

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

November 30, 2025 9:00am

Those Serving Us Today

Rev. David Hendrickson, Pastor
Rhonda Pabo, Organist Tony Kment, Technology
Jan Rentz, Greeter ~ Kathy Stack Lector
David & Laurie Hutchinson, Ushers
Kiera Johnson-Zielazinsk, 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

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Lihue Lutheran Spotlight

Hau'oli Lā Hānau to Norman Saale (12.02); Angelo Valenciana (12.04)

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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: Michael Ovalles, Lauretta Geren, Isaac Silva Baker, 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 Devro, Vickie Oana, Ernest Koerte, Donna Childers, Mary Speegle, 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.

First Sunday of Advent Order for Worship

*Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Long-expected God,
- C we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.
- P God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.

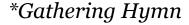
 You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.
- C Amen.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- A We light one candle,
- C And we pray for peace.
- A We light one candle,
- C and we pray the swords will be turned to plowshares.
- A We look forward to the arrival of God's Son, our Prince of Peace.
- C Come to us, O Prince of Peace.
- A We await the time when wars will cease and dividing walls will break down.
- C Come to us, O Prince of Peace.
- A We seek the one who will calm our hearts and minds with his love.
- C Light our path to peace, Lord, with your glorious presence. Amen.

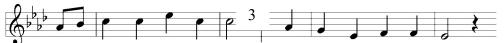


Rejoice, Rejoice Believers



- 1 Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, and let your lights ap pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa tience their cross and suf f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;







Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.

A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.

in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.

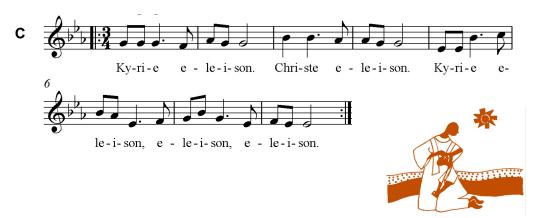
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

*The Apostolic Greeting

- P The Spirit and the Church cry out:
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P All those who await his appearance pray:
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P The whole creation pleads:
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with your all.
- C And also with you.

*Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



- P For peace between nations, compassion among peoples, and harmony in the Church, let us pray. *(Refrain)*
- P For the hungry to be filled, the lowly lifted up, and the captives to be freed, let us pray. *(Refrain)*
- P For patience in our suffering, hope in our waiting, and all joy in believing, let us pray. *(Refrain)*
- P Help, save, comfort and defend us, O God.



*Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you
- P Let us pray.
- C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of

Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- ²Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸ For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

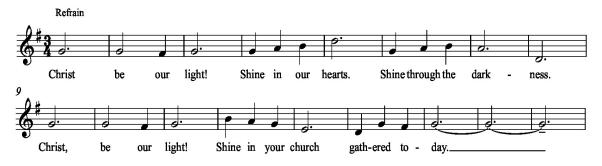
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day,

not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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*Verse Response



Vs.1 Longing for light we wait in darkness.Longing for truth, we turn to you.Make us your own, your holy people,Light for the world to see. (refrain)

*Holy Gospel

Matthew 24: 36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He urges people to be alert and expectant.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two

P The Gospel of the Lord.

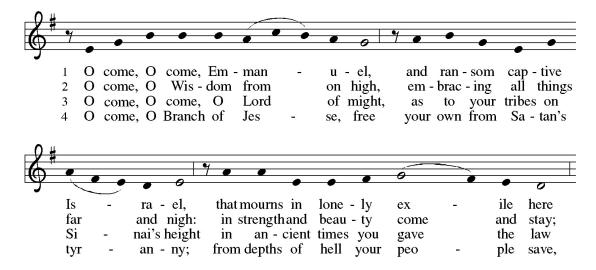
women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

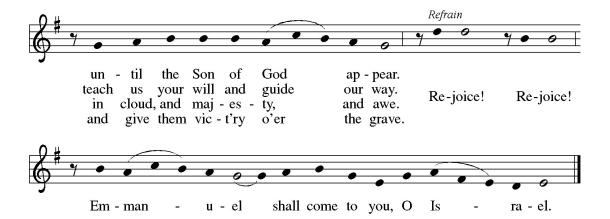


Keiki's Sermon Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

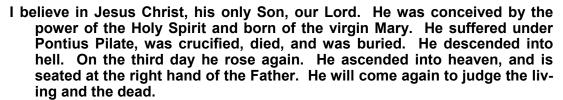
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel





*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 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 With messengers of hope from heaven and earth, and standing in the presence of God, let us offer our prayers.
- A God of power and glory, come to your church today. Help us to release our fears to you, to stand up and raise our heads. Help us to know that your redemption is drawing near. Send forth your light,
- C and let your mercy shine upon us.

- A God of hope, you created sun, moon, stars, the sea and its waves. Help us not to be fearful of the future or weighed down by worry, but hopeful in your consistent care. Send forth your light,
- C and let your mercy shine upon us.
- A God of righteousness, raise up just and righteous leaders throughout the world, that people may live in safety, justice, and peace. Send forth your light,
- C and let your mercy shine upon us.
- A God of compassion, be present with all who are ill or in need. Give strength to all those who are persecuted, and restore whatever is lacking in our faith. Listen to the names we bring before you . . . Send forth your light,
- C and let your mercy shine upon us.
- P Receive our prayers, merciful God, and speak to us through the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, your love made flesh.
- 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
- 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.



