



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

“Sharing the Blessing of God’s Grace with Aloha”

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5th Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

7:30 am

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his *Ninety-Five Theses* on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany—an act that sparked the Lutheran Reformation. Rather than restricting the observance of this anniversary year to the *calendar year*, Calvary by the Sea Lutheran has chosen instead to follow the *Liturgical Year*. Welcome to this *Lutheran Year*—the 500th anniversary of The Reformation!

An Advent Explanation

*The Western Church Year is structured around the two great celebrations of the Christian Church—**Easter** and **Christmas**. Easter, based on the Jewish Passover, is determined by the phase of the moon. It is a “moveable” date. Christmas, on the other hand, is a fixed date determined in the 4th century to coincide with the pagan observance of the winter solstice, which at that time fell on December 25.*

In the early church there was much diversity in regard to rites and calendars. Local churches were not always in sync with one another. Even today there is not uniformity in the observances of the Church Year, especially between the Western Church and the Eastern Church.

*In 2006 **The Advent Project** (theadventproject.org) began as a continuing seminar of the North American Academy of Liturgy. This ecumenical project proposes to expand the observance of Advent from 4 Sundays to 7 Sundays in order to reclaim Advent “as the time of preparation for the coming of Christ at the end of time even as we welcome his appearance in our weekly assembly and in the world to which we are sent.” This expansion of Advent to 7 Sundays is an attempt to enable the Church to focus once again on the **full manifestation of the reign of God**.*

***The Advent Project** does not change any of the assigned readings in the Revised Common Lectionary. The majority of the readings in November already have an end-time focus. The final three Sundays of the 2016 Church Year (6, 13, 20 November) are simply given an Advent overlay.*

This proposal has great attractiveness for us at Calvary by the Sea because our current Advent Worship observances are curtailed by the Honolulu Marathon and by PAC Sunday. Thus, in expanding Advent to 7 Sundays we are able as a community of faith to explore more fully and completely what it means to “long for the Lord’s coming.”

*This is the second season that Calvary joins **The Advent Project** as we all strive to follow Jesus more closely both as a community of faith and as individual disciples.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

Please gather as the sounding of the conch shell calls us to worship.

GATHERING, *Ina*

“Veni Emmanuel”

RINGING OF THE BELL

During the *Ringing of the Bell* please center your thoughts on *Makua*—God the Creator, *Keiki Kane*—Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and *‘Uhane Hemolele*—the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

GREETING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: How long, O God, must we endure our brokenness?

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, and make us whole!

KAHU: The grace of Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

The *Confession and Forgiveness of Sin* begins on page 94 in the front of the hymnal.

KYRIE *standing*

The liturgy continues with the *Kyrie* on page 147 in the front of the hymnal.

GLORIA (This Is the Feast) *standing*

This Is the Feast begins on page 148 in the front of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 5, *Kahu Tim*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11: 1–10

In today's reading the prophet describes the ideal ruler who will come in the future as a green shoot springing from a dead stump (David's royal line) of Jesse (David's father). Gifted by the Spirit, this messiah will seek justice for the poor, and the reign of this monarch will be experienced as paradise regained.

ONE: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- ²that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;
- ³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.
- ⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
- ⁶Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
- ⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
**and let there be an abundance of peace
till the moon shall | be no more.**
- ¹⁸Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!
- ¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
**and may all the earth be filled with your glory.
A- | men. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Romans 15: 4–13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

ONE: ⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one

another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";¹² and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL *standing*

Matthew 3: 1–12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

KAHU: In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was

locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“EVERY PERSON IS SACRED!!”

SERMON HYMN *standing*

“Choose to Hope”



Hope is born when we choose to be-lieve that love is strong-er than ha-tred;
 Hope will grow when we choose to be-lieve that we are sis-ters and bro-thers;
 Hope will shine when we choose to be-lieve a lit-tle child___ will lead us;



Love is born when our hearts learn to see that ev-'ry per-son is sa-cred.
 Love will grow when our hearts learn to see the life we share with each oth-er.
 Love will shine when our hearts learn to see that God is dwell-ing with-in us.

In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,
 In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,
 In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,

choose to hope, choose to love, and know that God is near.
 choose to hope, choose to love, and know that God is near.
 choose to hope, choose to love, Em - man - u - el is near.

