Fifth Week of 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 Our Guests

It is always a joy to share our faith and worship with people visiting from around the world. Please know your presence and participation in our service is most appreciated. At Lihue Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion at every service. You are certainly welcome in joining us as our Lord comes to us in this holy meal.

Prayer Concerns

Please remember these people in your prayers during the week: Sally Rasay, Linda Garrett, Stan Weeks, Ronnie Pacheco, Pagatpatan ohana, Villanueva ohana, Geronimo ohana, David Gragg, Joe Morgan, Zosimo and Virginia Austria, Karen Kinoshita, Jake Whisenhunt, Rick Rentz, Stan Weeks, Judy Hoffman, Norman Dibble, 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, Uncle Joe, Mallory Rodriguez, Steve Schantz, Peter Alisna, Tirzah Pope, Pastor Matthew Weber, Joyce Anglemyer, Stephen Shioi, Peggy Hood, Jason Shimono, Richard Rasay, Nancy Nelson (formely Mandell), Karen & Patrick Pavao, Edward Rasay, 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.

Remembering Our Military

This week we say, "aloha" to Cindy and Stan Weeks as they prepare for their mainland move to to sunny Arizona! May the peace of the Lord go with you and bless you at your new place of residence. Mahalo and aloha for your friendship and fellowship!

Introduction
A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Overview
Jesus Power is Enough
Today's story of two healings in a single reading appears to present a horrific choice: should Jesus hurry to the dying daughter of a rich man, or pause to heal an outcast woman? The urgency of both requests before him presents a real dilemma, one we might be tempted to resolve in a variety of either/or ways. Either he keeps his commitment to Jairus, or he pauses to help the woman before him who is so obviously suffering. He either helps an important person who can help him further his ministry, or gives help to someone who has no other resource at all.

We see these apparent zero-sum equations in our ministry all the time. The church council meets over the budget and feels the pull between benevolence outside the congregation and the increasing costs of health care for the church's employees. The building's windows need repair, but we know another congregation across town that can barely pay its pastor. The needs "inside" and the needs "outside" always seem in competition.

Individuals feel these tensions as well: people are sandwiched between the needs of aging parents and the needs of small children; parents feel stretched to meet their vocational obligations and spend time with their families; students want to serve others but feel pressed to just get their own work done.

Of course, in the face of Jesus' power, none of these really are either/or propositions, even though they seem like dead ends. In Mark's gospel, Jesus' power is enough to provide new life for both the rich man's daughter and the poor woman. How often do we assume that God's power is not enough to bring life out of the seemingly impossible choices we make? We are challenged to open up the interruptions and hard choices of our lives to Jesus' power to bring life out of death.

Theological Reflection
Lamentations 3:26 invites the hearer to "wait quietly" for God's salvation. At first glance, this could seem to imply that one wait passively or submissively. But the Hebrew conjunction used here is not one that implies that kind of spirit, but rather strikes a more meditative tone. In prayer we are silent but active! In meditation we are quiet but focused. What might it mean to be "loudly silent" or "aggressively patient" when waiting for God's justice?

Announcements and Weekly Events!

Welcome, Check-In, and Announcements

In the Facebook chatbox share something good God is doing in your life.

Weekly Events

◊ Centering Prayer with Liedeke Bulder

Saturday, July 3, @ 9-10am via zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9079773456

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Order for Worship

Moment of Mindfulness

**Confession and Forgiveness*

All make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

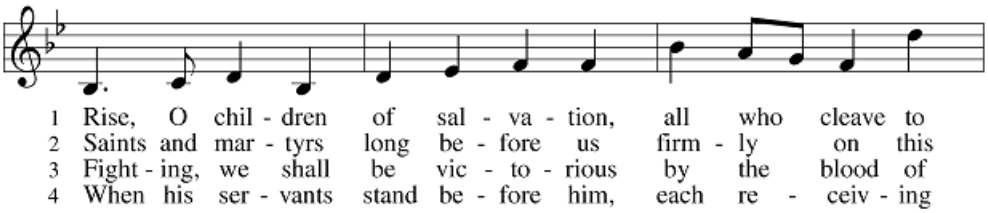
Silence is kept for reflection on the Resurrection.