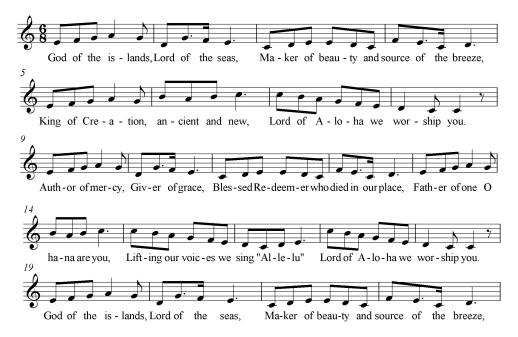
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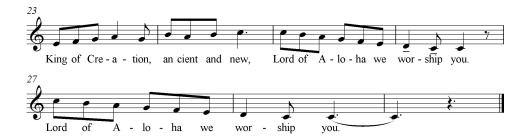


In response to the many requests we've had, we now have a contactless option for both members and visitors to share their offerings. It is still done over our Vanco church giving platform so it can connect to your stewardship account for record keeping. Mahalo!

Offertory Response

Lord of Aloha

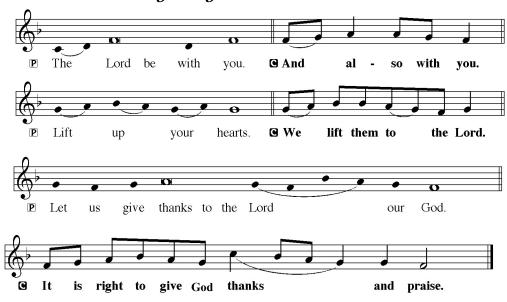




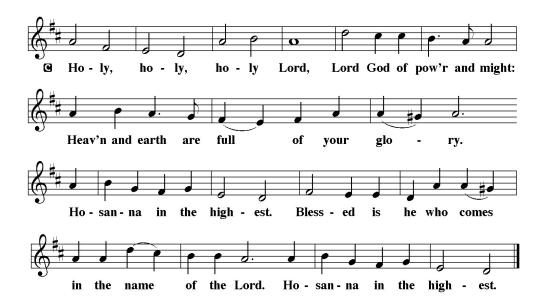
*Offertory Prayer

- P Let us pray, Nourishing God,
- you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. 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

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

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.

Communion Hymns

The Magnificat

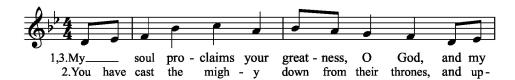
(The First Christmas Carol sung was the The Song of Mary, or the Magnificat. This passage from the Gospel of Luke has been sung at Evening Prayers in the western church since sixth century AD. Many tune settings have been composed for these words throughout the centuries. The tune we will be using this morning is a recent addition to the hymnody of the church composed by the contemporary Lutheran musician, Marty Haugen.)

Cantor:

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary.

The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High."

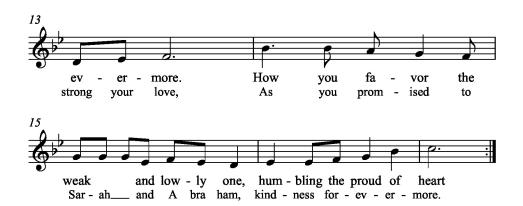
And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."



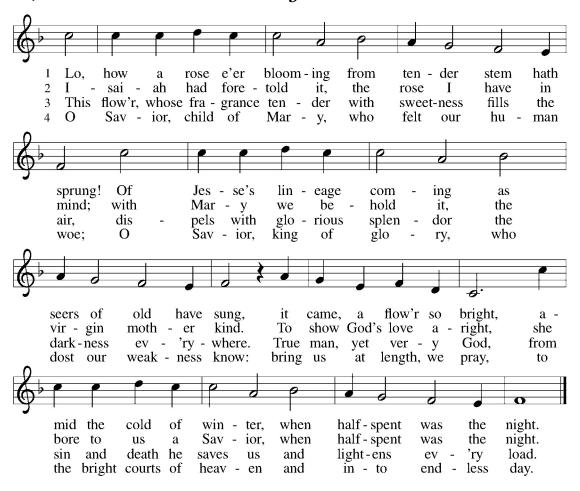








Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming



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. God our host,
- C at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Blessing

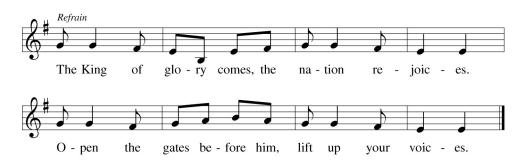
- P May God who comes among us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.
- C Amen.

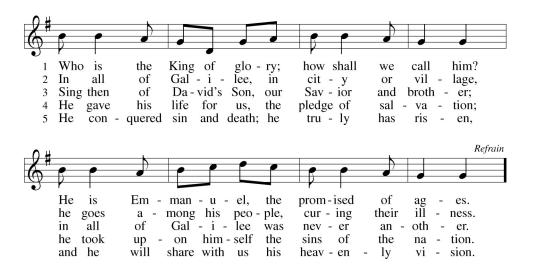
*Benediction

- 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 Hymn

The King of Glory





And He said, "Go in peace, and love one another, as I first loved you. Proclaim to all who'll hear the good news of my coming.

Keep faith in all you do: Keep faith in all you do."



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Lihue Lutheran Church Christmas Eve Worship Schedule 2025

3:00pm - Service of Scriptures, Carols and Communion

7:30pm - Service of Carols, Scriptures and Candlelight

11:00pm - Luther's Christmas Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight

Truly Christmas is a season to worship!
Please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship at Lihue Lutheran.

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