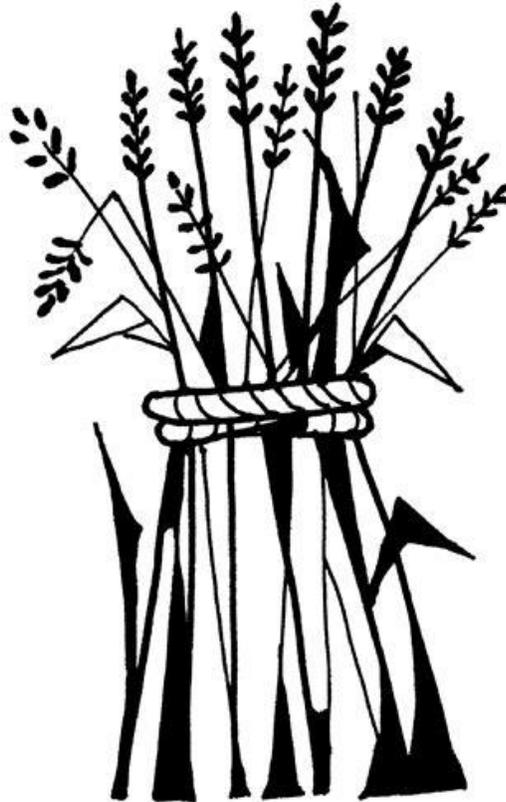


# ***Thanksgiving Day***



## ***The Lihue Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hawaii***

*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 Thanksgiving Day Worship!

## **Introduction**

At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: “You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.” We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God’s creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

## **Overview**

### **How much is enough?**

How do we define an abundant life? Is it by how much *we* have? Do we define it in comparison or contrast to what others have? Too often, our definition of an abundant life keeps us turned inward because it is characterized by the amount of money we have in the bank, the number of friends by our side, or gadgets in our pocket.

Consider this: the total U.S. revolving debt (98 percent of which is credit card debt) as of January 2011 was \$795.5 billion, according to the Federal Reserve’s G.19 report on consumer credit. While the implications of the G.19 report may be hotly debated, what it does tell us is that U.S. citizens, in general, like to spend. Then again, we don’t need a report to tell us what we already know. That’s the case for most people who live in any first-world country. Take a walk through your house, apartment, or condominium and try to assess whether you have what you need or whether you have far more than necessary. Do you have children? How many toys do they have? How many of those toys go untouched or overlooked because they have so many? Ask a person whose family has moved recently and you will likely find someone who will, if they are being honest, be forced to admit that they own too much stuff. Nothing puts the concepts of needs versus wants or having enough versus having too much into perspective quite like moving from one home to another.

Today’s readings provide us an opportunity to redefine what constitutes an abundant life. Each reading orients our perspective outward and gives us pause to consider the correlation between an abundant life and a life lived in faithful relationship to God.

### *Weekly Events*

1. Centering Prayer with Liedeke Bulder
  - a. **Saturday, November 28**, @ 9-10am via zoom <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9079773456>
2. Youth Group – Virtual + Local Youth Group
  - a. **Sunday, November 29, No Youth Group**
3. College and Young Adults Ministry
  - a. **Tuesday, December 1**, 5:30-7:00pm @ Fellowship hall
4. Women's Book Study – Molokai'i
  - a. **Wednesday, December 2**, @ 7:30-8:30pm via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/96513446272>
5. Table Talk – **on break**, resumes December 3
6. Deck the Halls
  - a. **Saturday, December 5**, @ 9:00am
  - b. Come for NOG, fellowship, and help decorate the church!

### *Prayer Concerns*

Please remember these people in your prayers during the week: Karen Kinoshita, Jake Whisenhunt, Rick Rentz, Stan Weeks, Judy Hoffman, Norman Dibble, Marie Johnson, Minora Higa, Kazue Zaima, Virginia Hines-Aflague, John Mattek, Girald II (Bobby Girald'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 (formely Mandell), Karen & Patrick Pavao, 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 – TJ, Javinar, 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.

## Welcome, Check-In, and Announcements

Welcome, Ohana, to our Facebook live and local worship! We are so glad you are here with us. Please shout out warm aloha in the chatbox and let us know where you are and how you are!

## Gratitude Exercise

Take a few moments to thank God for all God has given.

### \*Order for Confession and Forgiveness (please stand)

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 Holy One,

**C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

### \*Gathering Song

*ELW 694*

#### Sing to the Lord of Harvest

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff, with three numbered lines of text corresponding to the three lines of the score.

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;  
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.

by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,  
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,

sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
 and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.  
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.  
 Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546-1613

**\*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. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen**

*First Reading (please be seated)*

*Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

*Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.*

<sup>7</sup>For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." <sup>18</sup>But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

*Psalm (to be read responsively)*

*Thanksgiving Day Psalm*

*God is the God of all grace. Let us resound with joy and thanksgiving for who God is.*

A Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King

**C His love endures forever**

A For He is good, He is above all things

**C His love endures forever**

A Because His love is better than life

**C Our lips will praise Him**

A He gives the ability to make wealth and fills our hearts and blesses our hands with more than enough

**C He gives shade to the weary, help to the hopeless, and salvation to the meek**

A Bless the Lord, O my soul

**C And never forget the good things He has done!**

A This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it

**C Praise the Lord I tell myself and never forget the good things He has done!**

*Second Reading*

*2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

*Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.*

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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 (please stand)*

*Luke 17:11-19*

*A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.*

P    The Holy Gospel according to  
Saint Luke, the seventeenth  
chapter.



☒    Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P    The Gospel of the Lord.



☒    Praise to you, O Christ.

Keiki Sermon

Sermon

\*Song of the Day (please stand)

ELW 485

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . .

Refrain  
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

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 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM  
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### Congregational Worship – Open Mic (please be seated)

If you are grateful for something in your life, we invite you to raise your hand so that the ushers can walk over to you and hold the microphone so that you can share what you are grateful for with the priesthood of all believers. Feel free to share a testimony of gratitude in the chatbox (testimony = your own life experience).

### Sharing of Gratitude and Peace

- P Beloved of God, we are grateful for you, grateful for this church, and grateful for one another. Thanks be to God.
- C We are indeed grateful. Thanks and praise be to God.**
- P The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- C And also with you.**
- P Let us join together sharing a sign of peace with one another.

### \*Queen’s Prayer (please stand)

Piano

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

Pno

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.

#### English Translation

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

### *\*Offering Prayer*

**P** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### *Offertory (please be seated)*

Today, we just want to say how thankful and grateful we are for you. If you feel called by God, and out of your joy, would like to make a gift, tithe, or offering you may do so when the ushers come forward or make a donation online. Donations can also be mailed in and the online link is located [here](#) or you can copy and paste the weblink below @

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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; please stand)

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 May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad. The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen

*\*Sending Song*

ELW 881

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## Dismissal

A Beloved of God, go with joy and give thanks!    **C His love endures forever!**

## Cultivating Gratitude with Four Easy Practices

4 EASY WAYS TO  
Practice Gratitude Every Day

NOTICE ONE GOOD THING 

 Express Gratitude to Someone

DO AN ACT OF KINDNESS 

 Create a Gratitude Jar