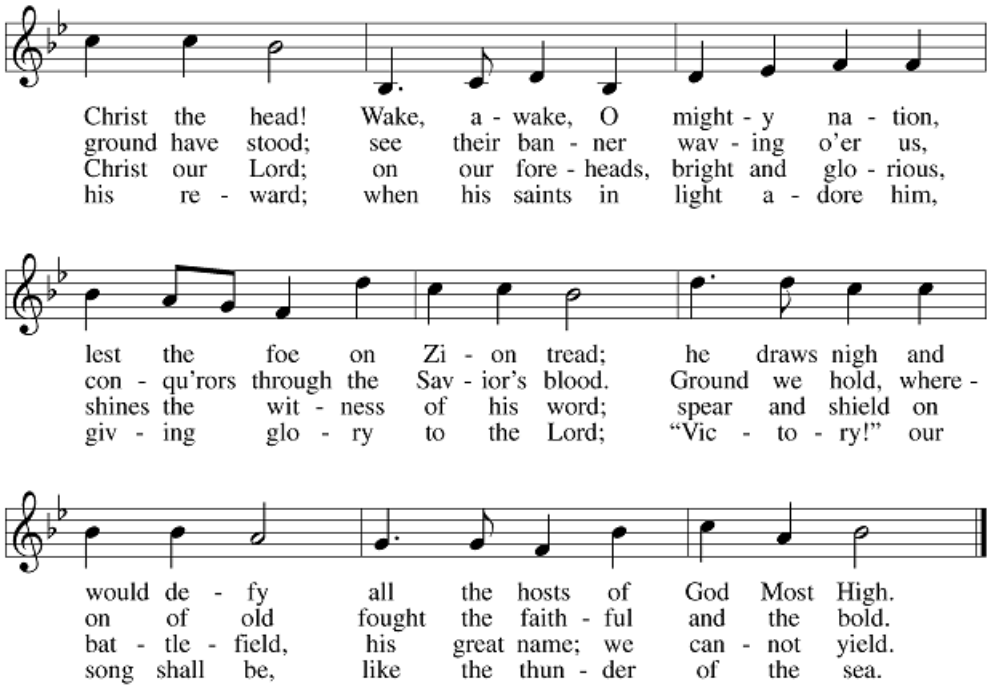
P God our provider,

C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question you ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Gathering Song* *Rise, O Children of Salvation*





*The 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 and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading *Lamentation 3:22-33*

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
27 It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
28 to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
29 to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
30 to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

31 For the Lord will not
reject forever.
32 Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
33 for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

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

Psalm *Psalm 30*

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2 **O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
4 **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
5 God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
6 **While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**
7 You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
8 **I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
9 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
10 **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**
11 You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
12 **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 8:7-15*

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

7Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in
speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in
our love for you—so we want you to excel also in
this generous undertaking.
8I do not say this as a command, but I am test-
ing the genuineness of your love against the ear-
nestness of others. 9For you know the generous
act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was
rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that
by his poverty you might become rich. 10And in
this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropri-
ate for you who began last year not only to do
something but even to desire to do something—
11now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may
be matched by completing it according to your
means. 12For if the eagerness is there, the gift is
acceptable according to what one has—not ac-
cording to what one does not have. 13I do not
mean that there should be relief for others and
pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair bal-
ance between 14your present abundance and their
need, so that their abundance may be for your
need, in order that there may be a fair balance.
15As it is written,
"The one who had much did not have too
much, and the one who had little did not have too
little."

A The Word of the Lord

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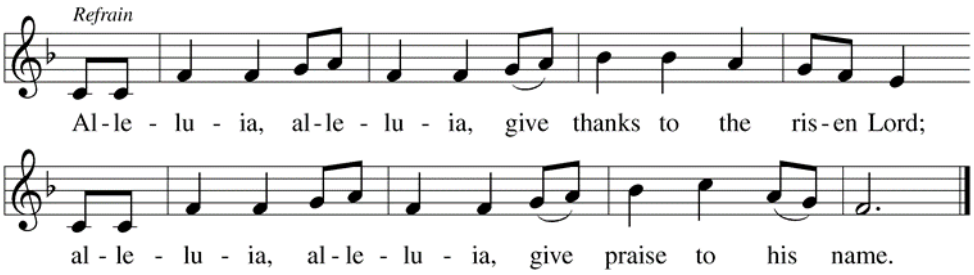
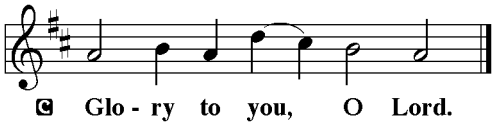


*Holy Gospel — Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the fifth chapter.

