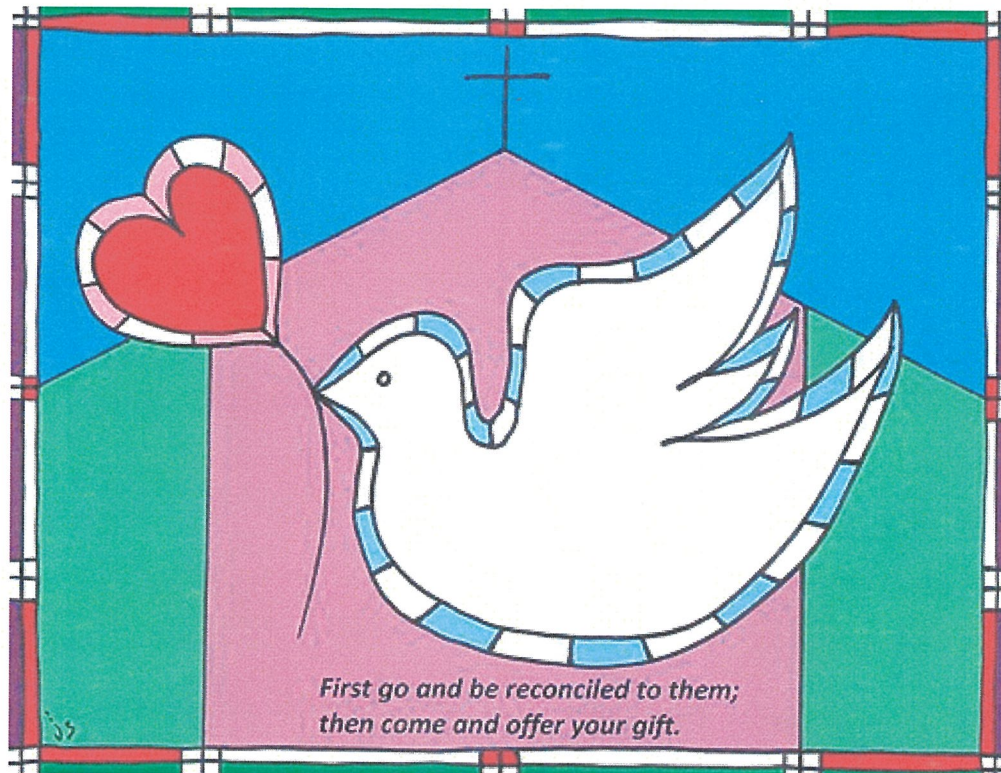


Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



*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

February 12, 2023

Announcements and Weekly Events!

***Welcome, Check-In, and Announcements
In the Facebook chatbox share who you are and where you're joining from!!***

Those Serving Us Today

*Rev. JP Paxton, PhD Tony Kment, Technology
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Jerry & Laura Nishek, Ushers Dusty Putnam, Greeter
Kiera Johnson-Zielazinski, Acolyte Kaiyana Medeiros, Crucifer*

Announcements

BOWLING GET TOGETHER

Kauai Lanes; Friday, February 24th; 6pm—8pm
Call, email or text Pastor if your are interested
1-(480) 600-3727

Weekly Events

- ◇ **Ghetto Sweet Tarts**— Monday, Evenings 5:30pm-8:00pm
- ◇ **Mobile Munchies**—Every Thursday Morning in the fellowship hall, 7:30am
- ◇ **Men's Bible Study** - Fridays @ 12:00pm in the fellowship hall
- ◇ **Centering Prayer**—Saturday, 9-11am, Zoom
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9079773456>

Worship Theme for Today

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

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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: Sharon & Berndt Kammer (Karen Kinoshita's cousin), Dave Hamry, Ken Garrett, Beverly Robertson (Shannon Lorenzo's Mother), Sandra Yatsuoka, Kurt Medeiros, Bob & Joann Clash, Sally Rasay, Stan Weeks, Ronnie Pacheco, David Gragg, Joe Morgan, Zosimo and Virginia Austria, Karen Kinoshita, Jake Whisenhunt, Rick Rentz, Norman Dibble, Kazue Zaima, John Mattek, Robert Giraldo II (Bobby Giraldo's son), Kristie Schmid (Tony's sister), Lolli Hagen, Abraham Torres, Sr., Kristy Kahananui, Sonny Koerte, Uncle Joe, Mallory Rodriguez, Peter Alisna, Tirzah Pope, Pastor Matthew Weber, Stephen Shioi, Peggy Hood, Jason Shimono, Richard Rasay, Nancy Nelson (formely Mandell), Karen & Patrick Pavao, Edward Rasay, Marcos Larson (Liedeke's son), Dora Jane Rowell, 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, Sheila Belarmino, Ray Roderick, Sayla Hachey, Julie Sweeny, Jena Wallace, 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 Hawaii 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 Christine Kirchner (02.15)

