



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

September 20, 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

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

**GATHERING,** *organ*

*“Toccata on How Firm a Foundation”*

## 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: Sisters and brothers in Christ:  
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:** O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of 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**

Jeremiah 11: 18–20

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution.*

*Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

ONE: <sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.  
And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

**PSALM** *sung responsively*

Psalm 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, <sup>1</sup>by your name;  
**in your might, de- <sup>1</sup>fend my cause.**

<sup>2</sup>Hear my <sup>1</sup>prayer, O God;  
**give ear to the words <sup>1</sup>of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have <sup>1</sup>sought my life,  
**those who have no re- <sup>1</sup>gard for God.**

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God <sup>1</sup>is my helper;  
**it is the Lord who sus- <sup>1</sup>tains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who <sup>1</sup>spy on me;  
**in your faithful- <sup>1</sup>ness, destroy them.**

<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a <sup>1</sup>freewill sacrifice  
**and praise your name, O LORD, for <sup>1</sup>it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from <sup>1</sup>every trouble,  
**and my eye looks down <sup>1</sup>on my enemies.**

## SECOND READING

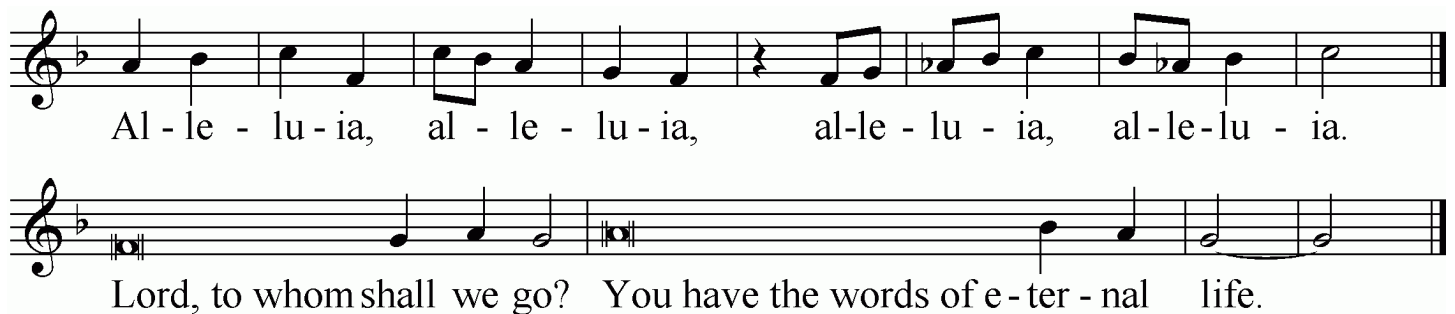
James 3: 13—4:3, 7–8a

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

ONE: <sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

## 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.

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

KAHU: <sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**, *Pastor Laura Ziehl*

***"LIVING (!) Kingdom"***

**SERMON HYMN 581** *standing*

**"You Are Mine"**

**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:** With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we pray for Calvary by the Sea, and for the wider church in its many expressions. Give to both the gift of discernment to know what is needed, and the humility and courage to ask for what is necessary. Hear our prayer,

**ALL:** **Aloha ke Akua.** (*God is love; love is God.*)

**KAHU:** We give thanks for another year of harvests, for farmers, gardeners, farmers markets, and community gardens. Teach us to protect agricultural lands and fisheries so we can share the earth's abundance with all who hunger. Hear our prayer,

**ALL:** **Aloha ke Akua.**

**KAHU:** We pray for the leaders of all nations. Take away selfish ambition, conflicts, and disputes. Teach us all to put aside the need for power and control, and to move beyond ourselves to work for the good of all people. Hear our prayer,

**ALL:** **Aloha ke Akua.**

**KAHU:** We pray for those living on sidewalks and under bridges, and for our sisters and brothers who have lost control of their lives and

are at war with themselves. Hear our prayer,

**ALL: Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: We pray for children in this congregation and community, for Calvary Sunday School and Preschool. Give them compassionate and patient families, caregivers, mentors, teachers, and friends. Assure them that Jesus is always with them and loves them. Hear our prayer,

**ALL: Aloha ke Akua.**

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

KAHU: We give thanks for the saints and all those who have seasoned our lives of faith. Preserve us in faith until we join them in your eternal kingdom. Hear our prayer,

**ALL: Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: Into your 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*

“Londonderry Air”

**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.*



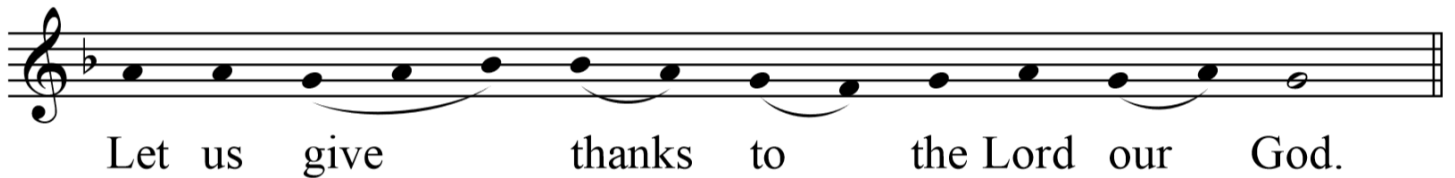
## OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

