

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



October 18, 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 ~ Laurie Hutchinson, Lector

Jerry & Laura Nishek, 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 *Bernard & Dawn Connors in celebration of Kiera's 21st Birthday!!* 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](mailto:Liedeke_Ibulderart@gmail.com) or 808-652-8234
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Worship Theme for Today

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Lihue Lutheran Spotlight

Hau'oli Lā Hānau to Amon Fernandez (10.18); Jerry Nishek (10.21); Carmen Koerte (10.22); Krysta Ikehara (10.23)

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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: ChrysMarie Suby, 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 Shimono, 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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

****Gathering Hymn***

Pass it On

Verse 1

It only takes a spark
To get a fire going
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like
spring

Verse 3

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're
bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

**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*



Lord have mer - cy. **Lord have mer - cy.** Christ have mer - cy. **Christ have mer - cy.**

1. We pray for peace from above. We pray for our salvation. (to CHORUS)
2. We pray for peace in the world. We pray for wellness in your church.
We pray for the unity of all. (to CHORUS)
3. We pray for this holy place. We pray for all who gather here. (to CHORUS)
4. Oh Lord, help us, save us. Oh Lord, comfort and defend us. (to AMEN)



A - men. **A - men.** A - men. **A - men.**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and

Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody





- Vs. 1 Yahweh's people dance for joy, O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. *(refrain)*
- Vs. 2 Rise O children from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. *(refrain)*
- Vs. 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised. I know my savior lives. *(refrain)*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you be-

came imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,

"Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Keiki's Sermon

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day*

Majesty

Verse 1

Majesty, worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne, unto His own
His anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty, worship His majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified
King of all kings

Verse 2

Majesty, worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne, unto His own
His anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty, worship His majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified
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**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 Open doors to justice and peace among the nations of the world, O God, that, made in your image we all might live in the hope and joy of your saving power. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Level the mountains of bigotry and discrimination, of hatred and prejudice in our country and its communities, O God, that we regard people without partiality and show no deference to one over the other. Lord, in your mercy;

C hear our prayer.

A Rescue us from our wasteful ways, O God, that we would learn to be caring stewards of all that you have made in the air, on the earth, and beneath the waters. Lord, in your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

A Reveal to us your face, O God, in the faces of persons most in need in our communities: the aged, the young, the abused, the homeless, the addicted, and the sick and mentally ill, that they may know your liberating love. Hear the names we bring before you . . . Lord, in your mercy;

C hear our prayer.

A Be with those who are guests of our Island. May their stays be restful and renewing, their travels safe, and their homecomings joyous. Lord, in your mercy,

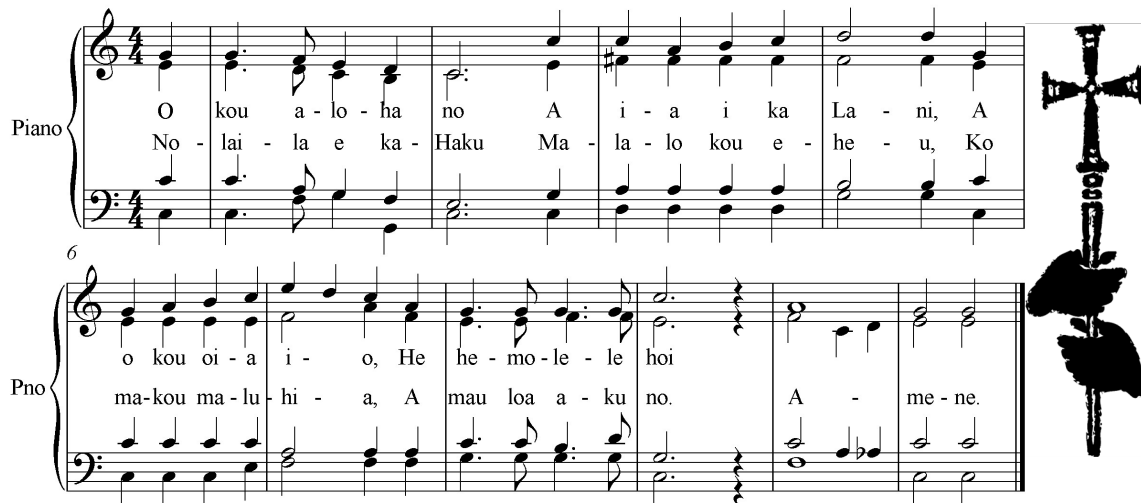
C hear our prayer.

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



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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.

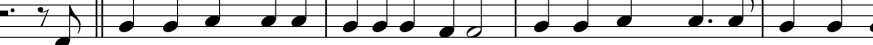
27 Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.

*Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. God of creation,

C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

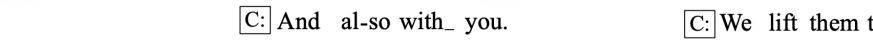
**The Great Thanksgiving*



L: The Lord be with you. L: Lift up your hearts.



C: And al-so with_ you. C: We lift them to the Lord.



L: Let us give_ thanks to the Lord our_ God. C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -san-na in the high - est.

