



Together We Are The Church

March, 2025

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

Wow, what a month it has been! I go away for a short vacation, a Dean's Retreat with the Bishop, and the Bishop's Retreat with the Hukilau clergy, and I come back to confusion and chaos, fear and high anxiety. People are worried about their jobs, their loved one's jobs, funding for critical human services here and abroad, whose side we are on, here, there and everywhere, and I am sure I have missed something. But you get the drift.

In the midst of this mayhem, I am going to affirm what I have been saying since December at the least – It is important to know who we are and whose we are. To that end, through our Lenten soup suppers and lectio divina study on Wednesdays, I want to share what the core pillars of the Lutheran Movement are. I will use Luther's Small Catechism, a classic in faith, to break the study down into the Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. In and around the five parts of the Catechism, I will weave the Lutheran dynamics of justification by grace alone through faith alone, the means of grace, and how we do ethics.

Lest some of you find that too intimidating, remember that I am hardly a professional theologian but rather a simple pastor of a small but grace-filled congregation. So it won't be too complex. And I am very

ecumenical. What I have to share can easily frame and deepen many people's diverse, personal faith.

I learned a new phrase just the other week – “The Seven Sisters of Protestantism.” Hmm ... interesting. Turns out when I searched for that phrase, it gave me seven Protestant denominations whose worship, faith, and practice have become quite congruent – Lutherans (ELCA), Episcopalians (ECUSA), Presbyterians (PCUSA), Methodists (UMC), United Church of Christ (UCC), Disciples of Christ/Christian (DCC), and the American Baptist Church (ABC). Talk about diversity!

So, whatever your faith background, whether the same from birth or newly explored, there is something here for you.

The way we respond to the fear-filled world around us is to center ourselves in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Body of Christ, his diverse and inclusive Church. Please join us as you can and we shall listen together for what God's Spirit has to say to us.

Blessings,

Pr Keith





*Welcome ~ E Komo Mai!*



*You are welcome at the table  
found at Christ Lutheran Church.*

**Welcome** to those of you who come bearing diverse gifts  
including wisdom regarding sexual orientations,  
gender identities and gender expressions.



**Welcome** to all of you for your diverse colors,  
shapes, cultures, backgrounds, and traditions.

**Welcome** to those of you born here and to those of you flown here.

**We seek to rejoice, grieve, heal and reconcile together  
as we gather around Jesus' table, which has been laid out for all.**



*Attention All Bakers!*

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 15, at 10:00 am.** All bakers welcome for a grand time making a Traditional Scripture Cake to be served on Sunday, March 16 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Brunch.

Sign up at the Greeters Table and pick up your scripture verse and cake ingredient to bring for the event. Enjoy music, snacks, coffee, tea and fellowship as we combine ingredients, share our faith and bake an amazing masterpiece for all to enjoy!



# *Celebrations - Blessings to All of You*

## *Happy Birthday*

March 1      Joel Sikkink  
March 5      Dale Koenig  
March 13     Henry Zaffke  
March 17     Steve Peterson  
March 19     Kathy Jans  
March 20     Guirong Xu-Peterson  
March 30     Judy Kaupp

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

March 7      Eileen & Gary Ward  
March 19     Steve & Guirong Peterson

## *Baptismal Anniversaries*

March 14     Adam Burke

If we missed your special day, please let the office know ([office@clcmililani.org](mailto:office@clcmililani.org))



## *Daily Morning Prayer*



**Have you checked out CLC's  
Daily Morning Prayer with Pastor Keith?**

Prayer videos are available on CLC's YouTube channel (CLCMililani) Morning, Noon, or Night!

Scripture, Prayer, and Blessing continues every day, Monday through Saturday. You can find it on our YouTube channel (CLCMililani). You can access the Daily prayer and watch it anytime of day. What a joy to spend 4-5 minutes a day with God's love!

**Please Join us  
For Ash Wednesday**

**March 5th at 7pm**



**Men's  
Prayer  
Breakfast**

All are welcome to join the next CLC men's breakfast, **7:30am at the Rise & Shine Cafe in Mililani on March 13th, 2025.**

Come for some quick Christian fellowship to start your day. If you have questions, please contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670; [adamppalmer@gmail.com](mailto:adamppalmer@gmail.com) or the Church Office at 808-623-9229; [office@clcmililani.org](mailto:office@clcmililani.org).



