



Together We Are The Church

December, 2025

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

We continue into the Advent Season, celebrating the fulness of the Reign of God in our midst. Through Word and sacraments, Christ is present among us, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And we are making an advent back into our church sanctuary. I found it refreshing to be outside, to hear y'all singing, and to be sitting close together. But, now, I am very much ready to be back inside the sanctuary. I know others are ready, too. I miss our baby grand piano! It has been three months. Three whole months! I'm over it.

So, think of us as making an advent and a return. We have been scattered but together. Now, we return together, to worship the King from a Cross. The One who comes to us, not with redemptive violence but with redemptive suffering in love.

We live in challenging, even dangerous, times. We need a sanctuary, a refuge, at least for an hour, from the ravages of

our world, the hatred, and the dark passions of anger, fear, and the lust for power.

Let us bring our aspirations, our hopes, dreams, dignity and respect for our neighbors in need. Especially those not like us. Let us renew courage, hope, and love, even the suffering love of Jesus from a Cross as we wait for the fulness of Christ's coming.

See you in church!

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.**

Advent Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 7th, 8:00am & 10:00am

Sunday, December 14th, 8:00am & 10:00am

Friday, December 19th, Blue Christmas

Evening Service - 7:00pm In-Person Only

Sunday, December 21st, 8:00am & 10:00am

with Potluck Brunch at 9:15am & Handbell Concert at 7:00pm.

Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

Evening Carols & Candle-light Service - 6:00pm & 8:00pm

Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day

Morning Service with Communion – 10:00am

Sunday, December 28th, 8:00am & 10:00am



Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

December 3 Bill Kriese
December 6 June Imperial
December 7 Karl Mohrmann
December 9 Jiao Chen
Russ Kino
Mae Norton
Keith Wolter
December 20 Christy Sondall
December 24 Keegan Rosetter
December 28 David Sikkink
December 30 Kaimana Higa

Baptismal Anniversaries

December 1 Andrew Zaffke
December 3 Anna Sikkink
December 7 Mary Lou Kimoto
December 9 Jiao Chen
December 11 Jim Sondall
December 27 Ritter Zaffke
December 28 Mattie Sikkink
December 30 Keith Wolter

Wedding Anniversaries

December 1 Rick & Anne Myers
December 13 Joel & Anna Hamaguchi
December 27 Bill & Gayle Kriese
December 30 John & Ele Clere
December 30 John & Jane Yanagida



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



Mahalo nui loa for your gifts and your dedication to Christ Lutheran Church during 2025!

As we approach the end of the calendar year, please note that **all donations must be postmarked or received in the office by December 31st to be included in your 2025 contribution statement (for tax purposes).**

Thank you and God bless you for your generous support of CLC so that we may continue to be good stewards of what God has given us.

Please contact Shelby in the church office (office@clcmililani.org or 808-623-9229) if you have any questions.



IHS Ministry Saturday, Dec. 6 th

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 noon on **Saturday, Dec.**

6th or drop off to the church office during business hours.



Christ Lutheran Church members/friends thank you for your generosity! It was amazing to see how quickly people signed up to buy Christmas gifts for children from PACT (Parents and Children Together) organization. **All 50 names have been taken.**

Please return the unwrapped gifts, with the name tag attached on one of the following Sundays: **November 30th and December 7th**

There will be a drop box at the entrance of the church for you to place your gifts in. (See Gift suggestions in the November newsletter). If the toy requires batteries, please attach another set of new batteries to the toy.

Questions? Contact DeAnn Acosta at 808 371-7708 or alohad50@hotmail.com



Holiday Sunday Brunch

The next **Sunday Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, December 21st** between services (approximately 9:15-9:45am). Bring whatever you'd like to share or just bring your appetite. All are welcome to this monthly time of fellowship and fun.

Not everyone is joyful this time of year.



So on **Friday, December 19th (the winter solstice)**, at **7 pm** we will have a service of comfort and encouragement for those who are feeling blue - of hope in the midst of despair. It will be an in-person service with Pr. Keith and Assisting Minister only to protect confidentiality.

All are welcome!





DECEMBER, 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 Morning Prayer	3 Morning Prayer	4 Morning Prayer	5 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	6 Morning Prayer IHS Ministry Mililani Christmas Parade
7 5th Sunday of Advent 8 am In-person Worship & Facebook Live 9:15am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & Loaded to Youtube * Canned Food Drive Pick-Up at 10am Service	8 Morning Prayer	9 Morning Prayer	10 Morning Prayer	11 Morning Prayer	12 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	13 Morning Prayer *Leeward Dog Training Club Reg. 8:30am-12pm
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CLC 2026 Pledge Drive



You will be receiving the Annual Pledge Drive Packet from CLC with a cover letter, pledge card, return envelope and a Table of Proportionate Giving. **Please return your envelope sealed pledge cards by January 11th via mail or in the Sunday Offering Plate.**

We will be dedicating our pledges on Sunday, January 11th.

Pledges will allow us to make final budgetary decisions for presentation at the January Annual Meeting.

Mahalo for your commitment and dedication to CLC!



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 January 8th, 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 or the Church Office at 808-623-9229; office@clcmililani.org

***Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on break in December and will resume in January.**

Sign up for 2025 Offering Envelopes!



New Subscribers

If you wish to receive offering envelopes for 2025, please contact the church office at 808-623-9229 or email office@clcmililani.org.

Current Subscribers

Members currently receiving offering envelopes for 2025 will automatically be sent envelopes for 2026.



Mahalo for your faithful blessings to CLC!

Christmas Poinsettias

We would love to have the sanctuary full of flowers to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. If you would like to purchase (or lend us) a poinsettia to help fulfill this wish, please **bring them to the church the week of December 21st.**



Thank You for participating in the CLC Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Once again CLC members and Rainbow Preschoolers have shown their generosity and filled the Sanctuary with food that will be shared with needy families of central and north shore Oahu through *The Private Sector*, an all-volunteer organization that provides food, shelter, and other goods to the needy.

The food will be blessed by Pastor Keith and taken by representatives of *The Private Sector* on Sunday, December 7th.



2025 Mililani Christmas Parade

Volunteers are needed to Pass out Coffee, Tea & Iced Chocolate!



Saturday, December 6th from 9:00am-10:30am.

The Sign-Up sheet can be found on the welcome table in the back of the Sanctuary or call into the office at 808-623-9229; office@clcmililani.org

***CLC Will Not be Marching in the Parade This Year**



Handbell Choir Concert

Join Us for a Special Performance by the Mele Mai Paki Lima Community Ensemble!

**Sunday
December 21st at 7:00pm
CLC Sanctuary**



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95-1361 Meheula Parkway
Mililani, HI 96789

December Worship



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Christmas Day

10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation

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