



Aloha Ke Akua

The Opening words of the Athanasian Creed: ***“Whoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the catholic faith. Which faith, except everyone keeps whole and undefiled, without doubt he will perish eternally. And the catholic faith is this...”***

It’s not all that politically correct anymore to say only those who believe in Jesus go to heaven. (The word catholic with a small “c” means a universal faith - not the Roman Catholic Church.)

There really is only one church - the one that Jesus founded and to which He has promised to return to one day. Whether we like it or not, the only way to heaven is to believe in what He did for us. It’s not an nod of the head, it’s a bowing of the heart and soul.

The above words come from the Athanasian Creed, written somewhere around 500 a.d. Athanasius didn’t write it, he wrote the Nicene Creed, but his spirit and passion are clearly communicated in this powerful confession of faith. There are only a few of us who use this confession. Most

other churches have abandoned it because it’s a little harsh on those who think there is another way to heaven. Our society doesn’t want to make waves, we’d rather people just go quietly to their graves believing in themselves or crystals or reincarnation or whatever they choose to find peace in this world.

Perhaps, we’re willing to let them go quietly because we don’t believe in Hell. Or perhaps, because secretly we really do hope there are other ways to heaven, so we don’t have to feel guilty about not sharing the love of Christ with them.

But, that’s not what the Bible says and not what the Athanasian Creed says. Creeds are meant to remind us of the important things - the things that, whether we are Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic or any other church body - we believe and hold to be THE truth. THE truth, without which we cannot be saved.

And so it all gets back to the first words of most creeds: “I BELIEVE...” It’s a challenge into what we believe - not in your head but in your heart.

*Me Ke Aloha,
Pastor Mitch*

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OUR SAVIOR’S MONTH...

SUNDAYS

1:30pm Salem Nomwin Chuuk Service
4:00pm An Kraist Mwichefel Chuuk Service
4:30pm Youth Group (check schedule)

WEDNESDAYS

8:00am OSLS Chapel

THURSDAYS

5:00pm Worship Team

Week beginning March 29th

Sunday 4:30pm Sunset Meetup
Wednesday 7:00am Men’s Fellowship
6:30pm Handbell Choir
Thursday 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Seder
Friday 7:00pm Good Friday Service
Saturday 9:00am Easter Workday

Week beginning April 5th

Friday 7:00pm Island 20’s/30’s Study

Week beginning April 12th

Wednesday 7:00am Men’s Fellowship
5:45pm Faith Night
Friday 5:30pm Lutheran Schools Concert
Saturday 8:00am Workday @ Church
9:30am 20’s/30’s Beach Cleanup

Week beginning April 19th

Saturday 8:00am Workday @ Church

Week beginning April 26th

Wednesday 5:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal
Saturday 9:00am School Campus Workday

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

9:37-10:27am-ish

SANCTUARY: Classes for adults and Sr Hi

FaithIsland Room: PS - 8th Grade



TWO WORKDAYS...

Easter Workday,
Saturday

Easter Workday - Saturday, April 4th, 9am - Noon. We’ll be getting everything ready for Easter!

April 19th, 8am - Noon Regular Workday. Everyone is welcome!



FAITH NIGHT...Wednesday, April 15, 5:45 - 7:15pm. Dinner,

family chapel, confirmation for 5th - 8th grade, adult study with Pastor Mitch and activities for the kids.



EASTER SCHEDULE

April 2nd, 7pm - Maundy Thursday

April 3rd, 7pm - Good Friday

April 4th, 9am - Easter Workday

Easter Sunday, April 5th

6:30am - SonRose Service

7:30am - Breakfast

8:30am - Egg Hunt/Keiki Fun

9:30am - Celebration

Communion Service

Island 20&30s

Island 20&30s seeks to connect adults in their 20s and 30s from Lutheran congregations across Oahu. See Kayla for more info!

Bible Study - April 10th @ 7pm
Beach Clean Up - April 18th, 9:30am

MEN'S GROUP (SMITHYs)
Wednesday, April 1st and 15th at 7:00am at the Mission Center (tan house at the top of the parking lot).

2025 OFFERING STATEMENTS...

If you gave in-person, the statements will be in the Narthex next Sunday. If you gave online, you can download your giving statement anytime from Vanco or Tithely.



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NEW TO THE CHURCH OR COMMUNITY?

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Online Worship, Bible Studies, and Sunday School are posted on Saturdays @ 9am and are available 24/7.

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Quarterly Mission Project

2nd Quarter - Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs and Hawaii FiDo Service Dogs

LCC is present at just about every major national disaster on the Mainland - with emergency response and their comfort dog program: <http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org>

Hawaii FiDo trains service dogs for wounded warriors and facilities on Oahu: <http://www.hawaiiifido.org>

Our Compassion Children are Jony Enrique Tolentino from El Salvador, Jamia from Bangladesh and Justina Kulwa from Tanzania. We take a special calabash offering on the 2nd Sunday of the month to help support them. compassion.com



IKE LOA (to seek wisdom)
The first Easter fell on the same day as Passover (the 14th day of

Nissan) which meant you had Easter Monday or Easter Thursday. Since the Bible attached Jesus death to the "Pascha" feast (we don't get the word Passover until Wycliffe creates the first English translation of the Bible) - Jews and Christians were both celebrating on the same day. While they were both celebrating the death of the "Passover Lamb" - the two festivals could not have been more different.

As a result, a controversy arose within the church. Some did not like their celebration on the same day as the Jews. Others did not like sharing the name "pascha." And still others didn't like having Easter Sunday on a Wednesday.

The Council of Nicea, 325 A.D. tried to settle the controversy by renaming the celebration "Easter" - after the mythical Anglo-Saxon goddess of the morning, "Eostre." They also set the celebration on the first Sunday following the 14th of Nissan. It didn't settle the controversy, but it did settle the date.



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For more information on all activities:
e-mail: kayla@oursaviorhawaii.com
or call Kayla at 808.488.3654

Sunday School for PS - 8th Grade 9:37am in the FaithIsland Room

We're following the Lectionary (which is the amazing story of Jesus and you!)

YOUTH GROUP...

April 5th - No Youth Group

April 12th, 19th and 26th - Spiritual Conversations: Sharing Life, Faith, and Jesus With Friends.

Confirmation Class

Wednesday, April 15th 5:45pm - 7:15pm

Join us for a potluck dinner, family chapel and activities for all ages!



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Difference: - \$4,628

Mahalo for your generosity!