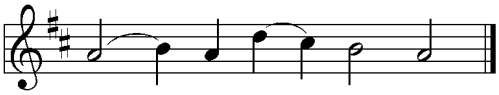


21When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the
other side, a great crowd gathered around him;
and he was by the sea. 22Then one of the leaders of
the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he
saw him, fell at his feet 23and begged him repeat-
edly, "My little daughter is at the point of death.
Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may
be made well, and live." 24So he went with him.
And a large crowd followed him and pressed in
on him. 25Now there was a woman who had been
suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years.
26She had endured much under many physicians,
and had spent all that she had; and she was no
better, but rather grew worse. 27She had heard
about Jesus, and came up behind him in the
crowd and touched his cloak, 28for she said, "If I
but touch his clothes, I will be made well." 29Im-
mediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt
in her body that she was healed of her disease.
disease."

30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth
from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and
said, "Who touched my clothes?" 31 And his disci-
ples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in
on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' "
32 He looked all around to see who had done it.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

33 But the woman, knowing what had happened
to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down
before him, and told him the whole truth. 34 He
said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you
well; go in peace, and be healed of your



℟ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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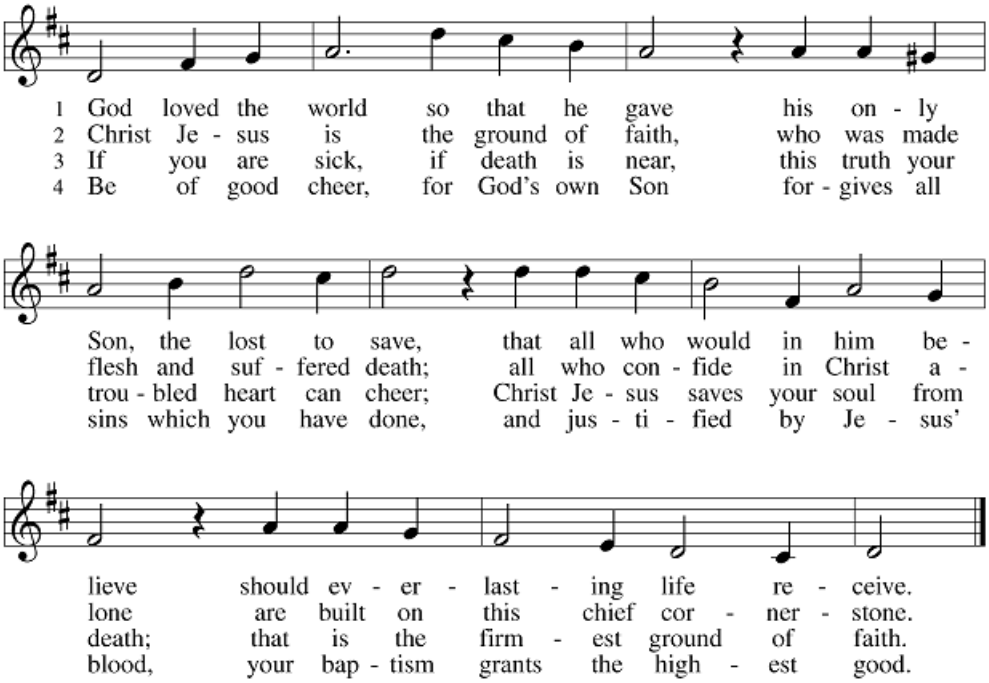
**Hymn of the Day* *God Loved the World*



*Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together in reciting the Apostles' Creed

A **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.

*The Prayers of the Church

P Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

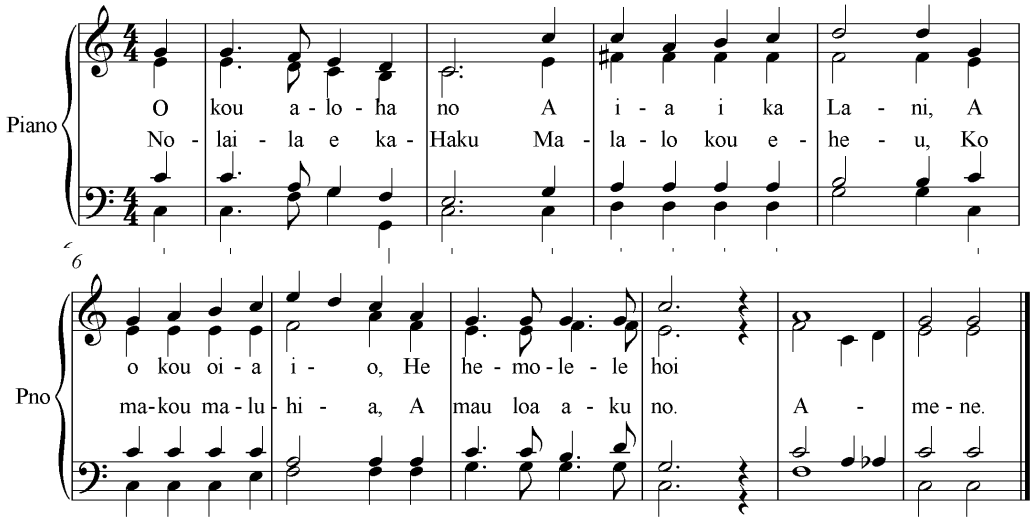
A We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, that (*with Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, and all your saints*) we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C Amen