**KAHU:** Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**ALL:** Amen.

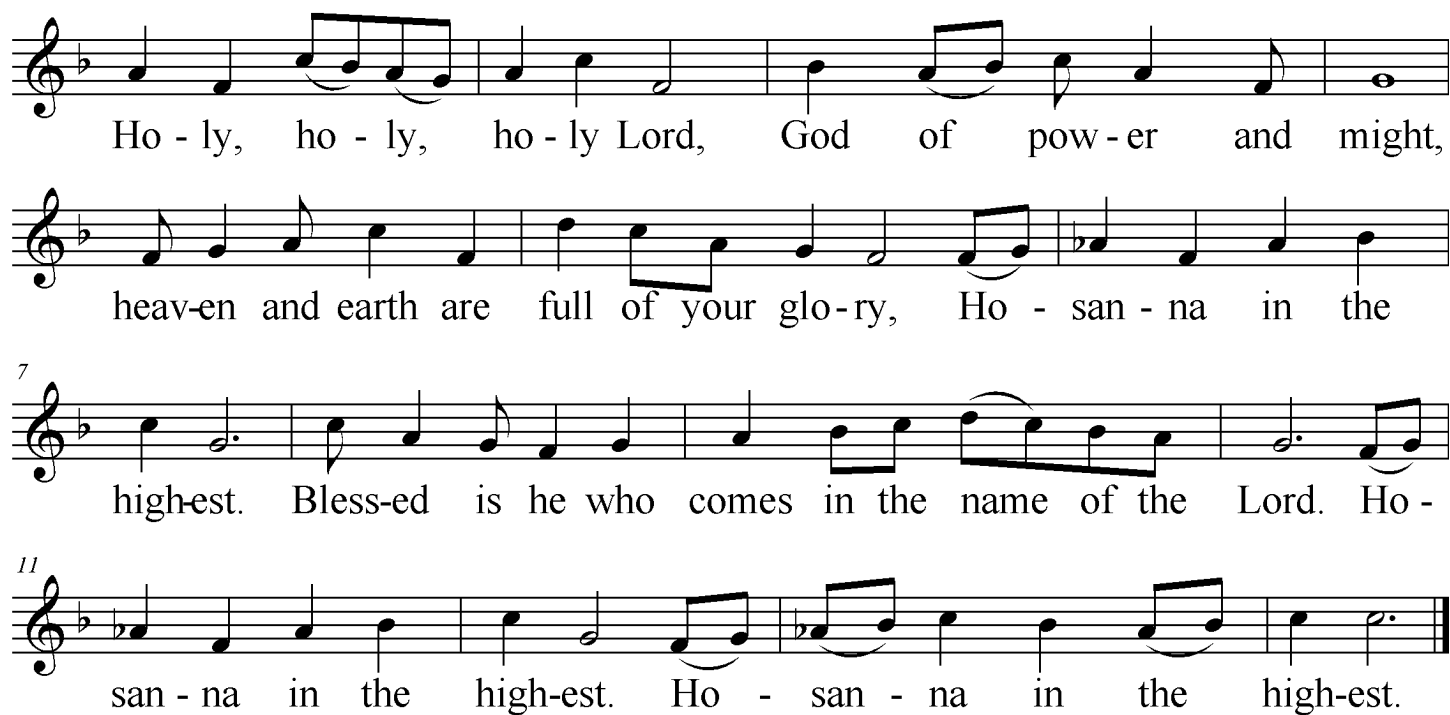
# WE ARE FED

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



## 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  
7 highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
11 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: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **Amen.**

# **WE ARE SENT**

**SENDING HYMN 843** *standing* “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

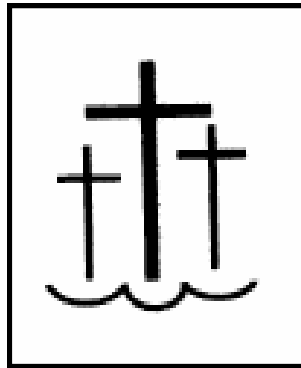
## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING,** *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**ALL: Amen.**

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**



## **Today, September 20, 2015**

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**GUEST PREACHER:** Rev. Laura Ziehl

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young

**READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE:** Tribe Five—Sheila Sanders

**WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT:** Fletcher Young, Erin Day

**SERVICE MUSIC:** “Toccata on *How Firm a Foundation*,” by Dennis Janzer, © 2015 Wayne Leupold Editions; “Kyrie,” “Gloria,” “Gospel Acclamation,” “Sanctus,” by Marty Haugen, © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; “Londonderry Air,” arr. Harold Rutz, © 2015 Wayne Leupold Editions; “The Lord’s Prayer,” by Albert Hay Malotte, arr. Donald P. Hustad, © 1935, Ren. 1963 G. Schirmer; “Now Thank We All Our God,” arr. Georg Lachenauer, © 2015 Wayne Leupold Editions. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

## ***Peace Vigil, 6 pm, Sanctuary***

**In Honor of U. N. International Day of Peace**

*Holden Evening Prayer and Holy Communion*

*Presiding, Kahu Tim*

## ***Friday, September 25—Calvary Fundraiser***

*“Money Talks,” Two Woman Musical Comedy*

**Celebrating success, failure, and inherent worth!**