



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2015

7:30 am

God calls us to be a welcoming people! Welcome to people new to faith, to Christians of every flavor, and to long time Lutherans. Welcome to all with no church home, who need strength, want to follow, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new guests and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, ability and gift, to gay and straight, to old and young, to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where we live past the labels, where we are welcome to celebrate and grieve, rejoice and recover. This is a place where our lives are made new. Welcome to worship God on this day!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“Giant Octopus (*Pedal Waltz*)”
from *Suite Maritime*

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: Precious children of God:
may the love of God,
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 116 in the front of the hymnal.

KYRIE *standing*

The liturgy continues with the *Kyrie* on page 120 in the front of the hymnal.

GLORIA *standing*

The *Gloria* begins on page 121 in the front of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS *and* SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING *read responsively*

Joshua 24: 1–2a, 14–18

In the Near East, covenant means agreement or alliance. It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and

Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

ONE: ¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered,

ALL: **"Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."**

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 34: 15–22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.

¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

²⁰God will keep safe | all their bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.

²¹Evil will bring death | to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6: 10–20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

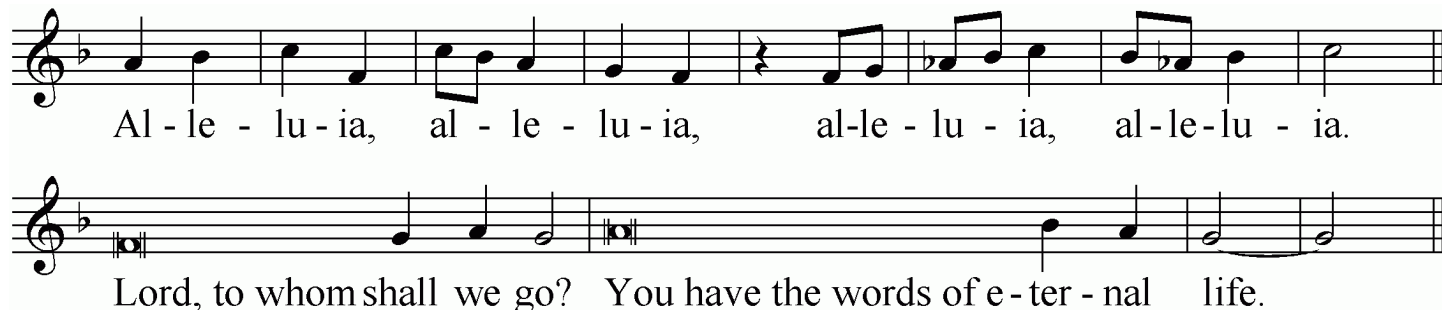
ONE: ¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the

gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

John 6: 56–69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

KAHU: [Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said,

ALL: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

KAHU: ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray

him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him,

ALL: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

"Live in the *WORD!*"

SERMON HYMN 638 *standing*

"Blessed Assurance"

APOSTLES' CREED *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: Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, we pray for the church. Lead it always to proclaim its faith in you, who gives us the words of eternal life. Give your church the gifts of truth and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: We pray for our fragile and beautiful planet. Renew our sense of wonder and our determination to care for your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: We pray for the leaders of the world. Equip them to serve with justice and to dispel the forces of evil. Inspire the citizens of every country to love wisdom and mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: We pray for the brokenhearted and those whose spirits are crushed. Wrap them in the warm embrace of your all-encompassing love. Restore them to wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: We pray for this community of faith as it prepares education ministries. We pray for leaders and teachers from this congregation for the Calvary Sunday School, and the Calvary Youth program. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: We thank you, O God, for the Calvary Montessori Preschool—for its ministry of providing nurturing preschool education to this community, for the to be installed teachers and staff, and most especially for the parents and their children enrolled in this preschool. We ask that you would protect them all. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. We ask that you especially help the students to listen to and embrace most carefully the words that tell them of your love for them, no matter

what. Lord, in your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

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

Calvary Montessori School Faculty and Staff

Tricia Kunihiro, *Toddler Class Head Teacher, 01/1993*

Amie Lawyer, *Primary Class Head Teacher, Fall 2003-2008, 06/2015*

Jennifer Stocks, *Primary Class Head Teacher, 01/2015*

Audrey Sutherland, *After School Program Head Teacher, 08/2001*

Lisa Gouveia, *Toddler Class Assistant Teacher, 06/1989*

Aja Yamamoto, *Toddler Class Assistant Teacher, 08/2014*

Chesha Funk, *Primary Class Assistant Teacher, 08/2014*

Tammy Tabudlo, *Primary Class Assistant Teacher, 02/2013* Maternity Leave

Kris Tacub, *Primary Class Assistant Teacher, 09/1997*

Sharon Tamanaha, *Primary Class Assistant Teacher, 09/2006*

Amber Holton, *Registrar, 04/2015*

Jennifer Welch, *Interim Director, 07/2015*

KAHU: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. Give us wisdom to follow their example of faithful living and to stay true to the path of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

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, *organ*

“Pufferfish”

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: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

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, God of pow - er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the

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highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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 *singing*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. 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: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 525 *standing*

“You Are Holy”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Almighty and merciful God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

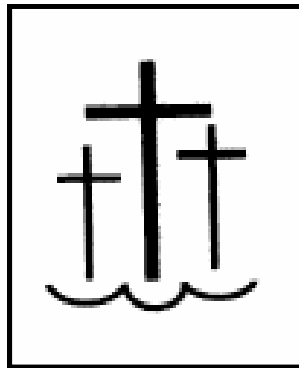
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace.
Live in love, as Christ loved us.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH *organ*

“Sea Urchin”



Today, August 23, 2015

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 AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Four—Val Collins, John Collins, Mike May

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, August 30—Pentecost 13

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “In the Morning, Joy”

Sunday, September 6—Pentecost 14

Remembering Queen Lili'uokalani on Her Birthday

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Hula, Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola

Music, Calvary Choir, “He Pule,” “Pule No Ke Ea,”

“No Ke Akua ‘Oe E Kia’i”

Sunday, September 13—Pentecost 15

Guest Preacher, Jesse Jones

Presiding Minister, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “There Is a Balm In Gilead”

Sunday, September 20—Pentecost 16

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “In This Very Room”

Sunday, September 27—Pentecost 17

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Soon I Will Be Done”