Ho -san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho -san-na in the high - est, 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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

Distribution

All believers 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 acolyte 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 Songs

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

Have mer - cy, mer - cy on us.

(Repeat first two versus)

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

Oh grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Shout to the Lord

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your might-y love.

My com-fort, my shel-ter, tow-er of ref-uge and strength;

let ev-ry breath, all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj-es-ty, praise

to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for-ev-er I'll love you, for-ev-er I'll stand.

Noth-ing com-pares to the prom-ise I have in you.

What a Friend We have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

As the Grains of Wheat



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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, Sustaining God,
C **with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Blessing*

- P** The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
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 Ma-kua, ✚ Keiki Kane, and Uhane Hemolele.

C Amene.

*Sending Hymn

Take My Life , That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



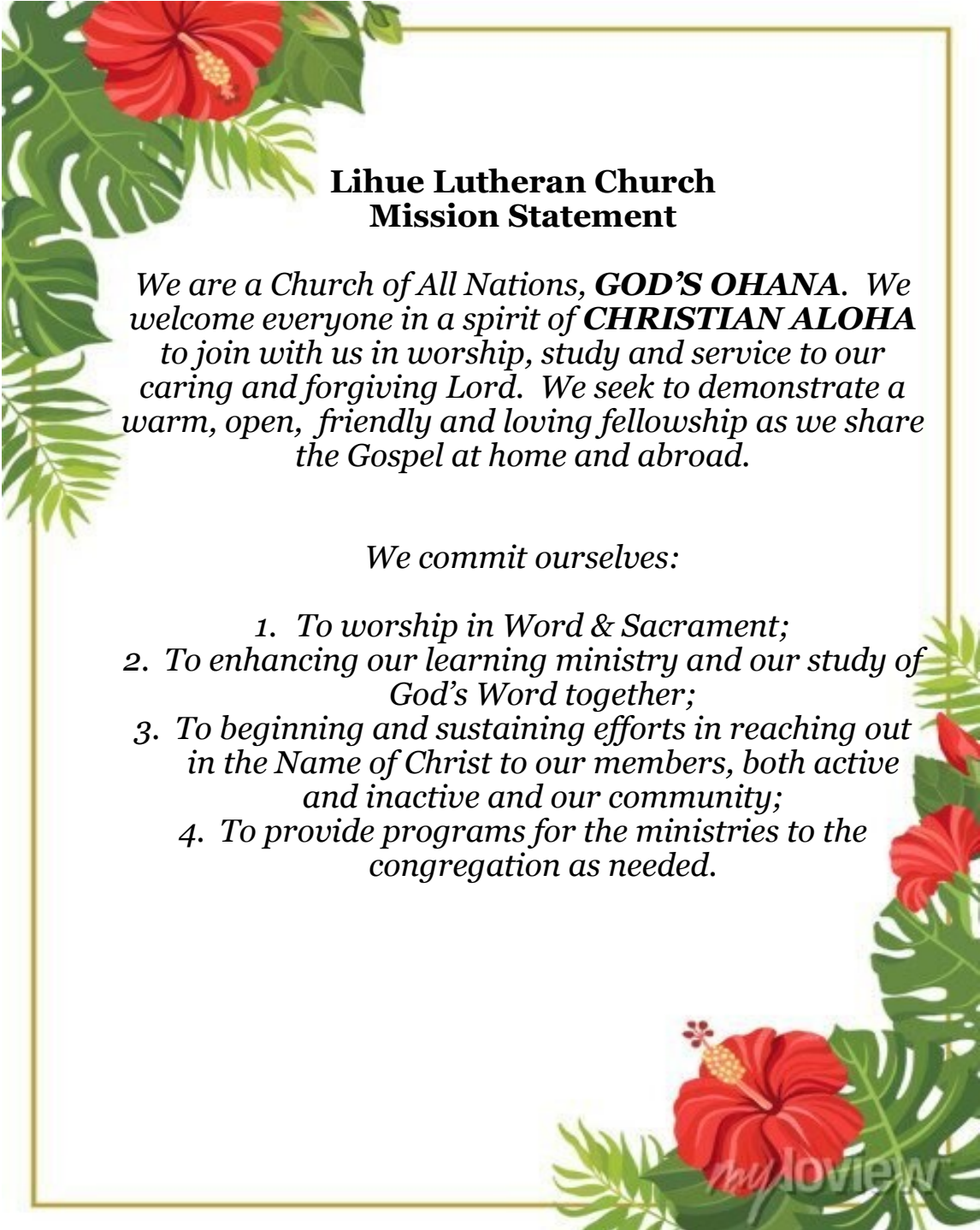
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.



Lihue Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*We are a Church of All Nations, **GOD'S OHANA**. We welcome everyone in a spirit of **CHRISTIAN ALOHA** to join with us in worship, study and service to our caring and forgiving Lord. We seek to demonstrate a warm, open, friendly and loving fellowship as we share the Gospel at home and abroad.*

We commit ourselves:

- 1. To worship in Word & Sacrament;*
- 2. To enhancing our learning ministry and our study of God's Word together;*
- 3. To beginning and sustaining efforts in reaching out in the Name of Christ to our members, both active and inactive and our community;*
- 4. To provide programs for the ministries to the congregation as needed.*

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