

The Baptism of Our Lord

*The First Sunday
after the Epiphany*

January 11, 2026



***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*

Those Serving Us Today

Rev. David Hendrickson, Pastor

Rhonda Pabo, Organist Tony Kment, Technology

Vickie Oana, Greeter ~ Sarah Iha, Lector

Clyde & Kathy Miller, 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, lbulderart@gmail.com or 808-652-8234

Worship Theme for Today

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Lihue Lutheran Spotlight

Hau'oli Lā Hānau to Lianne Yoshino(01.11); Roberta Cable(01.16);
Logan Alcott(01.17)

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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 Deyro, Vickie Oana, Ernest Koerte, Donna Childers, Mary Speegle, John & Lowe Danner, Lisa & Rod Sunada, Wendy & John Dobbs, Regina & Ryan Jimenez, James F., Karen Kirchner, John Thiele, Gregory Honnold, Jr.; The Family of 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 Shimo, 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 Perkins, 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.

Baptism of Our Lord

Order for Worship

****Confession and Forgiveness***

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in **☩** Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

P **Amen.**

****Gathering Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father***



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär-nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

*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

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who

walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
⁷ The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

"You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and

with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

"He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about

him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

**Verse Response*



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
Re - new-ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

Remember and Rejoice

**Holy Gospel*

Matthew 3:13-17

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

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



¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for

us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alight-

ing on him.¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved,

with whom I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Keiki's Sermon

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day*

Borning Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
old, no lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.

I was there when you were but a child, with a
If you find some - one to share your time and you
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

**Baptismal ~*
‘Ealani Thronas-Kaho’onei
&
Kihikau Thronas-Kaho’onei

**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 Filled with wonder and joy that God's gift of grace has been given in the Son born for us, let us pray for the church, the good creation, and the needs of all.

A God of life and light, send your Spirit upon the newly baptized. Shower them with your steadfast love and lead them in your way of righteousness. Hear us, O God.

C your mercy is great.

A Creator God, breathe new life on the earth and all humankind. Open the eyes of the world's leaders, that they would care for your creation and seek justice for those who sit in darkness. Hear us, O God

C your mercy is great.

A Forgiving God, heal those lives broken by illness and grief. Take these loved ones into your merciful hands and grant them your gift of wholeness. Hear the names we hold before you . . . Hear us, O God,

C your mercy is great.

A Be with the 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 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
6
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

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

God of the is - lands, Lord of the seas, Ma - ker of beau - ty and source of the breeze,
5 King of Cre - a - tion, an - cient and new, Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.
9 Auth - or of mer - cy, Giv - er of grace, Bles - sed Re - deem - er who died in our place, Fath - er of one O
14 ha - na are you, Lift - ing our voic - es we sing "Al - le - lu" Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.
19 God of the is - lands, Lord of the seas, Ma - ker of beau - ty and source of the breeze,
23 King of Cre - a - tion, an - cient and new, Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.
27 Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.

**Offertory Prayer*

P Let us pray, God of majesty,
C **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. C And also 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:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

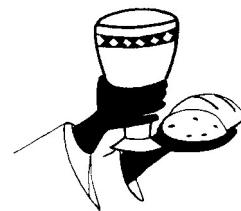
**Words of Institution*

**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 the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.



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 Hymns



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Baptized In Water



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

promise, faithful now God's praise we sing.
given, thankful now God's praise we sing.
children; joyful now God's praise we sing.

Song Over the Waters

Refrain

God, you have moved up - on the wa - ters, you have sung in the
rush of wind and flame; and in your love you have called us sons and
daugh - ters: make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.

Last time to coda

Vs 1 Come fill our waiting hearts with the spirit of Jesus, let us shine with your light and peace

Vs 2 Give us a thirst for love, give us a hunger for justice, make us one with the mind of Christ.

Vs 3 You are the breath of life, you are the hope of the hopeless, come and fill us with light and peace.

Vs 4 Come, open every heart, come now and wake us to wonder, make us vessels of light and peace.

Here Is Bread

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

he is with us. Break the bread,
he is with us. Know his grace,
he is with us. We'll pro - claim

taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for -ev- er.

In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it, Christ is with us here

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!

**Blessing*

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*Post Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. God of majesty,

C **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

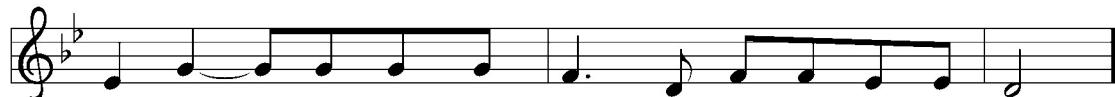
How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

*Join Us every 1st of the month for
 an additional
 10:30am service
 beginning February 01, 2026*

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