



## Aloha Ke Akua

There is a natural rhythm over much of the Mainland where the people experience the cycle of spring, summer, fall and winter. We have attached religious significance to these changes. In the darkness of December comes the light of Christ. The Easter life of spring blossoms through the deadness of winter. Pentecost's green paraments, representing God's church increasing in love and service, happens while the crops are growing in the fields.

We in Hawaii miss out on such things because of our tropical island. The flowers and fruit hang from the trees year around and the hills around us are usually green. It is no wonder so many Mainland folks call this paradise even though heaven's beauty far exceeds anything we can imagine here.

Such beauty as ours, Garrison Keillor of A Prairie Home Companion says, "is not meant to be had in large doses." It's why the ex-patriots of his mythical town

Lake Wobegon, return to Minnesota from Florida at least once a year so they can remember the way "things should be."

We do not need to make such a journey. The traffic, crime, angry words emitting from the house next to us and sirens wailing in the night - all remind us "our" paradise is only skin deep.

As we get ready to finish our 40 Day journey, we are reminded we are here for a purpose. It's not to create a paradise on earth so people will be content and satisfied in this world - but rather to point them to a true paradise where the beauty and joy and fulfillment are neverending and never interrupted.

"There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

**Revelation 21**

Only a few more weeks and the darkness gives way to the Light!

*Me Ke Aloha,  
Pastor Mitch*

## March 2026

### Wittenberg Door

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### OUR SAVIOR'S MONTH...

#### SUNDAYS

1:30pm Salem Nomwin Chuuk Service

4:00pm An Kraist Mwichefel Chuuk Service

#### WEDNESDAYS

8:00am OSLS Chapel

#### THURSDAYS

5:00pm Worship Team

6:00pm Handbell Choir

#### Week beginning March 1st

Wednesday 7:00am Men's Fellowship

Friday 7:00pm Island 20's/30's Study

Sunday 4:30pm Youth Group

#### Week beginning March 8th

Sunday 4:30pm Youth Group

Wednesday 5:45pm Faith Night

#### Week beginning March 15th

Sunday 4:30pm Youth Group

OSLS Spring Break Begins

Wednesday 7:00am Men's Fellowship

Saturday 8:00am Workday @ Church

#### Week beginning March 22nd

Wednesday 5:00pm Kalauao Night Market

Saturday 1:00pm Easter Service Event

#### Week beginning March 29th

Sunday 4:30pm Sunset Meetup

Wednesday 7:00am Men's Fellowship

Thursday 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Seder

Friday 7:00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday 9:00am Easter Workday

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

**9:37-10:27am-ish**

**SANCTUARY:** Classes for adults and Sr Hi

**FaithIsland Room:** PS - 8th Grade



**WORKDAY... Saturday,  
March 21st, 8am - Noon**  
everyone is welcome!

**Special Easter Workday** on Saturday,  
April 4th - 9am to Noon.



**FAITH NIGHT...Wednesday,  
March 11, 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 (April 5th)

**6:30am - SonRose Service**

**7:30am - Breakfast**

**8:30am - Egg Hunt**

**9:30am - Celebration**

Communion Service

### EASTER SERVICE EVENT....

Saturday, March 28th @ 1pm. Join us as  
we pack Grace to Go bags for River of  
Life Mission. Can we get to a 1,000 this  
year? See DCE Kayla if you would like to  
donate supplies. A list is posted in the  
Narthex.

# 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 - March 6th @ 7pm  
Kaluaao Night Market - March 25th, 5pm

**MEN'S GROUP (SMITHYs)**  
**Wednesday, March 4th and 18th 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.



808.488.0000 or  
[oursaviorlutherschool.org](http://oursaviorlutherschool.org)



## NEW TO THE CHURCH OR COMMUNITY?

We'd love to get to know you and help answer your questions! Call 808.488.3654, stop by the office (on Koauka Street) or e-mail: [aloha@oursaviorhawaii.com](mailto:aloha@oursaviorhawaii.com).



## ONLINE ACCESS

[oursaviorhawaii.com](http://oursaviorhawaii.com)

Access the latest news and notes anytime along with the calendar, forms to download, and more.

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

You can also find and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.



## Quarterly Mission Project

### 1st Quarter - LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

<https://www.lcms.org/ministry-to-the-armed-forces>

MAF supports LCMS chaplains who serve on active duty, in the reserves, the National Guard, Civil Air Patrol and Coast Guard Auxiliary. LCMS chaplains deliver Word and Sacrament ministry to our military personnel and their families.

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

[compassion.com](http://compassion.com)



## IKE LOA

(to seek wisdom)

The season of Lent is a time of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion, and simplicity. Lent, which comes from the Teutonic (Germanic) word for springtime, can be used as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out of our life those things which hinder our corporate and personal relationships with Jesus and prevent us from serving Him with our whole heart, mind, body and soul.

It is fitting the season of Lent begin with a symbol of repentance: placing ashes mixed with oil on one's head or forehead and holy communion. While some choose to "give something up" during this season, it is always best to give up your sins.

The purple of Lent reminds us Jesus is our King who came to take away the sins of the world. The somberness is reflected in the spoken liturgy, the minor key in the music and the absence of the word "alleluia" from worship - making it all that much more exciting on Easter Sunday.



## ONLINE OFFERINGS via CREDIT CARD OR EFT

[www.oursaviorhawaii.com](http://www.oursaviorhawaii.com)

Click on the ONLINE GIVING button and follow the instructions for giving through TITHELY or VANCO.



OSLC is registered to receive your **Thrivent Choice Dollars**.



For more information on all activities:  
e-mail: [kayla@oursaviorhawaii.com](mailto: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...

March 1st, March 7th and

March 15th - Lenten Words

**NO youth group on March 22nd or 29th**

(Spring Break - and we'll see you at Sunset at the Beach on the 29th)

## Confirmation Class

**Wednesday, March 11th 5:45pm - 7:15pm**

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



January 2026

**Offerings: \$20,474**

**Expenses: \$19,972**

**Difference: \$502**

*Mahalo for your generosity!*