Third 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 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

Dusty Putnam, Lector Mark Murie, Cantor Rhonda Pabo, Organist

Jerry & Laura Nishek Ushers Mershie Shaw, Greeter

Kiera Johnson-Zielazinsk, 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

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Worship Theme for Today

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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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 Linda Garrett(03.13); Isaac Lopes(03.13); Doug Kohl(03.13); Mele Schweitzer(03.16); Erik Hagen(03.16); Corine Dewitt(03.17); Elijah Guirao(03.17)

Third Sunday in Lent Order for Worship

*Confession and Forgiveness

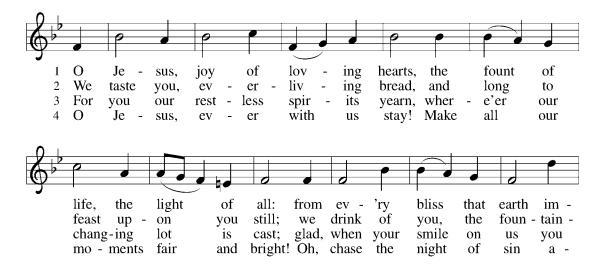
- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.
- C Amen
- P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. Silence is kept for reflection.



- 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

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts







*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.

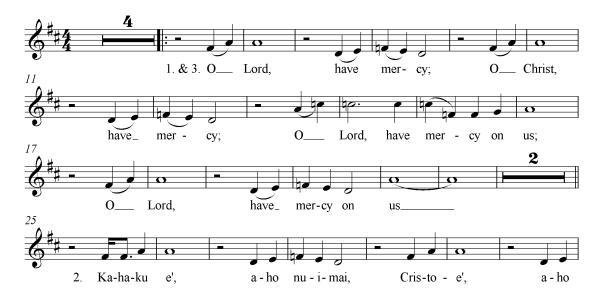
*Kyrie

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







*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

Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put the Lord to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to the Lord. The Lord commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people?

A The Word of the Lord

They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest."

The Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 that he his ly gave on Son the lost to that all who would save, be - lieve should ev life him er - last ing re - ceive.

*The Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

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

G Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do

not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples

P The Gospel of the Lord.

said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."



Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Song of the Day

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer





death and

hell's

death of



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, shield me with your might-y arm, I will raise for - ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more. shield me with your might-y arm. I will raise for - ev - er - more.

de - struc - tion, land me

*The Apostles' Creed

fears sub - side;

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 Bring to the water of life those who thirst for you, that we may bear witness to your grace and praise you forever. God of our salvation,

C hear our prayer.

A Pour out your Spirit and truth upon leaders of the world, that they may seek reconciliation with enemies, and execute fairness and righteousness for all people. God of our salvation,

C hear our prayer.

A Shower the earth and all creation with living water, and renew in us your commandment to care for the land, sea, and everything that you have made. God of our salvation,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant the water of promise to those who thirst for basic necessities, and draw to the wellspring of healing and wholeness those who are outcast and sick. Hear the names we hold before you . . . God of our salvation,

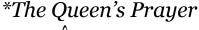
C hear our prayer.

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





English Translation

- O Lord thy Loving Mercy, Is high as the Heavens. It tells us of thy truth. And 'tis filled with holiness
- 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.



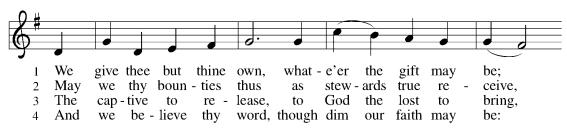
Offertory Word

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





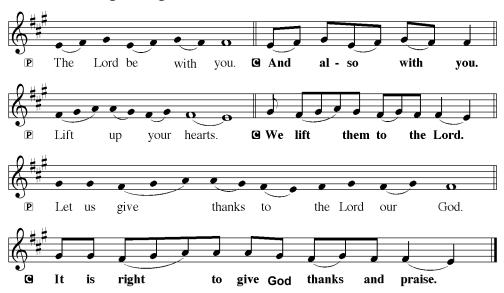
we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. that thou bless - est thee our first-fruits give. and glad - ly, as us, to teach the way of life and peace-it a Christ-like thing. is what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do un - to thee. it

*The Offertory Prayer

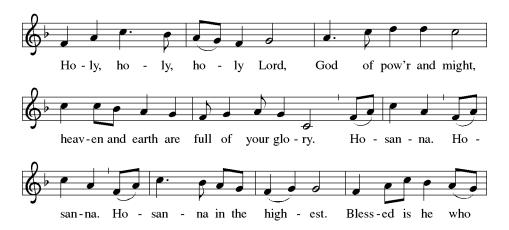
- P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things;
- C at your invitation, we come as your people to the feast you prepare for us. Through this meal unite us as your body, that we may be a light to all nations; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Great Thanksgiving



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





*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.

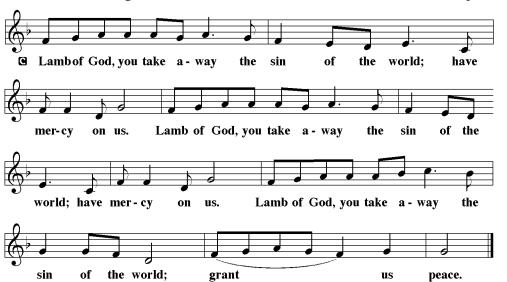
Distribution at the Altar

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.

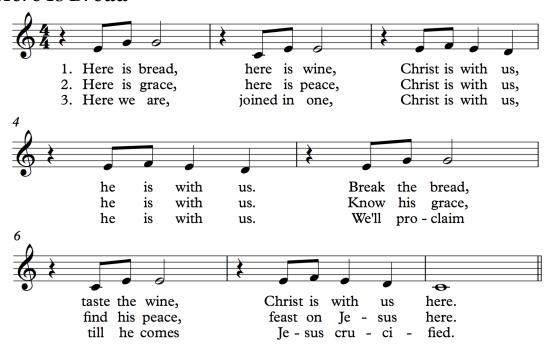


Communion Songs

Lamb of God



Here Is Bread







All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to geth er, Je sus Christ is liv ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and Come from rest-less - ness and Come from lone - li - ness and Co



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food. We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood. Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

Announcements

*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 Lord, Disi

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad o ra tion for your gos pel's joy ful sound.
- 3 Sav ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil-grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound. let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



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 15th 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Study and Reflection 6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer

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Have a Great Week!