



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.

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

10AM ✠ September 26th, 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.

****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!*

Today we welcome Emily Graff who will share the message while Pastor Dan and Chris are away this weekend! Emily is getting close to finishing up her seminary work...she just needs to complete a twelve week clinical education program and her one year internship! Please keep Emily in your prayers as she continues her journey to be a pastor! She will be a blessing wherever she serves!

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to worship: Children's Welcome to Worship!

A. This is the day that the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

✝ **Opening Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Eternal God, you created us and you rescue us. Be with us and help us know how much we need you. As you empower us with your Spirit, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your kingdom for all people. As you pour out your love upon us, help us receive that love and share it to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

C: Amen.

✝ **Confession and Forgiveness!**

A: Gracious God, Creator of all things, we often forget that you are the power that supports us, saves us and sustains us.

C: Forgive us when we fail to see your love and grace in our lives. Forgive us when our words are words of anger, hatred and dishonesty and not words of joy, love and peace. Open our hearts O God. Redeem us and transform us. Forgive us and give us hope.

A: Friends in Christ, as we come before God lifting up our sin and asking for God's forgiveness, we are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

I You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

✠ **Greeting:**

A: 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.**

WORD

First Reading: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

✠ **Gospel Acclamation:** *Anointing Fall on Me*

Sung by: Kristin Woodie

Anointing, fall on me, anointing, fall on me;
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me,
Anointing fall on me.

Touch my hands, my mouth, and my heart,
Fill my life, Lord, ev'ry part;
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me,
Anointing fall on me. *(Congregation Repeats)*

✠ **The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Children's Time: *(Following the children's time, the children are invited to go with for Sunday School).*

Message: Emily Graff

1 You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

2 You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

✠ **Statement of Faith:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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:** *(Each petition will end with "Lord in your mercy". The congregational response is, "Hear our prayer".)*

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

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

C: **And also with you!**

THE MEAL

✠ **Prayer:**

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, you are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. May these gifts offered today reach those who need your love and welcome. And may a bountiful harvest of goodness continue to be sown through this community of faith. **Amen.**

Lord's Supper:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

When our congregation gathers in worship, we remember with thanksgiving that 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, they 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.

✠ **Sending Song:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Refrain Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back. *Refrain*

✠ **Sending:**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. And have fun doing it!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ **Blessing:** As you leave this morning after receiving the Lord's Supper, know that the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Guidance for Communion Distribution: *You are asked to come forward, one family unit at a time to the communion rail. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of wine or grape juice and receive the blessing. Gluten free wafers are available for those with that preference. Once you receive communion, please move to where the cup disposal basket is and receive a blessing. You may then pull your mask down and consume the bread and wine/grape juice. Place your empty cups in the basket and exit through the back door leading out to the courtyard. Worship ends with communion. Thank you!*

Communion songs: *Strengthen for Service, Lord*

Red Book 497

- 1 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
 That holy things have taken;
 And let the ears that heard your word
 To falsehood never waken.
- 2 The tongues that sang your holy name
 Now purge of all deception;
 Keep bright the eyes that saw your love
 And sharpen their perception.
- 3 And may the feet that walked your courts
 Be never lured to wander;
 But lead the faithful nourished here
 To journey on in splendor.

You Are the Seed

Blue Book 753

- 1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
 You're a star that will shine in the night;
 You are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
 A beacon to glow in the dark.
 You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
 You're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
 You are a sting and a soft, gentle touch
 To witness wherever you go.