## *Lenten Soup Suppers*

**Please Join us Every Wednesday evening beginning March 12th through April 9th for CLC's Midweek Lenten Service & Soup Supper.**

**We will gather between 6:00pm and 6:30pm for a light, soup supper potluck. We will follow that at 7pm with a short Bible study and worship using Responsive Prayer.**

Feel free to show up for any or all of the above. Let Pastor Keith know if you are interested in attending!





# MARCH, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.						1 Morning Prayer
2 <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> 8 am - <i>In-person Worship</i> 9:15am - <i>Keiki Church</i> 10 am - <i>In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	3 Morning Prayer	4 Morning Prayer	5 Morning Prayer Ash Wednesday 7pm	6 Morning Prayer	7 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	8 Morning Prayer
9 <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> <b>**Healing Sunday</b> 8 am - <i>In-person Worship</i> 9:15 am - <i>Keiki Church</i> 10 am - <i>In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	10 Morning Prayer	11 Morning Prayer	12 Morning Prayer Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	13 Morning Prayer Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Rise N Shine Café	14 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	15 Morning Prayer Scripture Cake Baking 10am
16 <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> 8 am - <i>In-person Worship</i> 9:15 - <i>am Keiki Church</i> 9:15am - <i>Sunday Brunch</i> 10 am - <i>In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i> 11:30 am - <i>Chrch.Cncl. Mtg</i>	17 Morning Prayer	18 Morning Prayer	19 Morning Prayer Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	20 Morning Prayer	21 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	22 Morning Prayer
23 <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> 8 am - <i>In-person Worship</i> 9:15 am - <i>Keiki Church</i> 10 am - <i>In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	24 Morning Prayer	25 Morning Prayer	26 Morning Prayer Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	27 Morning Prayer	28 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	29 Morning Prayer
30 <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> 8 am - <i>In-person Worship</i> 9:15 am - <i>Keiki Church</i> 10 am - <i>In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	31 Morning Prayer					

## A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

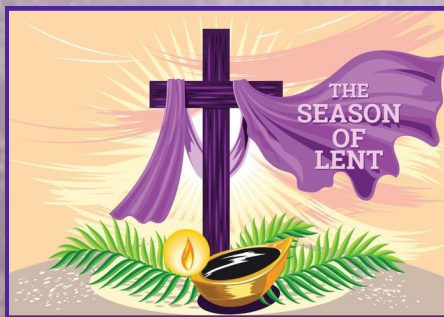
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.





## IHS Ministry

The February IHS Ministry Team served 319 Meals!



**Mahalo to everyone who donated cookies and to Adam & James who served the meal!**

**Next Serving is April 12th, 2025**

**\* For the Month of April 2025 only, IHS Will be held on the Second Saturday of the month due to a scheduling conflict. Mahalo.**

IHS needs two volunteers to serve supper from 5:45 to approx. 6:30pm. If you have previously volunteered, please text or email Adam Palmer to confirm if you want to serve again. If you have NOT previously volunteered, you are very welcome to join us! If you are new, please text or call Adam at 808-222-8670. Adam will provide you with the details on what is required to volunteer and location.

You can also help by donating cookies! Just leave cookies in the church kitchen by end of day Friday, April 11th or drop off to the church office during business hours.



## HUI Sign-Up

Are you available to help during Worship in 2025? Sign up in the HUI binder on the Welcome table, click on the link to the HUI sign-up which can be found on the front page of CLC's website at [www.clcmililani.org](http://www.clcmililani.org). or contact the church office at 808-623-9229



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## **March Worship**

### **Sundays**

8 am & 10 am

### **Ash Wednesday**

March 5th, 7pm

### **Midweek Lenten**

### **Soup Supper & Service**

Every Wed at 6pm

The 8 am service is offered on Facebook and the 10 am service is offered on Zoom.

Both feature on-line Communion.

The Liturgy of Healing is included in each service on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

## **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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