Marty Haugen composed this Advent 2016 song-hymn for his home church, The Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis, MN. He is sharing this song with the world as an advent gift.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world, for all inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the wondrous deeds of God;

ALL: Let us pray that all divisions and disagreements cease.
Aloha ke Akua (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: For the earth and its creatures, for animals of every size, for plants that provide shade and nourishment;

ALL: Let us pray that we see God's goodness revealed and protected in every living thing, and in the earth itself.
Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For the nations and those in authority, for police officers, firefighters, and for social workers and all who protect our communities;

ALL: Let us pray that God grant them wisdom to work for peace and justice. *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: For those who speak out on account of conscience, and for those whose protests are non-violent;

ALL: Let us pray that God's truth and wisdom be revealed.
Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For the poor, the meek, the outcast, those suffering from malaria and HIV/AIDS, the sick and the bereaved;

ALL: Let us pray that they experience Christ embodied in healthcare workers and caregivers. *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: For those traveling and those absent from this gathering, for those serving in the military, for those preparing for baptism, and for our congregation;

ALL: Let us pray that in all we do we praise and glorify God.
Aloha ke Akua.

W.H.A.L.E., a time of thanks for answered prayer and prayer requests.

KAHU: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have died in Christ;

ALL: Let us pray that they show us the way of hope through the incarnate Word. *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Anyone desiring individual prayer and intercessions please contact Kahu Tim or members of the Stephen Ministry team at the conclusion of the worship service.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, *Ina*

“Angels from the
Realm of Glory”

DOXOLOGY *standing*

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.
Ke Akua mau ho‘omaika‘i pū. Kō kēia ao kō kēlā ao. Amene.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

KAHU: Savior of the nations, come.

Make your home here in us.

Feed us with your love,

that our faith shine ever new

and our lives reveal your light.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



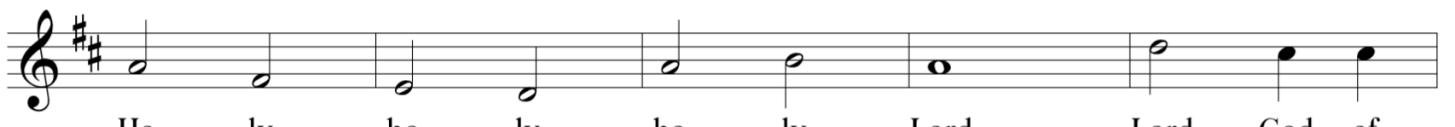
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



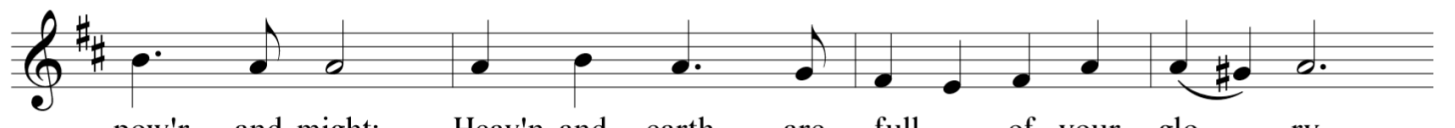
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS *standing*

The **Sanctus** is sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



KAHU: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” In a similar manner, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(traditional)*

ALL: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

At Calvary by the Sea all those who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and those who are seeking such a relationship are invited to experience the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion. You are invited to follow the direction of the Kahu and come forward to encircle the altar area. There are kneelers for those who prefer to kneel. Dip the bread in either the red wine or the white grape juice and then eat the element.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *seated*

KAHU: God for whom we wait,
you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.
Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and

send us forth to be your people in the world,
announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 266 *standing*

“All Earth Is Hopeful”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness,
shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

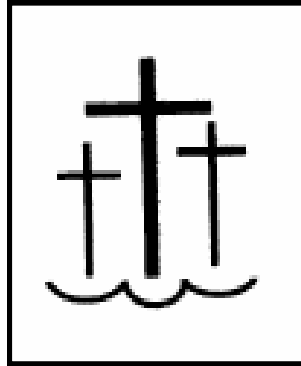
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *Ina*

“Joy to the World”



Today, December 4, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, ALTAR CARE, SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP:

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Advent Worship Ahead

Saturday, December 10—Advent 6

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in 'Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, December 11—Advent 5

“Marathon Sunday,” 7 pm Worship

(NO MORNING SERVICES)

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Handbell Choir; Calvary Choir

Dance, Sacred Moves

Friday, December 16—Blue Christmas

7 pm, Calvary Sanctuary

A Service for All Burdened by Holidays

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Nackil Sung, Martha Staff, Monika Day