Refrain

- Go, my friends, go to the world,
Proclaim the great love of God;
Messengers to tell the way of life,
Peace and pardon for all.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
From the dead Christ arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forevermore,
Till the end of the world."
- 2 You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
 So resplendent with hope, faith and love;
 You are the shepherds to lead the whole world
 To waters and pastures of peace.
 "You are the friends that I chose for myself,
 You're the word that I want to proclaim.
 You are the new reign of God built on rock,
 Where justice and truth are at home." *Refrain*
- 3 You are the life that will nurture the plant;
 You're the waves in a turbulent sea;
 Yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,

A new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide,
There's no mountain can cover its might;
Let your light shine so that your loving works
Give honor and glory to God. *Refrain*

Spirit Song

Purple Book 130

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
And his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Schedule for Sunday:

‡ **Word & Sacrament Worship 10AM** ‡

Serving Today

Assisting Minister

Beth Gavigan

Reader

MJ Shalanski

Ushers

Jack Campbell

Sign Language Interpreter: *Selina Harvey*

Offerings: *Thank you for empowering us to live out our mission! KMLC's general offerings for last week were \$4,443.33. (Our Mission Plan this year is relying on weekly offerings of \$4,315.) Let us continue to grow in responding to God's amazing grace!*

Attendance Last Week: *Approximately 107...including 44 in person, and many through Zoom and Facebook Live! **Thank you for your faithfulness!***

Beach Worship Attendance: *16*

Here's what is happening at KMLC...
September/October 2021

26	27	28	29	30	1	2
10- Worship/Sunday school 1215- Sunday lunch Ministry <i>Happy Birthday</i> Joseph Sabetti <i>Happy Birthday</i> Clara Burkauskas		11-Prayer Circle meets at KMLC	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Gary Cox 6:30-Beach Worship	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Wayne Musser	6-Girl Scouts meet	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sunday Lunch Ministry: We pack bag lunches for anyone wanting one! Join us to spread the love. We meet at the corner of 3rd and Cape Fear Blvd between 12:15-1:00. Contact Jean Graff at kjeb415@charter.net or 309-339-9272 with how you can join!

Prayer Circle Group: Every Tuesday we will gather for prayer inside the sanctuary at Kure Memorial Lutheran Church. Prayer Circle begins at 11am. Bring your prayer list and faith! If you have any questions, you can call the office at 910-458-5266 or send an email to kurememorial@kurememorial.com.

Beach Worship continues!! We will continue services into mid-October. We meet at the end of Ave. F in Kure Beach, out from the Kure Beach Faith Center at 6:30 pm. Join us for a great line up of musicians to lead our music again this year! Bring your beach chair, blanket or beach towel and maybe a snack and sand toys for the children! We are looking forward to another great summer!

The Friday morning book group: We continue to meet at 9:30am to 10:30am on Friday mornings in Tom and Becky Wetzel's carport. We will begin reading *Life at Hamilton* by Mike Anthony...a bartender at the Richard Rogers Theatre on Broadway where *Hamilton* is being performed shares his experiences and how he applies them to real life. Any questions please contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289.

The Girl Scouts: Will meet 6-7:30pm inside the fellowship hall on Friday, October 1st, 2021.

✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Eleanor Lundy, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Irene Girvan, Bob Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Joanne Adams, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Billy Ward, John Walker, Morgan Davison, Kaitlin Sprague, Frank Dyson, Beth Loony, Megan Peoplis, Andra Ciparis, Clifford Johnson, Beth Deaton, Don Bowman, Richard Laudati, Ruth Ann Getsinger, Herb Flamer, Raymond & Dottie Holden, Mary Miller, Gladys Girardot, Richard Geisel, Don Smith, Trudy Ford, Ann Scott, Kirk Barden, Kelly Cahill, Sandra Mullins, Kyra Stratman, Cooper Smith, Isabell Foushee, Anne Semmler, John Carpenter, Tammy Gillis, Diane Stultz, Nina Lepore.

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), Kari Craig, (Palamara), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Anne C., Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Matt Stultz, Belle Hunt, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, (Keck), Meghan O'Brien (Campbell), Laura & John McMahon (Lundy), Kate & Lee Hendrickson (Wetzel).

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-UNC-W / 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 / 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 / Jordan Gourville-University of South Carolina / Hawthorne Hamm-UNC Chapel Hill.

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; Rileigh Fortney-Lackland AFB, Texas..

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 Carpio / Alexa Araya: San Jose / Marta Dodero.