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Order for Worship

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

*Gathering Song

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

***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**



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
 For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
 Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *(refrain)*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
 That we may live out . . . truth and justice and grace.
 Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *(refrain)*

For peace in our hearts . . . For peace in our homes . . . For friends and family.
 For life and for love . . . For our work and our play,
 Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *(refrain)*

For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word;
 That you nourish our souls . . . With your body and blood,
 Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *(refrain)*

**Prayer of the Day*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**



The First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving the Lord and holding fast to him. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that

you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 119:1-8

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,

who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!
Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.
 I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.
I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are fellow workers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

What then is Apollos? What is Paul?

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

**Verse Response*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

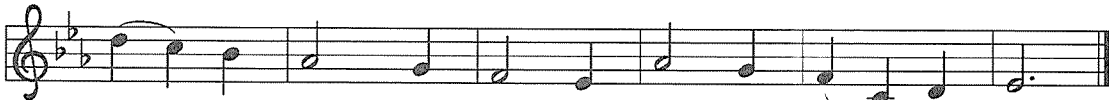
O Master, Let Me walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

*The 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

**The 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 For the people of God, that they may walk in your ways and observe your commandments. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For nations, communities, and families that are estranged by conflict or violence, and for the gift of reconciliation and mutual forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For the earth and its resources, that by choosing life our decisions will honor the welfare of generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For victims of sexual violence; for those affected by divorce; for those living with addiction, anger, fear, or illness, that they may know your healing love. Listen to the names we hold before you . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Be with the guests of our Island. May their stays be restful and renewing, their travels safe, and their homecomings joyous. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Hear these prayers, O God, offered in the name of your Son, who has made your glory and graciousness known to us.

C Amen

**The Queen's Prayer*

Piano

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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.

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



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.



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 @

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Offering


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.


**The Offertory Prayer*

- P Let us pray,
- P Liberating God,
- C you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You, we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving*


 ☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al-so with you.


 ☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.


 ☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☉ It is right to give God thanks and praise.

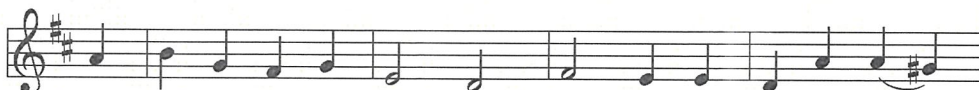
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . And join their unending hymn:



☉ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**The Holy Preparation and Contemplation*

P We are instructed by the Apostle Paul to examine our hearts before we receive God's Holy and gracious gift that we might not eat or drink in an unworthy manner and sin against the Body and Blood of Christ.

A moment of silence is offered so we may examine our hearts before the Lord.

P Holy God,

C We have examined our hearts and see that we are unworthy. Yet, because of Your command and great invitation, we come boldly before Your throne to receive Your grace in our time of need.

**Words of Institution*

**The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

Distribution at the Altar

All are welcome to share in this meal with us. The wine will be distributed from a chalice with a pouring lip. After receiving the bread, the tray will be presented with empty glasses. Please pick up a glass and wait for the assistant to fill it with wine from the Common Cup. The center circle of cups is pre-filled with grape juice for those who would rather not receive wine.



Communion Songs

Lamb of God



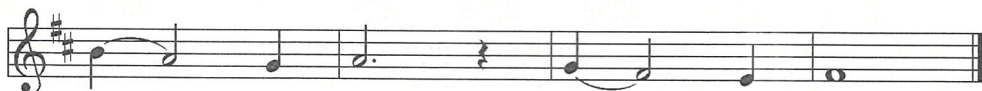
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

We Will Drink the Cup

We will drink the cup, we will win the fight; we will
 stand a- gainst the dark - ness of the night! We will
 run the race, and see God's face, and
 build the King - dom of love!

Vs1 Do not fear, for I am with you,
 Be still and know that I am God!

