

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

August 10, 2025 9:00am

Those Serving Us Today

Rev. David Hendrickson, Pastor
Rhonda Pabo, Organist Tony Kment, Technology
Jan Rentz, Greeter ~ Vickie Oana, Lector ~
Jerry & Laura Nishek, Ushers
Kaleb Medeiros, Acolyte Keisha Medeiros, Crucifer

Altar Flowers

If you would like to honor your family or friends on their birthday or anniversary and to the glory of God with altar flowers for Sunday morning services. Please see the Flower Chart at the back entrance of Church to sign up.

Aloha Hour

Aloha Hour is being hosted by *Lihue Lutheran Church and Michael Koerte*. Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for refreshments & fellowship. If you would like to host an Aloha Hour the sign up calendar is posted at the front entrance of church

Weekly Event

- ♦ Mobile Munchies—Every Thursday morning in the fellowship hall @ 7:30am
- CENTERING PRAYER in the SANCTUARY, SATURDAY 8:30-9:30 AM Everyone welcome, short intro will be provided. A 20 minute contemplative prayer period followed by Lectio Divina (a contemplative reading and listening and reflecting period) Liedeke, Ibulderart@gmail.com or 808-652-8234

Worship Theme for Today

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Lihue Lutheran Spotlight

Hau'oli Lā Hānau to KristiAnne Nishek-Auau (08.11), Tammie Medeiros (08.14), Ezekiel Fernandez (08.16)

Hau'oli Lā Ho'omana'o to Robert & Gloria Girald (08.10)

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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: Bob Martin, Larry Arndt, ,Vanessa Fujiyama, Liedeke Bulder, Joyce Obenauer, Carrie Jilek, Lavonne Francis, Leslie Davies Gibb, Bertram Almeida, Kathy Rosare, Kai Wayne Parraga, Kristin & Kayla Tomas Deyro, Vickie Oana, Ernest Koerte, Donna Childers, Mary Speegle, Faliutumau Unga Solomon, John & Lowe Danner, Lisa & Rodd Sunada, Wendy & John Dobbs, Regina & Ryan Jimenez, James F., Karen Kirchner, John Thiele, Gregory Honnold, Jr.; Karen Olson, Sindy Dayment (Dawn & Bernard Connors daughter's sister-in-law), Italee Rodriguez (Penny Parraga's Grand daughter), Susan Pittman, 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), Kurt Medeiros, Bob & Joann Clash, Sally Rasay, Stan Weeks, David Gragg, Joe Morgan, Zosimo and Virginia Austria, Karen Kinoshita, Rick Rentz, Norman Dibble, Kazue Zaima, John Mattek, Robert Girald II (Bobby Girald's son), Lolli Hagen, Abraham Torres, Sr., Kristy Kahananui, Uncle Joe, Mallory Rodriguez, Peter Alisna, Tirzah Pope, Pastor Matthew Weber, Stephen Shioi, Peggy Hood, Jason Shimono, Richard Rasay, Nancy Nelson (formerly Mandell), Karen Pavao, Edward Rasay, Marcos Larson (Liedeke's son), Penny Parraga, Yvonne Shinseki, Al Dressler (Larry's Father), Shirley Hallman (Denese Alcott's Mother), Mercy Ballesteros, Anna Marie & Phil Croghan, Sheila Belarmino, Ray Roderick, Sayla Hachey, Julie Sweeny, 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, Brandon Perkinson, Drew Cox, Tony Garton, Air Force - Kasey Kajiwara, Steven Javinar, 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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

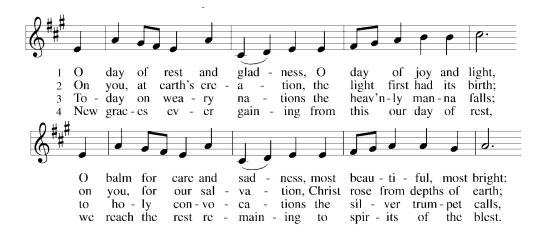
*Confession and Forgiveness

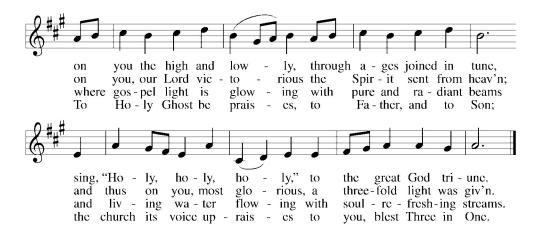
- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
 In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- C Amen.

