



Kure Memorial Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am † March 9, 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 Henry Age 6

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

Prelude

Call to worship: Children's Welcome to Worship!

Welcome

✠ **Gathering Song:**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Red Book 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

✠ **Opening prayer:**

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, as we begin this season of Lent, a time of remembering who we are and whose we are, we pray that you would guide us and fill us with your Spirit to be your people in the world around us. This we pray through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ **Greeting:**

P: 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: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Time: *Following the children’s time, the children may go to Sunday School*

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

² **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Bb Gm
 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve
 C⁷_{sus} C⁷ F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C
 you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that
 Gm F/A C F Am⁷ Dm⁷
 I might be re - newed. So fill me and
 Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ Gm/D C⁷_{sus} C⁷
 heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -
 F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Gm F/A C F
 ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

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✠ The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Message:



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; thou- sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

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Final refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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✠ **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.

✠ **Song of Prayers:**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Purple Book 92



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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✠ **Prayers:**

✠ **Sharing the Peace of the Lord:**

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

C: And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you and move about the sanctuary to share the peace with others as you feel comfortable)

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. Or, if it is more convenient, you may scan the QR code to the right to give your offering electronically! Thank you!



Or



Use the QR code on the left to give your offering through “Zelle”.

Offering Song:

Out in the Wilderness

KMLC Choir

MEAL

✠ **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.

✠ **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.

Guidance for Communion Distribution: *You are asked to come forward, as directed by the ushers. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of wine or white grape juice and receive a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available for those with that preference. Once you receive communion, you may place your empty cups in the basket near the front pew and return to your seats. Thank you!*



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.

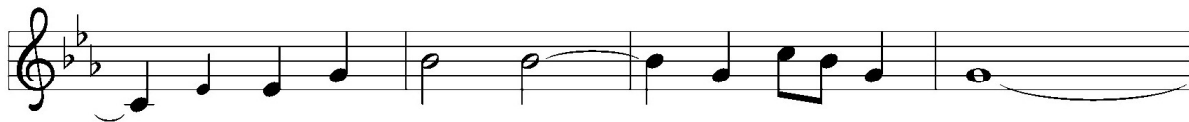
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I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

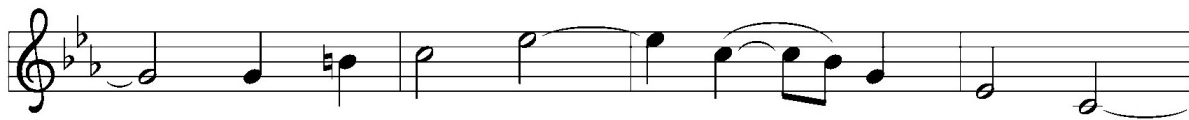
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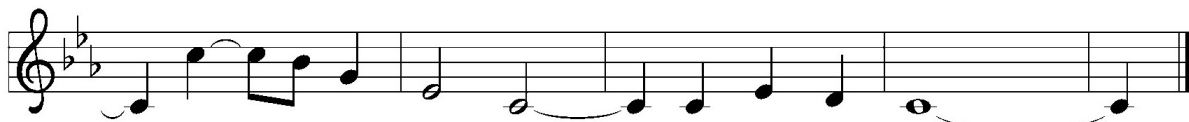
1 I want Je-sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri-als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou-ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je-sus to walk with me;
 in my tri-als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou-ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a-long my pil-grim jour-ney,
 when my heart is al-most break-ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor-row,



Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

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✠ **Blessing/Prayer:**

✠ **Benediction:**

✠ **Sending Song:**

✠ **Sending:**

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Serving Today

Ushers:	Don & Debbie Price
Assisting Minister:	Beth Gavigan
Reader:	Kris Keck
ASL Interpreter:	Amber Lang
AV Operator:	Zach Petermann
Music Leaders:	Kristin Woodie & John Shalanski

Last Week's Attendance and Offerings

Tithes and Offerings: \$7,833.33 (*our Mission Plan this year is based on weekly offerings of \$5,000 Thank you for your support. Let us continue to respond to God's amazing grace.*)

Attendance last week: Approximately 119 (including 85 in person & more on Zoom and Facebook Live)

Please let the church office know if your birthday or anniversary is missing from the calendar. We will make sure to add it to our database.

