

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



The Lihu'e Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hawai'i

Ka Hale Pule 'O Na Lahui Apau . . .

Church Of All Peoples . . .

. . . Hele Pu Makou me Iesu Kristo

. . . Walking Together With Christ

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Welcome to the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost!

Introduction

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Overview

Abundance from Scraps

Jesus is able to feed us abundantly, even with scraps. He meets earthly needs by feeding the crowds and continues now to offer himself as holy meal, freely given to all, no matter their income or rank in society. Advertisers have trained us that what's proclaimed as FREE usually isn't. More often, it's a ploy to get our money for some other, larger, purchase. Today we are invited to trust and receive Jesus' free gift of love without mistrusting that he's got up his sleeve some scheme to swindle our money.

It can be hard to relax and trust God to take care of us and nourish us with the mere scraps we often see around us. We panic and take matters into our own hands instead of trusting. We experience that crushing sense of responsibility, not just to ourselves, but to our children or parents or other loved ones to keep them fed and clothed and healthy. Trusting as the crowd did that day seems completely foreign to those of us living in North America, abundant in resources.

With food freely given, with quantity enough to feed only a few, Jesus makes this miracle, and there are leftovers to clean up. But for most of us, belief comes slowly and warily when we've been burned by experience: how will there be enough for all of us, when we've been the last one at the lunch line, the late arrival at the party, and everything's gone? What if we see people in the crowd we don't want fed and jostle our way to the head of the line to get first choice? Will it be fair? Trusting that our daily bread and even our very lives are in God's hands is hard to do as we grow older and burdened by responsibility, but God has compassion for every member of the crowd, and we are blessed and invited to be joyful recipients of that generosity.

Announcements

1. Interested?!
 - a. Ukele group, contemplative walking group, men's bible study, weekly lectionary study
 - b. Community Gardening Team
 - c. Disaster Preparedness and Response Team (DPRT)
 - d. The Glory Project: 4-weeks of Discipleship Formation
 - e. Welcoming Team

Weekly Events

1. College and Young Adults Ministry
 - a. **Tuesday, August 4**, 7:30-8:30pm
 - b. Join @ <https://zoom.us/j/98874414967>
2. Women's Book Study – Liturgy of the Ordinary
 - a. **Wednesday, August 5**, @ 7:30-8:30pm via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92476163514>
3. Bible Study – “The Twelve,” a study in the minor prophets – Amos part 1
 - a. **Thursday, August 6**, @ 7:30-8:30pm via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91319975631>
4. Centering Prayer with Liedeke Bulder
 - a. **Saturday, August 7**, @ 9-10am via zoom <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9079773456>
5. Virtual Youth Group
 - a. **Sunday, August 9**, 5:00-6:00pm (note, we meet **every other week** for the summer)
 - b. Join @ <https://zoom.us/j/92234312100>

Prayer Concerns

Please remember these people in your prayers during the week: Normal Dibble, Marie Johnson, Minora Higa, Kazue Zaima, Iris Venzon, Virginia Hines-Aflague, John Mattek, Giraldo II (Bobby Giraldo's son), Kristie Schmid (Tony's sister), Lolli Hagen, Abraham Torres, Sr., Kristy Kahananui, Sonny Koerte, Joan Duarte Ebesu, Mallory Rodriguez, Steve Schantz, Leonarda Cadiz, Peter Alisna, Lea Cadiz, Tirzah Pope, John McIntyre, Pastor Matthew Weber, Joyce Anglemyer, Stephen Shioi, Peggy Hood, Jason Shimono, Richard Rasay, Nancy Nelson (formerly Mandell), Karen & Patrick Pavao, Lucia Turner, Edward Rasay, Richard Duarte (Friend of Kurt Javinar), Karen Richards (friend of Nancy Mandell), Marcos Larson (Liedeke's son), Dora Jane Rowell, Franklin Parraga, Penny Parraga, Leticia Ancog (Kurt Javinar's sister), Yvonne Shinseki, Al Dressler (Larry's Father), Shirley Hallman (Denese Alcott's Mother), Mercy Ballesteros, Mike LaBerge, Anna Marie & Phil Croghan, Judy Carlson, Caroline Johnson, Sheila Belarmino, Ray Roderick, The Church Council, and leaders in the ELCA. If you have additional prayer requests, please let the church office know. “*Ask it in my name . . .*” Mahalo for your love.

Remembering our Military

As we gather for worship, please remember those serving us in the military, and the families of our Hawai'i National Guard. These names have been given by loved ones and family members: Navy - Kristian Matsumoto, Coast Guard - Brian Rodriguez, Navy - Kiana Alisna, Coast Guard - Ke'ale Renta Army - Jason Lumacad, Levi Fajardo: Air Force - Steven Javinar, Ikaika Fajardo, Army - Brandon Perkinson, Drew Cox, Tony Garton: National Guard - Benji MacKenzie, Eddie Resinto, Fred Casticimo, Philip Kamakea, Anthony Y. Torres, Master Sgt. If you know of someone you would like added to our prayer list, please advise the church office.

Church Posture

Our church posture describes the attitudes and expectations we have about church. Combined, these influence how we come to church and how we *do church*. Consider and reflect on the reasons why you come to church and what your church posture is

Welcome, Check-In, and Announcements

Type into the Facebook chatbox and respond to one, or more, of the following four check-in prompts

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P We are gathered in the name of the Father, Makua, and of the + Son, Keiki Kane, and of the Holy Spirit, Uhane Hemolele.

C Amen

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Reconciling God,

C we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life. Amen.

