



Kure Memorial Lutheran Church

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Good Friday Service Tenebrae

7:00pm † April 18, 2025

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:
9:00-1:00 Monday– Friday



Name _____ Age _____

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 or if you have a prayer request!
Thank you!**

✠ indicates when to stand, as you are able ✠ *The hymnals can be found under the pew ahead of you!*

GATHERING

All gather in silence

✠ Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: *A blending of the prophecy from Isaiah 53:1-9 and the fulfillment from Mark 15:15-27*

Isaiah 53:1-7

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Mark 15:15-20

¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Isaiah 53:8-9

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Mark 15: 21-27

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

(Silence for meditation)

✠ Good Friday Bidding Prayers

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, lay leaders and all the faithful who serve in various ways. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names.

Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses

of the love made known to us in your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.

Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray for those in need.

(Silent prayer)

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart.

Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

✠ **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

The First Word: *“Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”*

Luke 23:32-38

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” (*extinguish candle*)

(Silence for reflection)

Hymn:

“Amazing Grace” (vs. 1)

Red Book 779

*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*

The Second Word: *“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (*extinguish candle*)

(Silence for reflection)

Hymn:

“Amazing Grace” (vs. 2)

Red Book 779

*‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

The Third Word: *“Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”*

John 19:23-27

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” ²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (*extinguish candle*)

(Silence for reflection)

Hymn:

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs. 1)

Red Book 656

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.***

The Fourth Word: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

Mark 15:33-36

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." (*extinguish candle*)

(*Silence for reflection*)

Hymn:

"Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 1)

Red Book 349

***Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.***

The Fifth Word: *"I am Thirsty."*

John 19: 28-29

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. (*extinguish candle*)

(*Silence for reflection*)

Hymn:

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (vs. 4)

Red Book 337

***But tears of grief can-not re-pay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give my-self a-way: 'tis all that I can do.***

The Sixth Word: *"It is Finished"*

John 19:30

³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(*extinguish candle*)

(*Silence for reflection*)

Special Music:

Once Upon a Tree

KMLC Choir

The Seventh Word: *“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!”*

Luke 23:44-47

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” (*extinguish candle*)
(*Silence for reflection*)

Good Friday Reflection

Hymn:

“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” (vs. 3)

Red Book 803

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

A: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

A: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have re-deemed the world.

The ministers and people leave in silence.

You are invited to exit the rear door where we will gather out in the courtyard for the burning of the prayer petitions, symbolic of Christ's death removing the power of sin.

Prayer at the fire:

God of love and grace, throughout the season of Lent we have brought forward our sins, our burdens and our struggles, the "baggage" that we carry; that have kept us from living into the fullness of your grace and love. Because of the death of Jesus on the cross, he takes away our sin, meets us in our daily struggles and enables us to be made new each and every day. As a sign of your mercy and grace, we add our "baggage" to the fire knowing we are forgiven and made new through your death and resurrection. Amen.

The service is ended.

Tenebrae

The service we will experience tonight is known as "Tenebrae". The word Tenebrae is a Latin word that means "darkness". It symbolizes the approaching death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, as well as hopelessness in the world without God. As the Seven Last Words of Jesus are read, the sanctuary will be darkened until the very end. The service will conclude in darkness, with the Paschal Candle (which represents the presence of Christ) being carried out of the sanctuary. This symbolizes the death of Jesus, and at this time we will hear the Strepitus.

Our Journey through Holy Week

On Maundy Thursday we will experience the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar in preparation for Good Friday, when we experience the seven last words from the cross before Jesus died. On Easter morning the Community Sunrise Service at Ocean Front Park, Kure Beach begins at 6:15am. Our Easter worship celebration here at Kure Memorial will include two service times: one beginning at 8:30am and one beginning at 10am in the sanctuary. You are invited and encouraged to participate in all of our services as we journey through this most Holy time of year!

We hope you will worship with us!

Serving Today

Ushers: Jack Campbell & Don Price
Assisting Minister: Tracy Gourville
Reader: Kristin Woodie
AV Coordinator: Peter Yandow
Music Leaders: Kristin Woodie & John Shalanski

Announcements

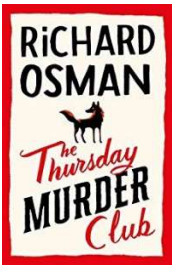


Worship Schedule for Holy Week and Easter:

April 20, 2025, at 6:15am: Community Sunrise Service with Kure Beach First Baptist Church

April 20, 2025, at 8:30 and 10am: Easter Resurrection Service in our sanctuary!