Vs3 Rejoice and know you are my people;
 And know that I am your God!

Vs2 You will run, and not grow weary,
 For I, your God, will be your strength!

Vs4 We are the Church, we are the body;
 We are God's great work of art!!

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
 let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Around You, O Lord Jesus



- 1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
- 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Distribution from the Pew

We invite you to join us in receiving a socially-distanced communion from your pews. The sacraments have been prepared and are ready to be received! Come! Eat and drink!

**The Blessing*

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod †
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

**The Prayer after Communion*

P Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C Amen.

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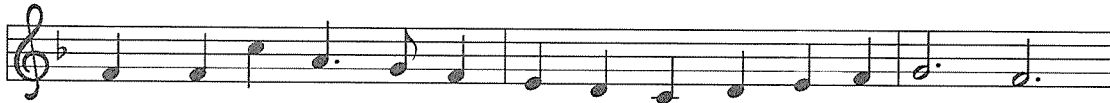
**The Benediction*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace in the name of Makua, † Keiki Kane, and Uhane Hemolele.

C Amene.

**Sending Song*

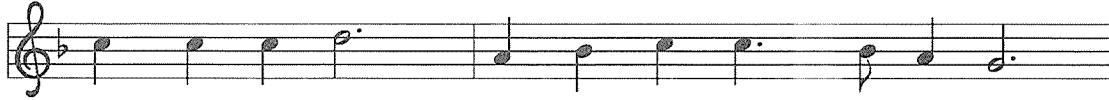
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



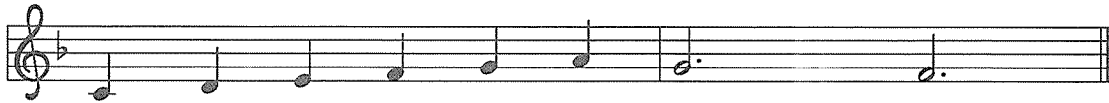
- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



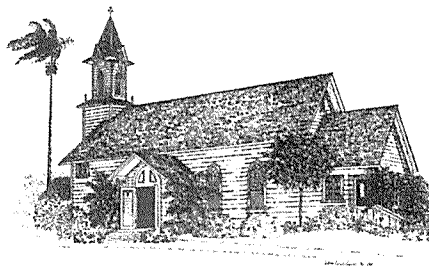
Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

A Go in peace! Follow the way of Jesus!

C Thanks be to God!



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Opportunities to Help Out!

Here at Lihue Lutheran we are committed to making God's Name known. We do that, first and foremost, by getting to know you. We believe in the power of fellowship and believe that God's Name is made known when we dwell together in unity. If you're looking for a place to find your place, make God's Name known, and be known, think about becoming more involved here at Lihue Lutheran in the following areas!

Join our Welcoming Team!

We are looking for warm and friendly people to stand outside and greet members, guests, and visitors! Help people become a part of our community!

Aloha Hour Team Lead

We need help hosting and cleaning up aloha hour after church. *This is not just about coffee and pupus!* We are purchasing lawn games and seek to curate opportunities for fellowship to happen. We will need help setting up and cleaning up the fellowship space that will include the kitchen and lawn area, re-organizing and putting away lawn games. Reach out to Noreen Javinar (our office manager) or Jason Pittman, our Aloha Hour Executive Team Lead.

Donate a Lawn Game and Get Games Going After Church

We are seeking to grow our Aloha (fellowship) Hour by adding fun and exciting lawn games. To do this, we are looking to add Portuguese Horseshoes, Cornhole, or other games to encourage people to play together and connect in the bond of fellowship after church! Our vision is that we would be(come) more than just a place a worship and grow into a place of fellowship and belonging as a part of a New Community! Your job is to set up/take down games after service to get people playing!

Sponsor a Youth or College Young Adult Dinner

Just because you're not a part of the youth or college young adult group doesn't mean you can't partner with us in the great ministry and outreach God is doing among us. 1 Peter 4:10 calls us to *faithfully use the gifts God has given us, sharing God's grace in its various forms*. One area you can partner with us is in the provision of food, which is a center-piece of our gathers! If you cook for the Ghetto Sweet Tarts, you will be invited to fellowship with us as on honorary "Sweet-Tart-For-The-Night", Monday's 5:30-8:30pm. Please reach out to Pastor JP if you would like to prepare a meal and bless our fellowship!

*The Lihu'e Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Hawai'i*



Have a Great Week!