Announcements

Lenten devotionals for both adults and families will be available in the church entryway. Be sure to pick yours up! **Our Lenten Dinner Church Events will be held on March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. Each beginning at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall.** These events will include our annual soup supper, Holy Communion and a short bible study! A sign up sheet will be posted for folks to sign up to bring a soup for the day.

Our bible study series for this year is entitled: *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels.* We will be studying the Passion Story of Jesus in each of the Gospels.

Here are the themes for each week:

March 12: *The Gospels: What's Different? What's the Same?*

March 19: *Yes, I Am: The Passion According to Mark*

March 26: *You Have Said So, But I Say To You: The Passion According to Matthew*

April 2: *A New Covenant to Remember: The Passion According to Luke*

April 9: *A Different Focus: The Passion According to John*

Holy Communion is on the Second Tuesday of the Month! We invite you to join us on **March 11th at 10:30**, for a short Holy Communion Service in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity to gather in a small group setting to receive the gift of Holy Communion. And, even if you attend worship and receive communion regularly...it's a chance to gather with others and receive the gift of our Lord Jesus during the week. So mark your calendars...and if you can't make it this month...make plans to join us in April! Feel free to contact Pr. Dan as well to make other arrangements.

The March Men's Breakfast is at 8:30am on March 22th. Pastor Dan will start the coffee at 8:00, so if you'd like to help or come early for a chat, do so. Please let him know if you can attend and what you are bringing. Looking forward to seeing everyone this month.

Federal Point Help Center. The Help Center pantry is asking for **Mac n Cheese, Chef Boyardee, Pasta Sauce, Jelly & Small Jars of Peanut butter** for the month of March. Items can be left in the narthex. For information about the Help Center, please contact Michelle or Randy (randy6b6@gmail.com>).

Rice Bowl Offering: this month's offering will be on **March 30th**, designated for Lutheran Services Carolinas. This organization supports many children through providing services in adoption, foster care, Transitional living for young adults, day services for young adults. Their mission statement is "Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve." If you'd like to know more about this organization visit Lutheran Services Carolinas

Book Club: Our March meeting will be on Monday, **March 31st** at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing *The Wager* by David Grann (*author of Killers of the Flower Moon*). Come and join us for fun, fellowship, food and of course, a great discussion. Please let me (elundy@elundy.org) or the office know if you can join us.

Friday Book Group: Every Friday at 9:30 AM we gather to read and discuss books chosen by the group, for March we have picked *Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing, A Memoir:* by Matthew Perry. Current events are always welcomed and discussed. If interested in joining contact Sara Tardio (beechnmly@gmail.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00AM Worship & Sunday School 12:15PM Lunch Ministry PANTRY BOX SUNDAY Happy Birthday Kurt Heckendorf	7:30PM AA Meeting	10:30AM Holy Communion 11:00AM Prayer Circle 1:30PM Property Mtg 6:30PM Church Council Meeting	5:30PM Lenten Dinner Church	7:30PM AA Meeting	9:30AM Book Group	Happy Birthday Christine Hughes
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00AM Worship & Sunday School 12:15PM Lunch Ministry Happy Birthday Kelley Hargrave	Happy Anniversary Nancy & Jack Campbell Happy Birthday Jack Campbell 7:30PM AA Meeting	11:00AM Prayer Circle 2:00PM Service Team Meeting	Happy Birthday Rachel Pivik 5:30PM Lenten Dinner Church	7:30PM AA Meeting	9:30AM Book Group Happy Birthday Donnie Rehder & Katie Edwards	8:30AM Men's Breakfast

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; Joseph 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, Dawn

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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