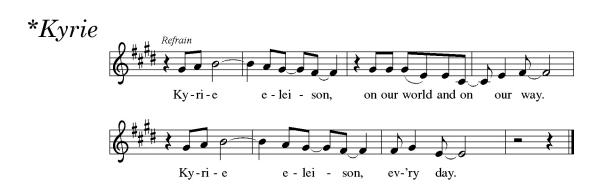
*Gathering Hymn O Day of Rest and Gladness





*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.



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 Let us pray.
- C Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading

Genesis 15: 1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of

the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
 - ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
 - ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
 - ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love.
 - ¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
 - ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
 - ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
 - ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to

the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who

speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a

better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

*Verse Response



*Holy Gospel

Luke 12: 32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

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



[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart

will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves

whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

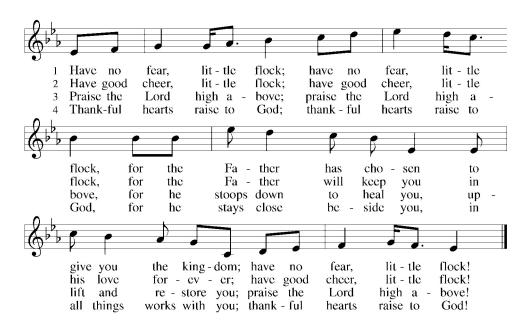


Keiki's Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Have No Fear Little Flock



*Apostles' Creed

P God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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.

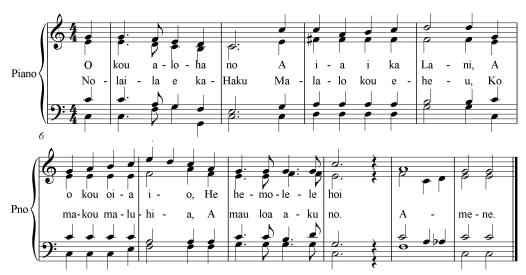
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Prayers of the Church

- P Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.
- A Gracious God, you love your church. Bless its members, leaders, and pastors so we may be a truer reflection of your love and care in the world . Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Loving God, continue to bless your people of every race and nation. Give world leaders a vision of your kingdom so they would work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Creating God, help us to treasure the gift of this good earth you have freely given. As good stewards help us preserve its beauty for future generations. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A For the poor, the lonely, the fearful, and the sick that they may experience your good pleasure and freedom from want. Listen the names we bring before you Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Be with those who are guests of our Island. May their stays be restful and renewing, their travels safe, and their homecomings joyous. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

- P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

*The Queen's Prayer



English Translation

- 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

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.

Offering



In response to the many requests we've had, we now have a contactless option for both members and visitors to share their offerings. It is still done over our Vanco church giving platform so it can connect to your stewardship account for record keeping. Mahalo!

Offertory Response

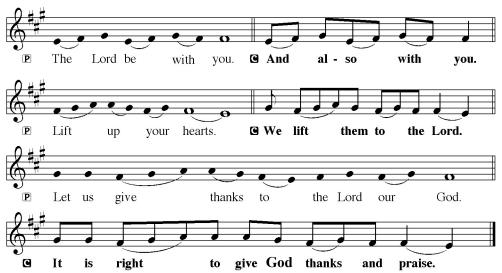
Lord of Aloha



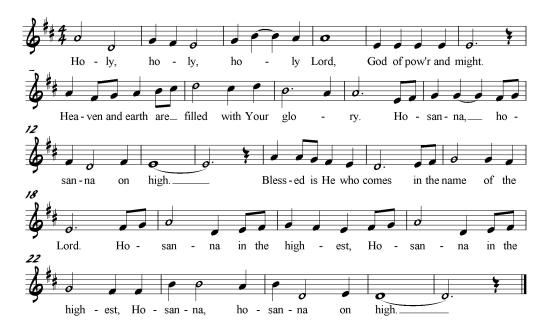
*Offertory Prayer

- P Let us pray, Creator God,
- C in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving



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



*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

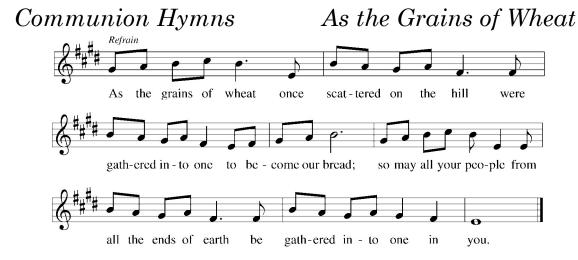
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

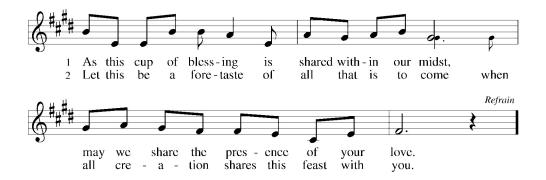
Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Distribution

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 assistant will present the tray with empty glasses. Please pick up a glass and wait for the Pastor 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.





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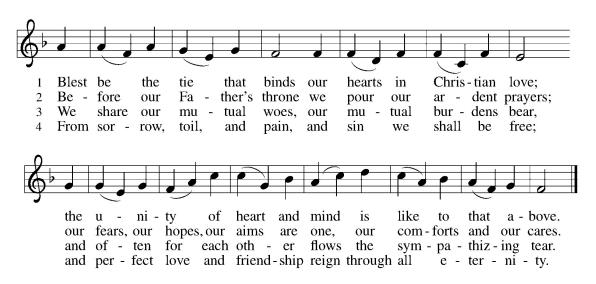


Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

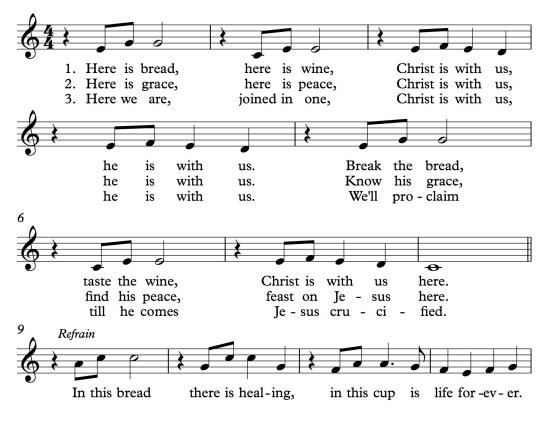
(Sung three times)



Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Here Is Bread





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!

*Post Communion Prayer

- P Let us pray. Mothering God,
- C you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Blessing

- P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.
- C Amen.

*Benediction

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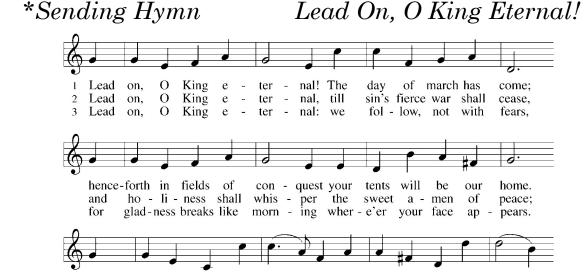
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- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace in the name of Makua, ** Keiki Kane, and Uhane Hemolele.
- C Amene



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A Go in peace! Live by the Spirit. C Thanks be to God!