KMLC Sunday Lunch Ministry: **Our Sunday Lunch Ministry continues into its 8th year!!!** Shoppers and helpers for pre-service set-up, post-service sandwich making, and distribution are always needed. We have a great “core “group, but additional hands are welcome. Contact Jean Graff-309-339-9272, kjeb415@charter.net, or just talk with me at church and I will be glad to include you in this ministry!

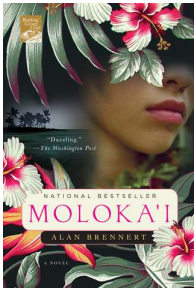


Book Club: During April, we will be reading *The Thursday Book Club* by Richard Osman. We will meet on **Monday, April 21st at 5:00 PM** in the fellowship Hall to share our thoughts, as well as some great food. Everyone is welcome, so if you are interested, borrow a copy of the book from the public library and join us!

Federal Point Help Center. The month of April is 5 weeks long, we are asking if on the 5th week we focus on food for our homeless clients. The Help Center requests the following items for April Food Donations **Peanut Butter and Jelly (small jars), Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Canned tomatoes.** Please remember these are small or single serving items with pop-tops, pouches or in microwaveable cups. Examples of these items are Tuna, Peanut-On-The Go, Cereal, Vegetables, One Can meals. Items can be left in the narthex. For information about the Help Center, please contact Wanda Patrick atap09@gmail.com



KMLC Food Pantry: Box Stocking Team welcomes two new pair of hands, Tom and Betsy Corcoran. Tom and Betsy will be assisting with the stocking on Saturdays. We appreciate their willingness to help out with this community food ministry. New volunteers are always welcome! If you have any questions about our Pantry Box ministry, please feel free to email MJ Shalanski at maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com



Friday Book Group: Every Friday at 9:30 AM we gather to read and discuss books chosen by the group, for April we have picked *Molokai* by Alan Brennert. The story follows a young girl diagnosed with leprosy in the late 1800s, and her experiences in the leprosy settlement on the island of Molokai. Current events are always welcomed and discussed. If interested in joining contact Sara Tardio (beechfmly@gmail.com)



Sunday, May 18, 2025
Families of all ages
Join in the fun after worship and
JUMP INTO SUMMER!!!
Hot dogs, games, and fellowship!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				<p>Happy Birthday Rome Paredes</p> <p>7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship</p> <p>7:30p AA Meeting</p>	<p>9:30a Book Group Happy Birthday Kristin Woodie Chris Dew Dottie Herman</p> <p>7:00 p Good Friday Worship</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Tammy Ebersole</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Darryl & Susan Bloch</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Easter Sunday 6:15a Sunrise Service 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship 12:15p Lunch Ministry</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Kristin Bloch</p> <p>5:00p Book Club</p> <p>7:30p AA Meeting</p>	<p>11:00a Prayer Circle</p>		<p>Happy Birthday Marsha Rhyne</p> <p>7:30p AA Meeting</p>	<p>9:30a Book Group Happy Birthday Henley Mullen</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Keith Graff</p>

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns: Andy Karch; Anna Brindley; Aris Mora; Barry & Sandra Nelder; Bexley Wissman; Bill Clark; Chastity; Carl Ford; Clara, Josh & Tori Swartz; Danny Peterson; Don Ging; Eleanor Lundy; Ellen Prevette; Evie Frey & Rachel Brendle; Gabby Portu; Gray Autry; Herb Flammer; Jean Behanna; Joe Prusa; John Gorville; Ronnie Murtha; Ginny Murtha; Ken May; Kim Clark; Laura McMahan; Linda Britt-Kell; Lyndsay Girardot; Margaret Burgham; Matthias Warne; Maxine Jordan; Nicky Hamm; Pat Hankin; Paul Paiva; Pete Peterson; Rick & Sharon Ellis; Rose & Andrew Kuebler; Senka Gambino; Steve Post; Steve Siferd; Trudy Ford; Troy Samuels; Logan and Ken; Patrick Gavigan; MacKenzie Clark; Sandro Vera; Gary Cox; Claudine Ward; Travis Best; Sheila Anne Cunningham, Diane Stultz, Mike Barham

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); Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program; New Hanover County Special Olympics; KMLC Preschool; Trinity Grove; The Sunday Lunch Ministry; Alcoholics Anonymous

Students Attending College:

Rachel Pivik - Wayne Community College in Goldsboro; Braden and Joshua Quinn – Brevard College; Eathan Quinn – NC State; Mia Shoffner - UNC Pembroke; Preston Gourville - Vanderbilt; Jordan Gourville - University of South Carolina; Sydney Roy - Cape Fear Community College; Jade Denne - UNC School of Medicine Chapel Hill; Deirdre Portu – UNCW; Evan Shoffner – Cape Fear Community College

Military Personnel Serving:

Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at Mildenhall Air Force Base in the United Kingdom; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; 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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