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Christ Lutheran Church

Experiencing Christ's Love

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Order of Service Dec. 11

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Confession & Absolution

Hymn of Praise: "In Christ Alone"
by Mercy Me

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Creed

Message Hymn

Message: When God Changes Our
Plans

Hymn of Offering

Prayers of the Congregation

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion

Video During Communion:
"Somewhere in Your Silent Night"
by Casting Crowns

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Aloha! We welcome you to worship today in Jesus' name. We pray that your worship will draw you closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you don't currently have a church home, we invite you to explore becoming a part of our family in Christ. If you're ready for more information or have questions, please contact us. We look forward to connecting with you.

Restrooms are located on the outside of the Fellowship Hall, which is across the lanai to your right as you leave the Sanctuary.

We believe that Christ comes to us in the sacrament of **Holy Communion** by means of His body and blood, in, with and under the elements. If this is how you also believe, then please join us in receiving the Sacrament. If you're not receiving Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing and indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. **Mahalo and Welcome!**



The **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** meets on **Wednesdays** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. and is studying Romans. Please contact Bert Hamersma at (808) 985-7212 if you have any questions or are interested in attending.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY meets at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings in the Fellowship Hall, studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." Contact Dan Kunert if you have any questions at (808) 937-1148. All are welcome!

STEPHEN MINISTERS receive extensive training to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They are here to listen, encourage and pray with you. You can also schedule regular ongoing visits with a Stephen Minister. For more information, you may contact the church office or speak with Pastor Mark.



A WORD ABOUT THE OFFERING: Our offering plate is available on the back table. You can also give online by using this QR or by texting the word "Give" to 808-320-1225. After an initial set-up, this method will provide quick access to the secure giving site anytime. Mahalo for your faithful support and generosity!



MISSION STATEMENT: To know, grow in, serve and share Christ through experiencing His unconditional love.

VISION STATEMENT: The family of believers at Christ Lutheran Church understands and supports our mission by participating in our ministry efforts through education, development, assistance and outreach.

Pastor Mark Zier can be reached at (253) 307-4541 or by email at mzier01@aol.com. Services are posted to our Facebook account at **Christ Lutheran Church Hilo**. Recordings of the services as well as the bulletin are also available at www.ChristHilo.org under the MESSAGES tab.



COUNSELING: As a ministry of Christ Lutheran Church, Beth Zier, M.A., is available for scheduling counseling appointments. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about counseling fees

and/or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Beth at (253) 732-8671 or bethie112@comcast.net



COVID Care

When Hawaii County is in the high-risk category, to show our love for one another, we ask that everyone voluntarily wear a mask, especially while indoors and maintain physical distancing at all times. When there is lower risk, masks are optional. Thank you.

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Christmas is Coming!

Poinsettias will again be accepted for the chancel area beginning today and any Sunday after. If you want your plant(s) returned, please put your name on the bottom of the pot.



Cookie Exchange

The Christmas cookie exchange will be "between services" on Sunday, December 18th. Anyone who wants to participate, please bring three dozen cookies to exchange for three dozen cookies prepared by other members. Please bring your cookies to be displayed on tables, by the end of the first service.

Read ahead: In order to help you prepare for next week's service, here is the scripture passage and title for the message next Sunday. Take some time to read ahead and invite the Holy Spirit to start bringing God's Word to life for you.

"Unexpected Truth"

Matthew 11:2-15

LWML Christmas Party

Christmas gathering on December 17 after quilting. All women are invited for lunch and fun activities. Meeting at noon in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a "make your own salad" with ingredients provided. Fun games and Christmas music follow. Come with Christmas spirit and attire (if possible), and bring a wrapped gift of up to \$10, as part of a gift exchange. Contact Nancy Kunert at 808-959-9953/ nanakunert@gmail.com Beth Zier at 1-253-732-8671 bethie112@comcast.net.

We would like to collect the Christmas stockings by Dec. 18th or bring them to the party. If to Sunday service, give to Dian Mahoney in 1st service or Nancy Kunert and Wendy Osborne in 2nd service. Mahalo!!!



3rd Sunday in Advent

Today the shepherd or Joy candle, which is pink, is lit. Shepherds were average Judeans, who held no rank in society, yet they were the first to get the glorious news of Jesus' birth and rushed to tell others. A cow, donkey and some sheep appear in the stable.



Happy Birthday!

Randy Bruckner - Dec. 11

John Hendricks - Dec. 12

Happy Anniversary!

Paul & Annette Jensen - Dec. 17

MID-WEEK ADVENT ADVENTURES

Wednesday evenings with Soup Supper at 5:00 until 5:30 p.m. then move into the sanctuary for songs and a Bible study on the second coming of Christ.