

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 16, 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

Joyce Obenauer, Greeter ~ Vickie Oana, Lector

Sarah & Hailey Iha, Ushers

Kiera Johnson-Zielazinski, 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*. 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 Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Lihue Lutheran Spotlight

Hau'oli Lā Hānau to Ezekiel Fernandez (08.16); Kurt Javinar (08.20)
Rhonda Pabo (08.21);

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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: Kecia Hagen, Renee Tajima and daughter Nicole, Lea Cadiz, Nick Hutson, Shari Ruiz, Cookie & Jay Peters, Roberta Kapuy, Sandi Remata, Tom Christy, Jonathan Ota; Kecia Darrow (Lolli Hagen's daughter); Mike Kato, Michael Ovalles, Lauretta Geren, Isaac Silva Baker, Larry Arndt, Vanessa Fujiyama, Liedeke Bulder, Joyce Obenauer, 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 & Rodd Sunada, Wendy & John Dobbs, Regina & Ryan Jimenez, James F., Karen Kirchner, John Thiele, Gregory Honnold, Jr.; 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 Giraldo II (Bobby Giraldo'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 Shimonono, Richard Rasay, Nancy Nelson (formerly Mandell), Edward Rasay, Marcos Larson (Liedeke's son), Penny Parraga, Yvonne Shinseki, Al Dressler (Larry's Father), 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.

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Order for Worship

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,



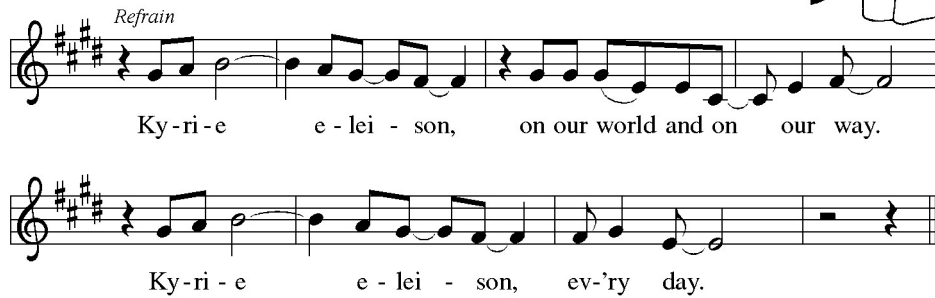
con-se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

*Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Kyrie



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 **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**



First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will

bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once diso-

bedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



[¹⁰Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense

when they heard what you said?"¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to

us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;

my daughter is tormented by a demon.”

²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to you, O Christ.

Keiki’s Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas	Last time
 y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. let them flow in cease - less praise.	 ten - drás. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estrillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

**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 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A O God: We pray for all who gather today to lift songs of praise to you from choir lofts or cathedrals or hilltops. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for your creation. As we give thanks for the beauty and the world that sustains us, we also ask for your continued care for those who suffer from natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all nations in conflict we ask for your presence, O God. We pray for your grace to settle in the hearts of all who govern, that justice and peace be established for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all who are suffering. We pray for hungry children, fearful parents, grieving loved ones, abused spouses, and those we now name before you, that they may know your peace. . . Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for our Island, for those who visit and for those who call it home. May we continue to learn your love and aloha for us, and demonstrate it to all those who touch our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, for the sake of your crucified and risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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Pno

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.

Offertory



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.

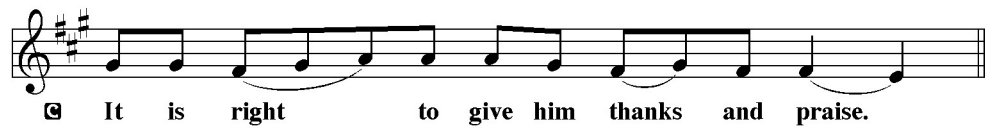
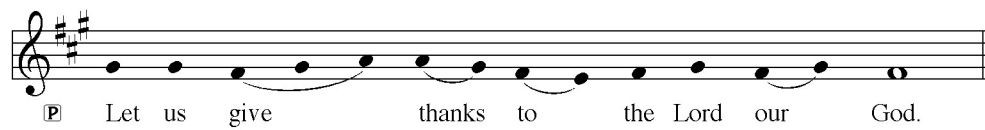
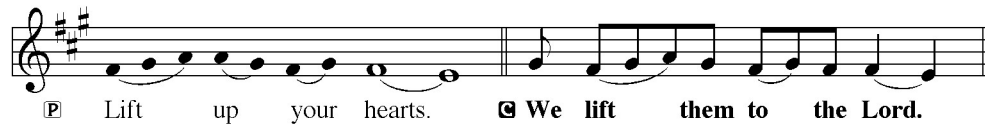
27 Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.

