' betrayal and death as we conclude the service.

We will then continue our journey through Holy Week:

On **Maundy Thursday (April 14)**, we gather with Jesus as his disciples did. On this night we commemorate Jesus celebrating the Last Supper with his disciples where he gave new meaning to the bread and wine that they shared during the Passover meal. We will conclude the service with the "Stripping of the Altar", reminding us of Jesus being stripped of his clothing prior to his suffering.

The **Good Friday Service (April 15)** is what is known as a Tenebrae service, which is a service of successively extinguishing candles and darkening the sanctuary commemorating the death of Jesus. It is a powerful service that reminds us of the suffering and death of Jesus! This year as the last candle is extinguished and the lights go dark, Tammy Ebersole will sing the song, "Via Dolorosa", which is Latin for, "the way of suffering".

On **Saturday (April 16)** we will gather for the **Easter Vigil Service**, which is a service that commemorates Jesus passing from death to life. We will begin in the courtyard surrounding a fire, light the Pascal candle symbolizing the presence of the Resurrected Christ and with all those gathered, candles in hand, we will process into the sanctuary where, through prayers and readings we will transition from God's saving acts throughout history in the Old Testament into celebrating the resurrection of Christ!

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Easter morning (April 17) worship at Kure Memorial: This year we are planning 2 services, at **8:30am** and **10am**. If the weather is nice, we will worship outside, if it is not, we will worship inside the sanctuary. Easter is one of our most highly attended services of the year, so we want to assure there is space for everyone!

Here is a snapshot of our Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule:

Thursday: April 14 7:00pm Maundy Thursday (Service in the Sanctuary)

Friday: April 15 7:30pm Good Friday (Service in the Sanctuary)

Saturday: April 16 7:00pm Easter Vigil (Begins in the Courtyard)

Sunday: April 17 6:15am Community Sunrise Service!

(Ocean Front Park)

8:30 & 10am Easter Resurrection Service

(Services either outside or in the Sanctuary...depending on weather)

Services that will be live streamed on the Kure Memorial Lutheran [Facebook](#) page in addition to Palm Sunday:

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Good Friday, April 15

Community Sunrise Service, April 17

Easter Resurrection Service (10am only), April 17

We invite you to worship with us, especially if you don't have a church home!

In addition to our many opportunities to worship together, our children's ministry team is also hosting an "**Easter Eggstravaganza**" on Sunday, April 10 from 11am to 1pm! Join us for a fun filled afternoon of egg hunts, games, activities, food and more! It all is happening at 117 N. 3rd Ave, in Kure Beach! And parking along 3rd Ave and in the community parking lot across the street is free until 1pm!

We wish you all a blessed Easter season...and hope to see you soon!