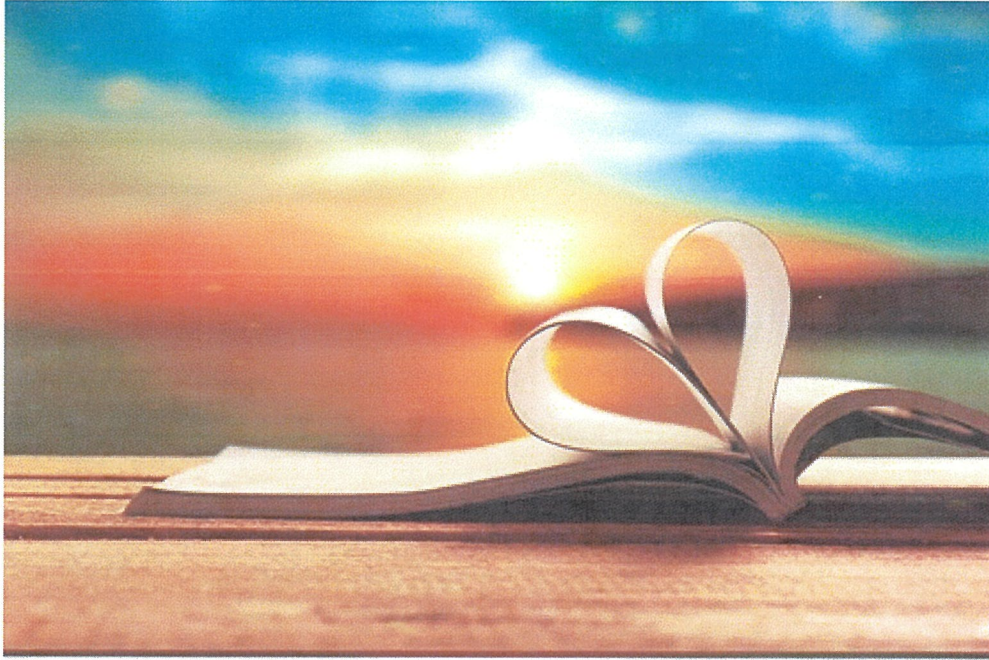


Second Sunday in Lent



*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

March 05, 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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Bobby & Gloria Girald, Ushers Kathy Miller, Greeter
Keisha Medeiros, Acolyte Kaiyana Medeiros, Crucifer

Announcements

CHURCH CLEAN UP

Work day for Church clean up is scheduled for
Saturday, March 25th from 8:00am—12:00pm
Lunch will be provided
Please join us as "many hands make for light work"

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**— In person in the sanctuary Mondays 4:00pm—500pm
- ◇ **Centering Prayer**—Saturday, 9-10am, Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83597575949?pwd=cmxHY0lOZ2tOZzBSTVM4djB6UWkrQT09>

Worship Theme for Today

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for the all the world.

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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: Wendy Smith (Liedeke's daughter-in-law), Ray O'Flaherty, 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 Girald II (Bobby Girald'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 Hawai'i National Guard. These names have been given by loved ones and family members: Navy – TJ Javinar, Kristian Matsumoto, Kiana Alisna, Coast Guard - Brian Rodriguez, Ke'ale Renta, Army - Jason Lumacad, Levi Fajardo, Brandon Perkinson, Drew Cox, Tony Garton, Air Force - Kasey Kajiwara, Steven Javinar, Ikaika Fajardo, 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 Lolli Hagen (03.09)

Second Sunday in Lent

Order for Worship



*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C Amen

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A Holy God

C **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

P Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✚ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C Amen

*Gathering Song

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1	Come,	Chris - tians,	fol - low	where	our	cap - tain	trod,
2	All	new - born	ser - vants	of	the	Cru - ci - fied	
3	O	Lord,	once	lift - ed	on	the	glo - rious
4	So	shall	our	song	of	tri - umph	ev - er
							be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

*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

Solo:

Kahaku e' aho nuimai

(The Lord of great patience)

Kahaku e' aho nuimai,

Cristo e' aho nuimai

(Christ have patience)

Kaheku e' aho nuimaila



4

1. & 3. O__ Lord, have mer- cy; O__ Christ,

11 have_ mer - cy; O__ Lord, have mer - cy on us;

17 O__ Lord, have_ mer-cy on us_____

2

25

2. Ka-ha-ku e', a - ho nu - i - mai, Cris-to - e', a - ho

32



nu - i - mai, Ka-ha-ku e', a - ho nu - i - mai, Ka-ha-ku -

38



e', a - ho nu - i - mai - la.

**Prayer of the Day*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

The First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a bless-

ing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

The Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the ad-

herents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

**Verse Response*

(Sung to the tune of Jesus Shall Reign)

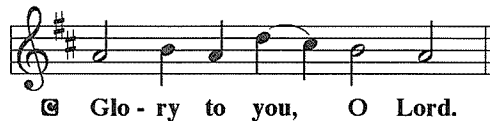
1 God loved the world so that he gave his only
Son the lost to save, that all who would in
him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.

*The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the third chapter.



¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these

things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

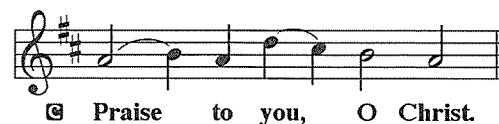
¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Sermon

Sermon

**Song of the Day*

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

**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 Guide and nurture those drawn to the font of rebirth and all who long for your presence, that we may be strengthened by the unending love of your Son. God of our salvation,

C hear our prayer.

A Bring understanding and peace to the descendants of Abraham, especially Jewish people, Muslims, and Christians, that we may live together in harmony and work on behalf of the poor. God of our salvation,

C hear our prayer.

A Help us in our discipline of fasting and abstaining from those things that separate us from you, that we may be renewed by your grace alone and discover your gifts in the wilderness. God of our salvation,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over those troubled in mind, body, and spirit, those who are dying and their caregivers, that they may know your help and compassion. Hear the names we hold before you . . . God of our salvation,

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. God of our salvation,

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

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

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.



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

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



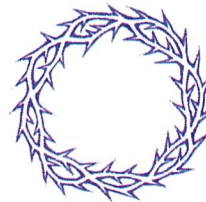
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

**The Offertory Prayer*

P God of good gifts,

C receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.


C Amen.



**Great Thanksgiving*


P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


C 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, God of pow'r and might,


heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



**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 receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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.

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

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build the King - dom of love!

Cantor

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!!

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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 God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

**The Prayer after Communion*

- P Let us pray
- P Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
- C Amen.

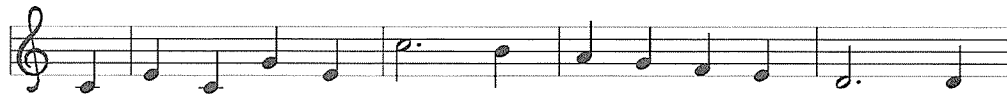
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**The Benediction*

- 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*

On What Has Now Been Sown



- 1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
- 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

A Go in peace! Serve in Love!

C Thanks be to God!



**You are invited to continue your
Lenten Journey with us at Lihue
Lutheran:
Wednesday, March 08th
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:15 pm Study and Reflection
6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer**

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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.

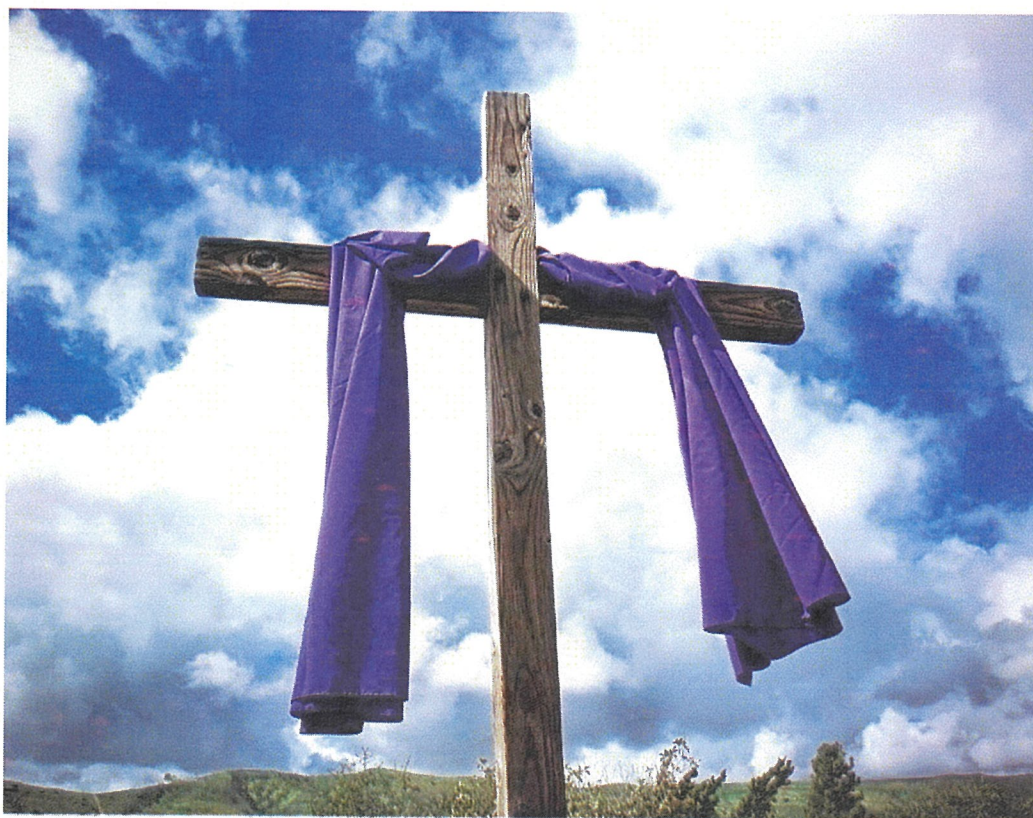
Donate a Lawn Game and Get Games Going After Church

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
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Have a Great Week!