

First Week in Christmas



The Lihu'e Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hawai'i

Ka Hale Pule 'O Na Lahui Apau . . .

Church Of All Peoples . . .

. . . Hele Pu Ma'ou 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: The family of Amanda Thayer, Bob & Joann Clash, 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, Norman Dibble, Kazue Zaima, 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, Uncle Joe, Mallory Rodriguez, Steve Schantz, Peter Alisna, Tirzah Pope, Pastor Matthew Weber, Joyce Anglemeyer, Stephen Shioi, Peggy Hood, Jason Shimono, Richard Rasay, Nancy Nelson (formerly 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.

Lihue Lutheran Spotlight

Hau'oli Lā Hānau to Derek Iha (12.26).



Introduction

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

Overview

Becoming Who We Were Intended to Be

In this Christmas season we celebrate that Jesus has come among us to free us from our enslavement to sin and to restore the dignity of our human nature. With Christ dwelling richly within us, we are empowered to answer our divine callings.

In the gospel Jesus models this by spending time in his “Father’s house,” listening carefully and learning from the teachers. Because of this faithfulness, he increased in wisdom and “in divine and human favor.” Likewise, Samuel learned from the scriptures. This helped him to grow both in stature and “in favor with the LORD and with the people.”

Both Jesus and Samuel are young boys in today’s texts, yet they’re already in the temple answering their unique calls. This illuminates that as God’s children, with the Spirit at work within us, it is never too soon to begin the work of ministry.

The Colossians text instructs us, as God’s chosen ones, to clothe ourselves with love. Humility and the attributes of a servant will enable us to forgive one another and live in peace. In addition, a heart of gratitude is important.

Together, these scriptures help us recognize that each one of us is called through our baptism. God seals us with the Holy Spirit and sets about to transform us through that call. As we answer it, we become who God intends us to be.

Theological Reflection

Hannah gave Samuel to Eli when “the child was young” (1 Sam. 1:24)—barely weaned—and though his mother would be blessed with more children, he couldn’t grow up with them because he was a ward of the temple. Eli took care of him but wasn’t very attentive, and Eli’s own sons—corrupt and abusive—likely made for bad company. Their simultaneous deaths then abruptly made Samuel Israel’s next judge around age twenty, just as national challenges began piling up. His life illustrates the hard backstory of so many effective leaders. Think of what myths or inspiration Samuel’s story can unlock in your community or in yourself.

Announcements and Weekly Events!

Welcome, Check-In, and Announcements

In the Facebook chatbox share how Advent and Christmas have inspired you.

Announcements

- ◇ 2-hour introduction to **Centering Prayer**
Saturday, January 8, 9:00-11:00am via zoom
 Register by emailing Phyllis Meighen—phyllismeighen@gmail.com
- ◇ All-Church Work Day
Sunday, January 22, 9am-1pm (still TBD)

Weekly Events

- ◇ Centering Prayer with Liedeke Bulder
Saturday, Jan 8, @ 9-11am via zoom <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9079773456>
- ◇ BOBS Bible Study—1 Corinthians + Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83104986901>
Tuesday, Jan 11, @ 5:30-7pm in the fellowship hall
- ◇ Youth Group
Sunday, Jan 16, Youth group in the fellowship hall 5:30-7pm
- ◇ Ghetto Sweet Tarts
Monday, Jan 17, New Year's Kickoff in the fellowship hall 5:30-7pm

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Order for Worship

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C Amen.

P In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

P I bring you Good News of Great Joy for all people. God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord ✝ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace

C Amen.



*Gathering Song

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



**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.

**Kyrie*

Cantor Kahaku e', aho nuimai, Cristoe', aho nuimai,
Kahaku e', aho nuimai, Kahaku e', aho nuimaila.

arr. David Haas, Rob Glover

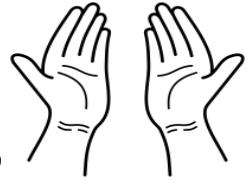
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Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son, Chri - ste, e -
1. & 3. O Lord, have mer - cy; O Christ, have
le - i - son; Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son;
mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy on us;
Fine
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
O Lord, have mer - cy on us.
19 2. Ka-ha-ku e', a - ho nu - i - mai, Cris-to - e', a - ho
26 nu - i - mai, Ka-ha - ku e', a - ho nu - i - mai,
31 Ka-ha-ku - e', a - ho nu - i - mai - la.

*Prayer of the Day

P Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you

with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (*Ps. 148:13*)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**
⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is
over earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the
people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are
near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with new garments upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you

were called in the one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

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

G Glo - ry to you, O Lord.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

*Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together in reciting the Apostles' Creed

C 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 Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A You come to us in gatherings of your church across the globe. Unite us with those who celebrate your birth even when they are weighed down by grief, loss, poverty, hunger, or injustice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us in the diverse splendor of the universe. Grant us the humility to trust our place in the network of creation, that we live in service to you and the natural world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us through relationships of many kinds: families, friendships, communities, and nations. Guide us in these relationships, that we recognize the Christ child in one another and show your love to those most vulnerable. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us through people whom the world forgets. Poor shepherds and an imprisoned Paul announced your good news. Send your Spirit to all who are imprisoned, struggling with addiction, unwell, or in any need this day. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You come to us in acts of justice and forgiveness. Open our hearts to forgive one another, without permitting injustice. Supply us with the wisdom to be clothed with love, binding all things together in perfect harmony. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A You come to us through those who have died yet live with you forever. We give thanks for Stephen, deacon and martyr, who gave his life to tell the story of your love. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

**The Queen's Prayer*

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

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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

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



We invite you partner with us in ministry through the pandemic with a one-time gift, tithe, or offering. Ministry is never done alone, but in collaboration with the community gathered so that we can be the community sent. 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



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.

*Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

**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 for give 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 We thank you, Wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

*The Blessing

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C **Amen.**

*The Sending Song

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

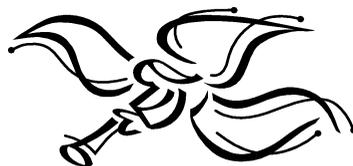


you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Upcoming Commemorations

Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

John, Apostle and Evangelist

Monday, December 27, 2021

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

Name of Jesus

Saturday, January 1, 2022

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

Sometimes We Become Distant From Jesus

I think it's easy to sit and wonder, with amazement, that Mary and Joseph lost Jesus. That's what happened in the text. What comes to mind are stories you hear on the news of parents who leave their kids behind. The first impulse is judgment. You sit there and think to yourself, "How could any 'good' parent forget their kid." In perhaps one of the greatest Christmas movies of all time, "Home Alone", the entire plot of the movie revolves around parents forgetting their child at home.

We can be distracted by this oddity in the text and miss a powerful interpretive meaning: sometimes we become distant from Jesus. Think about an average day-in-the-life-of-your-faith. Don't you sometimes *forget* about Jesus? It's not that Jesus goes anywhere, you do. You go about your day. You move on to the next thing and go forward without Him.

There's two important things to take note of. When we become distant from Jesus, usually because we journey forward without Him, we move away *not just from Jesus* but also from a place of worship. Look to the text. Adolescent Jesus addresses His parents and says, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I was in my Father's house?" Sometimes, we become so busy and so caught up in our own schedules, responsibilities, and life that we just move on ahead without Jesus. We not only leave Jesus but we usually also leave the church. There are other things that need our attention. In addition, we usually leave *a heart of worship*. Our heart leaves the house of God and as we walk away from Jesus our worship changes too.

But I think there's one more way we can interpret the text. Look what Mary says to Jesus, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your Father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety!" Sometimes, life happens and when it does we may find ourselves distanced from God. And then we stop and wonder where God went, when God wasn't the one who had gone anywhere...we had. In our struggles, in our trials, and in our hardship, I think it's easy, and normal, to wonder where God is. But the Good News of the text is that God is where God has always been, here waiting for us to return to Him.

For Further Reflection

Article

In today's gospel story no one knows yet what Jesus looks like. Unborn, his features, as with all babies still in the womb, are a mystery. Jesus looks like none of us, and hence, we can imagine him looking like all of us. In his article "[Searching for a Jesus Who Looks More Like Me.](#)" *New York Times* reporter and editor Eric V. Copage explores depictions of Jesus from cultures around the world, reflecting the longings of all people for a Savior who looks "like me." An online search of the title will take the reader to the story, which includes a variety of beautiful and inclusive representations of Jesus.

Let the Children Come

Singing is a kind of storytelling that has been used for as long as people have been telling stories. Singing helps us remember the stories that are most important to learn by heart; it helps us teach the most important things to our children so they learn them by heart and grow up always knowing them and never forgetting them. Use your congregation's favorite musical version of the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) to sing the story that Mary tells when Elizabeth recognizes that she is pregnant with Jesus. Ask kids to wonder with you about why this story was so important that it needed to be sung, and what parts we are meant to remember and hold in our hearts.

Pop Culture

The meeting between Mary and Elizabeth is one of relatively few passages in scripture that passes the Bechdel-Wallace test—an assessment of women's roles in cultural narratives that first appeared in the work of cartoonist Alison Bechdel in 1985. (To pass the test, two or more women must be named and have a conversation with each other about something other than a man.) This somewhat tongue-in-cheek fact is one way to highlight the importance of this meeting, where two women are filled with the power of the Spirit and utter some of the most powerful proclamations of God's goodness to be found anywhere in scripture.

Connections with Creation

What does Mary do after the angel announces she will give birth to Jesus? She dashes off to visit Elizabeth. Like Mary, when we bear Christ within our very selves, we too feel an urge to connect with others. The burgeoning life within us draws us into community. We not only seek out trusted allies and friends—we also reach across barriers of class and race to build more robust communities. As the earth reels from species extinction, toxic waste, and climate emergency, God calls us out of isolation and into community. How do we deepen loving connection with our human neighbors and our other-than-human kin? Maybe we learn the names of our neighbors and share tools, resources, skills, and expertise. Maybe we learn the names of local trees and birds, support farms and land trusts, and join the fight to stop pipelines, incinerators, and dumps often sited in low-income neighborhoods.

Worship Reflection

What biblical texts stood out to me and why?

What do I feel God is trying to say to me in and through this sermon?

Is the Holy Spirit prompting me to change something in my heart or life? If yes, what is it? What is one step I can take to make a positive change in my life this week?

Where did I see/hear God in the sermon?
