



## Aloha Ke Akua

### The Theology of Avis Rent-a-Car

*I landed in San Francisco and picked up my car, but before I was allowed to drive off the lot a nice lady handed me a piece of paper and told me I had to read it and acknowledge I read it. This is what it said:*

#### **Before leaving, be sure you have:**

- a clear understanding of how to get to your destination
- reviewed the map
- locked your valuables in the trunk
- familiarized yourself with the safety equipment
- fastened your seatbelt

#### **Do Not:**

- yell, honk or point at other cars
- stop if someone bumps you from behind
- panic if someone is following you

**In the rare event** you are approached by a stranger demanding something - do not resist! Give them what they want.

This is the theology of Avis. It's not bad when you think about it - especially the first part.

As Christians, we need to know where we're going, review the map (Bible), keep our valuables (family & friends) safe, know how to use the safety equipment (prayer and worship) and fasten our seatbelts for the ride of our life.

The other part isn't bad either. We shouldn't yell or honk at people, we shouldn't stop if someone bumps us from behind (they're just trying to keep us from our mission), and we should never panic if someone is following us - after all that is what Jesus wanted - for people to follow us because we're following Him!

The only part I might disagree with is the last section - instead of giving people what they want - we need to give them what they need: **JESUS!**

There was one other section, it said:

**If you become hopelessly lost**, do not pull over and try to solve the problem yourself - drive to the nearest well-lighted and populated public place - and ask for assistance.

That's what we're here for on Sunday Mornings!

*Me Ke Aloha,  
Pastor Mitch*

## November 2024

### **Wittenberg Door**

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### **OUR SAVIOR'S MONTH...**

#### **SUNDAYS**

- 1:30pm Salem Nomwin Chuuk Service
- 4:00pm An Kraist Mwichefel Service
- 4:30pm OSHi Youth Group

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

- 8:00am School Chapel

#### **THURSDAYS**

- 5:00pm Worship Team
- 6:30pm Handbell Choir

#### **Week beginning October 27th**

- Tuesday 11:00am Gerry Reese Memorial
- 6:30pm Christian Biography
- Friday 7:00pm 20's/30's Bible Study
- Saturday 9:00am Youth Car Wash

#### **Week beginning November 3rd**

- Sunday 6:30pm Jason Gray Concert
- Saturday 9:00am Pink Pillbox Hike

#### **Week beginning November 10th**

- Tuesday 6:30am Smithys Men's Group
- 6:30pm Voters' Meeting
- Friday 7:00pm 20's/30's Game Night
- Saturday 8:00am Workday @ Church

#### **Week beginning November 17th**

- Tuesday 6:00pm Confirmation Class

#### **Week beginning November 24th**

- Tuesday 6:30am Smithys Men's Group
- Wednesday 7:00pm Thanksgiving Service
- Thursday 9:00am Thanksgiving Service
- Friday Church Office Closed

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

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

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

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

### **JASON GRAY IN**

**CONCERT...at Our Savior, Sunday, November 3, 6:30pm.**  
Tickets are required



(they are free) so get yours today at:

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

**THANKSGIVING  
EVE AND DAY  
WORSHIP  
with Communion**



**Wednesday, November 27th, 7pm**  
(followed by PicFest)

**Thursday, November 28th, 9am**



**Saturday, November 16, 8am - Noon** Everyone is welcome, and there is always something to do!

**MEN'S GROUP (Smithys)** November 12th & 26th at 6:30am at the Mission Center (top of the parking lot).

**ONLINE OFFERING CHANGE...** one of our online offering providers (Vision2 or V2) is now run by Tithely - the largest online offering ministry. Please check your online account to verify your giving.



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

November 1st, 7pm Bible Study  
November 15th, 7pm Game Night



for more information: 808.488.0000

or go to

[oursaviorlutheranschool.org](http://oursaviorlutheranschool.org)

**HANDBELL CHOIR...**Thursdays, 6:30pm. For more information contact Nancy Gowen:

[worship@oursaviorhawaii.com](mailto:worship@oursaviorhawaii.com)

**USHERS, GREETERS, ACOLYTES AND SO MUCH MORE...**could you lend a hand, your brain, your feet, or voice? We'd love to have you join our team. If you'd like to know more about all the different service opportunities, call or e-mail Pastor Mitch or DCE Kayla.



**NEW TO THE CHURCH OR COMMUNITY?**

We'd love to get to know you and 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 24 hours a day along with the calendar and forms to download.

**Online Worship Services** are posted on Saturday evening and available 24/7.

**Bible Studies...**Canoeing the Mountains; Healing, Wholeness and the Scriptures and The Psalms.

**Sunday School...**we're exploring stories from the Old Testament.

**Devotions and Worthwhile Things** (blogs and other resources)



**4th Quarter Mission Project**

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL...** we're partnering with Heifer to purchase a few water buffalos, goats and chickens for a village that will receive training and assistance in creating a sustainable agricultural future.

[heifer.org](http://heifer.org)

**Our Compassion Children** are Justina Kulwa from Tanzania, 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. If you would like to know more about them, there is a display at the back of the sanctuary. [compassion.com](http://compassion.com)



**IKE LOA**

(to seek wisdom)

*The Great Thanksgiving* begins the service of Holy Communion. The pastor says, "The Lord be with you..." the congregation responds, "And also with you!" And God comes into the lives of His people in a very simple way: wine and bread.

One of the things that sets Lutheran theology of the Lord's Supper apart is the belief in the *Real Presence* - that Jesus' body and blood somehow comes in, with and under the bread and wine. Jesus said, "This IS My body, this IS MY blood..." And while we may not understand how - we take His Words by faith.

In Holy Communion, God forgives sin, restores relationships, builds family dynamics and reminds us who we are. There are so many doubts and pressures in this world - and God uses a simple ordinary act - something we do 3 or more times a day - to declare His love for us over and over again. We are emptied of our sin - and filled with the love of God.



**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**

**STUDENT MINISTRY**

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

**Youth Group for 6th-12th Grade Sundays from 4:30-6pm** at the Mission Center  
**No Youth Group November 3rd or 24th!**



**Saturday, November 2nd, 9am - noon** to help the youth group get to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans the Summer of 2025.



**Confirmation Class**

If you are in the 5th - 8th grade and haven't been confirmed (or taken first communion) talk to DCE Kayla or Pastor.

**Tuesday, November 19th at 6pm (dinner is provided)**



**Finances as of September...**

**Offerings: \$228,867**

**Expenses: \$234,287**

**Difference: - \$5,419**

*(Thank You !)*