*Offertory Prayer

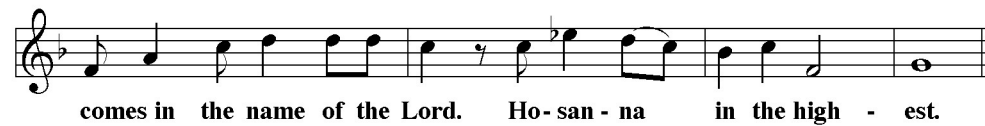
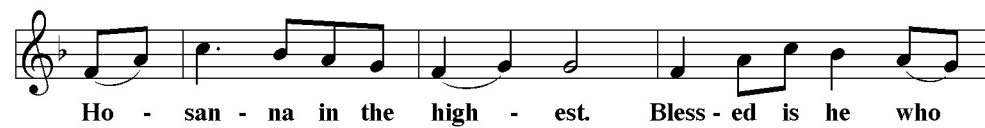
P Let us Pray. Loving God,

C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving



P 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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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

All Are Welcome

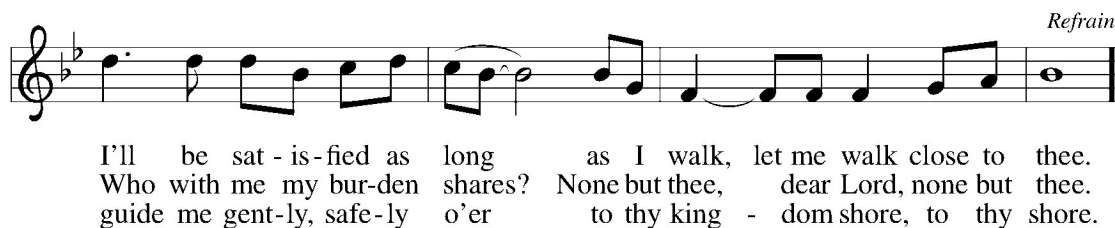
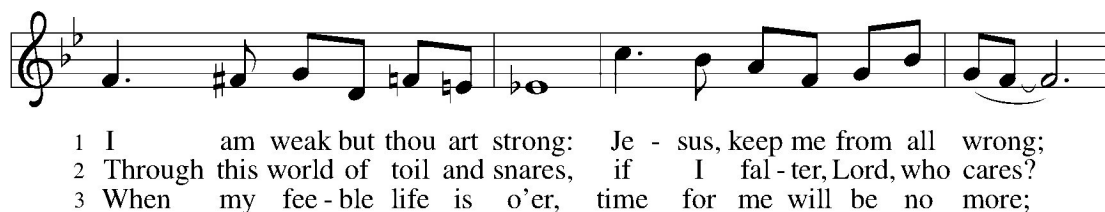
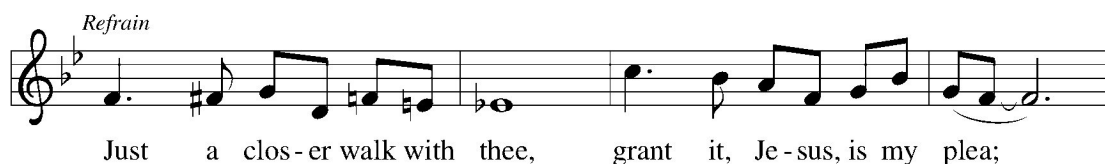
All are wel - come friend and stran - ger at the ban - quet
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of the Sav - ior All are wel - come All are wel - come here.

Vs 1 From the woman who comes crying
Leaving tears at Jesus' feet
To the man who knows the right way,
But cannot see. *(chorus)*

Vs 2 From the ones who feel forgotten,
Those who sense their place is gone.
To the ones who live in hunger,
Here you belong. *(chorus)*

Vs. 3 Go into the streets and cities,
To the farms and families.
Tell about the wondrous table:
God's mer-cy. *(chorus)*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Here Is Bread



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|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 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, |



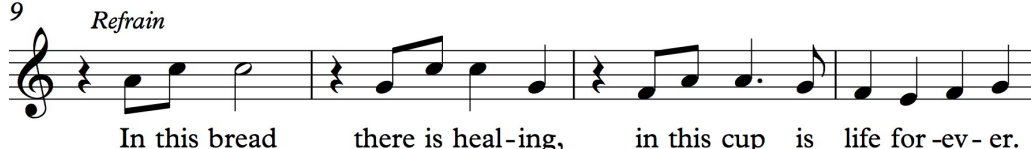
he is with us.	Break the bread,
he is with us.	Know his grace,
he is with us.	We'll pro - claim

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

9 *Refrain*



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

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In this mo-moment, 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 Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C **Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer*

- P Let us pray, Compassionate God,
C **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. 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 Uthane Hemolele.

C Amene.

*Sending Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C Thanks be to God!



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