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through your Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Gathering Song

ELW 714

O God of Mercy, God of Light

The musical score is written for a four-part choir. It features a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.
 Music: JUSTASIAM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896; arr. hymnal version
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**Apostolic 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.**

**Prayer of the Day*

P Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you
 cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both
 body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus
 Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

**First Reading*

Isaiah 55:1-5

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to
 make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to*

Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

A The Word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (to be read responsively)

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (*Ps. 145:16*)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,**

and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall

and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,**

and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand

and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways**

and loving in all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,

to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;**

you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,

but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord;
al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

*The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

P The Holy Gospel according to
Saint Matthew, the thirteenth
chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat **to a deserted place by himself**. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Sermon

Sermon

Song of the Day

ELW 810

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

**Apostles' Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of the Church*

P As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.

A God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways (*regions and nations in conflict may be named*). Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way. Hear the names we hold before you . . . Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A Be with our Ohana off island. As places around our nation re-open and re-close, be with them. Place hedges of protection around them as they go about their daily activities. Hold them in your love until they are able to come be with us again. God of our salvation,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen**

Queen's Prayer

The musical score is for the hymn 'Queen's Prayer'. It is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system is for the piano accompaniment, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a simple bass line. The lyrics are: 'O kou a-lo-ha no A i-a i ka La-ni, A No-lai-la e ka-Haku Ma-la-lo kou e-he-u, Ko'. The second system is for two vocal parts, with the lyrics: 'o kou oi-a i-o, He he-mo-le-le hoi ma-kou ma-lu hi-a, A mau loa a-ku no. A-me-ne.' The piano part continues with a simple accompaniment for the vocal lines.

English Translation

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| <p>1. O Lord thy Loving Mercy,
Is high as the Heavens.
It tells us of thy truth.
And 'tis filled with holiness</p> | <p>3. For thy grace I beseech thee.
Bring us 'neath thy protection.
And peace will be thy portion
Now and forever more. Amen</p> |
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Sharing of the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.**
- P Let us share peace in the Facebook live chatbox with one another.

*Offering Prayer

P God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C Amen.

Offertory

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Offertory Song

Lord of Aloha

God of the is - lands, Lord of the seas, Ma - ker of beau - ty and source of the breeze,

5 King of Cre - a - tion, an - cient and new, Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.

9 Auth - or of mer - cy, Giv - er of grace, Bles - sed Re - deem - er who died in our place, Fath - er of one O

14 ha - na are you, Lift - ing our voic - es we sing "Al - le - lu" Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.

19 God of the is - lands, Lord of the seas, Ma - ker of beau - ty and source of the breeze,

23 King of Cre - a - tion, an - cient and new, Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.

27 Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.

Sacramental Remembrance of Communion

**Lord's Prayer* (spoken in unison)

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.

**Blessing*

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C Amen

Sending Song

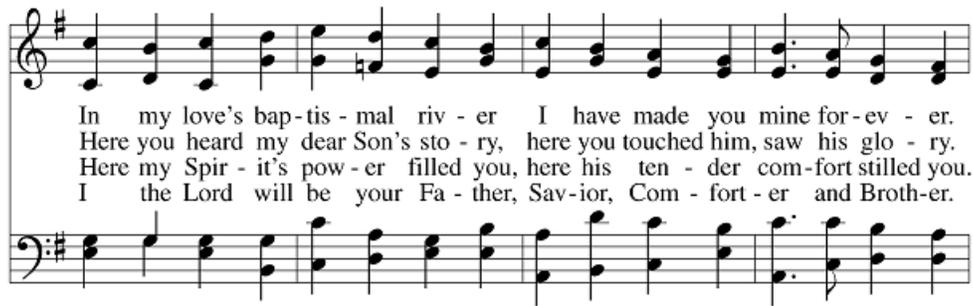
WOV 721

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

The image shows a musical score for the song "Go, My Children, with My Blessing". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (D#). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-ev-er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry, here you touched him, saw his glo-ry.
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you, here his ten-der com-fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er and Broth-er.



Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."
 Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh; arr. R. Vaughan Williams

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Dismissal

A Go in peace! Christ is with you! **C** Thanks be to God!

CHURCH POSTURE

This week will deviate a bit from the norm. Typically, we engage the lectionary with an additional reflection. This week, I believe God has something else for us.

Earlier this week, as we were out for our first dinner with the College and Young Adults group, we spent some time laughing about customer service jobs, and all of the crazy customer service experiences one will go through in this line of work. What I noticed with the College and Young Adults is the difference between customers and co-workers. Customers are individuals who show up to *get something* while co-workers work together in service *towards something*.

The church can fall into a similar metaphor of the customer service industry if we're not intentional about our church posture. Our church posture is the attitudes and expectations we have *about Church* that influence how we do church and how we come to church. Here are a few reflection questions to learn more about your church posture.

- Why do you come to church? Is it just to *get something* or is it also to *give something*?
- When it comes to church are you more like a *customer* or more like a *co-worker*?

FORMATION

These questions might feel sharp, meaning when they come close to our attitudes and beliefs about church, they might cut through our intentions and sting as we begin to realize what may be lying beneath the surface of our church posture. This is normal and the discomfort is a *good thing*. Lean into the discomfort, don't pull away, because discomfort is a normal part of growing in faith. #GleanAndGrow

INVITATION

When you come to church this week, whether it is locally or virtually, come intentionally. Be prepared to practically love and serve others whether it is stepping out of your comfort zone to talk to someone new or engage someone in the online chat box with a follow-up question or a simple "like" to their comment (as a way to acknowledge and affirm their presence). For those of you who are feeling bold, try taking the first step in developing a friendship by asking someone out to a socially distanced cup of coffee, beach walk, or lunch at a local food truck.