*The Queen's Prayer



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

The Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share the peace of the Lord with those here locally and those joining us online via Facebook live! As the ushers come forward, take a minute to share "Aloha" with those joining us online!

Offertory Word

If God puts it on your heart to give, donations can be given here today, mailed in, or given online our website here or you can copy and paste the weblink below @

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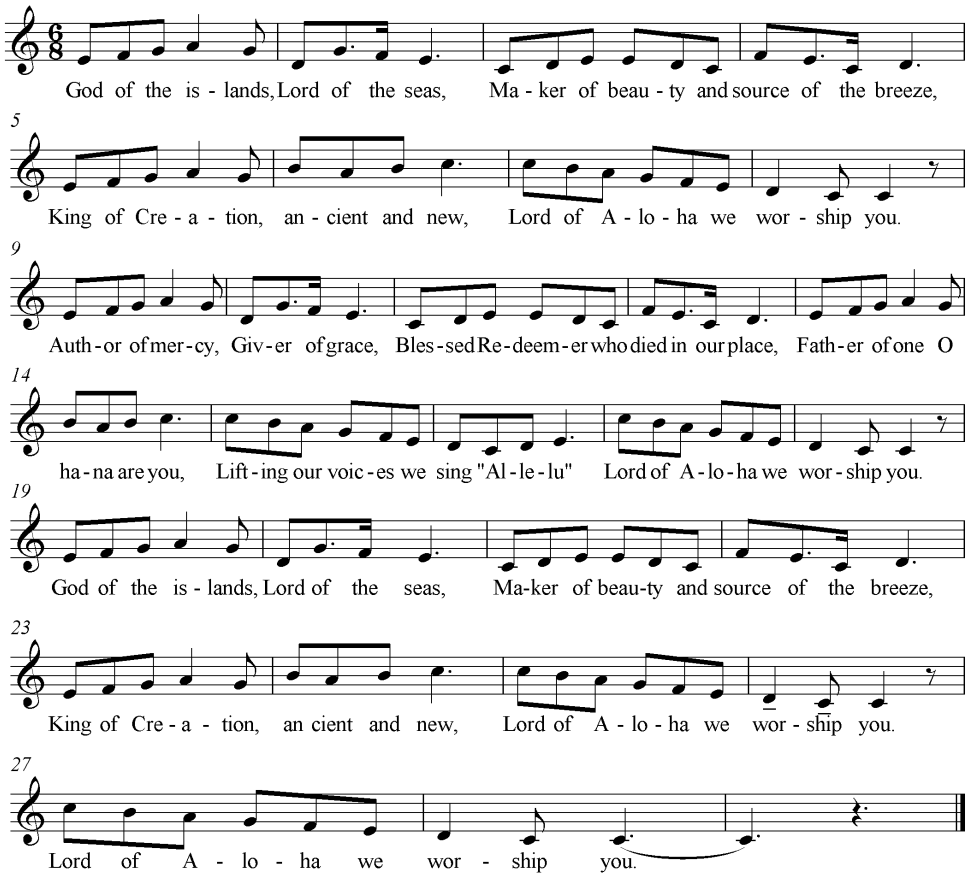
Offertory Response *Lord of Aloha*



*Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C Amen

Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*The Words of Institution

(All are welcome to share in this meal with us. The sacraments are provided in accordance to synodical guidelines in collaboration with CDC, state, and local precautions. If you do not have sacraments, please raise your hand and an usher will bring them to you.)

*The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray...

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 Post-Communion Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen.**

*The Prayer After Communion

P Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

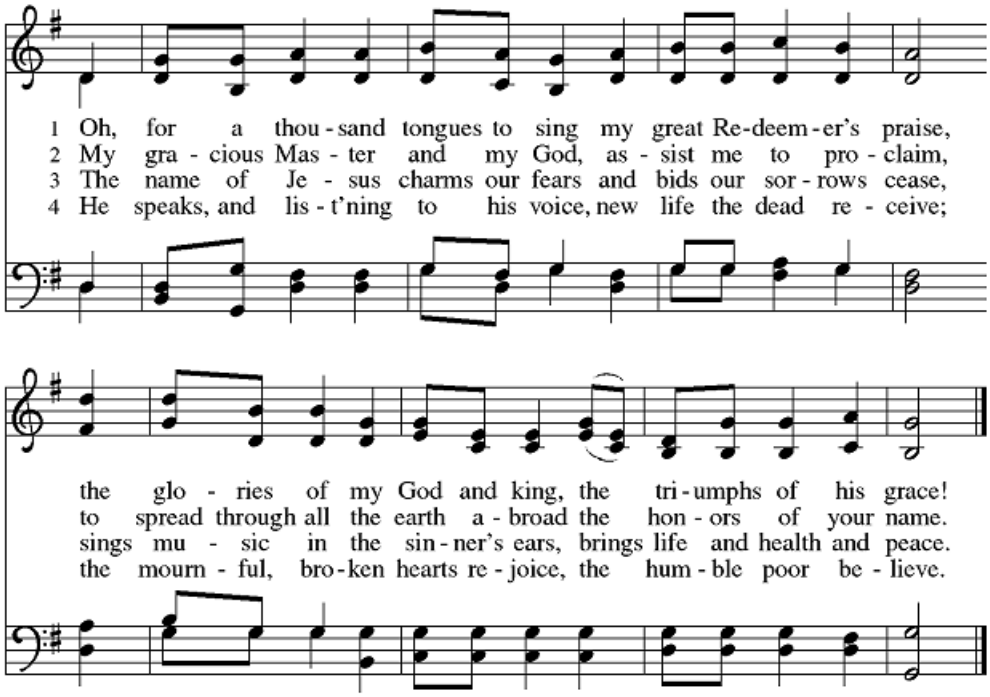
C **Amen.**

*The Blessing

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you forever in the name of Makua, ✠ Keiki Kane, and Uhane Hemolele.

C Amen.

*The Sending Song Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Dismissal

P Go in peace, you are the body of Christ.
C Thanks be to God.

Commemorations

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444
Sunday, June 27, 2021
Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202
Monday, June 28, 2021
This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday, June 29, 2021
These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators
Thursday, July 1, 2021
Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Thomas, Apostle
Saturday, July 3, 2021
Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

“Do not fear, only believe”

We are presented with a phenomenal Gospel lesson today. And there are many rich themes that can speak to our fears and invoke the gift of faith in our hearts and minds. In the context of the whole, there are two aspects of the text that stand out, and I think, are worth noting. Mark 5:28 and the faith of the bleeding woman, and Mark 5:36 and Jesus’ encouragement to the religious leader. These verses are important because they speak into the holes of faith that have penetrated our own lives, and into the very real experiences of fear that we face.

First, in the story of the bleeding woman, I can’t help but think about how this woman has become an image of faith for me. Whenever I’m facing an obstacle, going through a difficult time, or struggling to believe in the promises or providence of God, I think of this woman who says, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Do I live like that? Do I walk with faith like that...believing that, at any moment, I could encounter Jesus throughout my day, in the mess of the mire of whatever I’m facing, and be radically transformed? Do I really believe that? And do I seek after Jesus throughout my day believing, “If I were to just encounter Jesus today, I could be radically transformed?” Her story has the opportunity to become our story; her faith has the opportunity to become our faith, if we are willing to walk with the same belief that she had.

Second, in Mark 5:36, we see a story unfolding in which fear has written itself into the heart of someone’s story. A religious leader, The Leader (of the synagogue) no less. His daughter has died. His deepest fear has become reality, as death has entered life to remove his most precious possession: his daughter. Fearing death had taken her, he writhes with anxiousness, and it is into this anxiousness to which Jesus speaks—much like the way He spoke into the storm facing the disciples last week. With the strength of an army, he speaks to the heart of this man and commands him, “Do not fear!” And then Jesus compels him, “...only believe!”

My prayer is that we would receive this command of faith and be compelled out of fear. If you’re like me, human, it’s likely that fear has gripped some aspect of your life, and it calls you out of faith, out of belief, and into fear, doubt, and despair. Like the bleeding woman, like the leader of the synagogue, we have *but to believe.* In light of **whatever** you’re facing, believe with faith. God loves. God will not leave you. God has not left you. God is not ignoring you. God sees you, and God hears you. Press on, press in, and lift your prayers up!