



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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First Sunday of Advent

November 12, 2017

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!

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 2017 Church Year (12, 19, 26 November) are simply given an Advent overlay.*

This proposal has great attractiveness for us at Calvary by the Sea Lutheran 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 third 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

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation. In today’s readings the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ’s coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Ina*

“Air de Noel”

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: Beautiful are the works of God!

ALL: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!

KAHU: Beautiful is the mind of God!

ALL: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

KAHU: Beautiful is the heart of God!

ALL: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

KAHU: God made the heavens and the earth!

ALL: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

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*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us prepare the way of the Lord
by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful Creator,
**ALL: we have made ourselves god of our own lives.
We claim what is not ours,
neglect what you have given,
and think ourselves smarter and better
than others.**

Forgive us for rejecting you.

**In your mercy, teach us to forgive ourselves and others,
accept our humanity,
and serve you in newness of life.**

**May we receive the gift of your presence this Advent
season through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *standing*

KAHU: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ
your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this
good news!

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *standing*

“When Out of Poverty Is Born”

(Sung to KINGSFOLD; “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”)

When out of poverty is born a dream that will not die,
And homeless, weary folk find strength to stand with heads held high,
It’s then we learn from those who wait to greet the promised day,
‘The Lord is coming; don’t lose heart. Be blest; prepare the way!’

When people wander far from God, forget to share their bread,
They find their wealth an empty thing, their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love the hungry souls will stay.
And so God’s prophets echo still ‘Be blest; prepare the way!’

When God took flesh and came to earth, the world turned upside down,
And in the strength of woman’s faith the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low, it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call, ‘Be blest; prepare the way!’

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Stir up your power, and come. Give us the light we need and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 1, *Kahu Tim*

GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA *seated*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, *Jack Ashby*

“Stewardship Temple Talk”

FIRST READING

Amos 5: 18–25

In the days of Amos people thought that the day of the Lord would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The Lord demands justice and righteousness in the community.

ONE: ¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a

snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;

O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and | be disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me

turn back because | of their shame.

⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;

**let those who love your salvation say forever,
"Great | is the LORD!"**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.

**You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, | do not tarry.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

ONE: ¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,

about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Ka Mana‘o ‘I‘o”



Ka ma-na - 'o - 'i - 'o, o ko kā-kou A - ku - a, Faith - ful, faith-ful is our God.



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GOSPEL *standing*

Matthew 25: 1–13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids

got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“The Journey of UN-learning!!”

SERMON HYMN 861 *standing*

“When Long Before Time”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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: *Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.*

A brief silence.

Awaken your church to be ready to respond when Christ meets us in the cries of those in need.

ALL: We lift up the church's mission of care through Lutheran World Relief, Angel Network Charities, Stephen Ministers, and other agencies and ministries. Hear our prayer. Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: *Awaken us to be good stewards of your creation.*

ALL: Prod us to give thanks for your gift of this planet—its oceans and lands, its inhabitants, and the natural resources of this our island home. May we never take for granted the beauty of this place, and the gift of sun, water, winds, waves, trees, mountains and reefs. Hear our prayer. Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: *Awaken us to the cries of all people caught in war and destruction.*

ALL: Hold tightly those most vulnerable. Ease the burden of difficult memories. Bring restoration, wholeness, and justice. Hear our prayer. Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: *Awaken us to our sisters and brothers despairing of minds and souls.*

ALL: Shine your merciful and healing light on the dark and hidden places deep inside where pain, anguish, and shame are buried. Bring hope in the midst of danger, depression, and illness. Hear our prayer. Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: *Awaken us to those preparing for marriage and those who have been married in this place.*

ALL: Give all couples joy in life together. Strengthen all bonds of friendship and relationship in our community. Hear our prayer. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

KAHU: *Keep us alert for Christ's coming, sustained by the promise that we will be reunited with all the faithful who have died. Thank you for their lives of witness.*

ALL: Hear our prayer. Come, Lord Jesus.

KAHU: *Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray.*

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, *Ina* “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

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*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

KAHU: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

KAHU: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS *standing*

The **Sanctus** and **Words of Institution** are sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”



Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and trem-bling stand;
In the night his friends be-trayed him Je-sus took the bread of life.
King of kings yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on earth he stood.
Then he took the cup of bless-ing, thanked the Lord for this sweet wine.
At his feet the six-winged se-raph, che-ru-bim with sleep-less eye,



Pon-der no-thing earth-ly mind-ed, For with bless-ing in his hand
Blessed and broke it for all peo-ple, giv-en to end hu-man strife.
Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture, in the bo-dy and the blood.
Gave it to be-wil-dered foll'-wers; Sac-ra-ment of peace di-vine.
Veil their fa-ces to the pres-ence As with cease-less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de-scend-ing Comes our hom-age to de-mand.
Take and eat this is my bo-dy. Do this to re-mem-ber me.
He will give to all the faith-ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.
Take and drink this cup, my love out-poured. Do this to re-mem-ber me.
“Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!”

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(contemporary)*

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and 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: 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 785 *standing*

“It Is Well with My Soul”

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. Come, Lord Jesus!

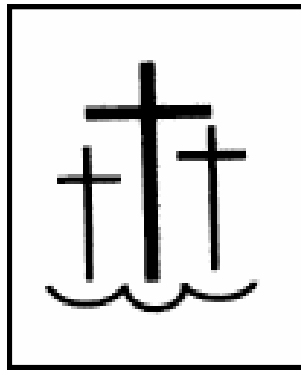
KAHU: *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH *organ*

“It Is Well with My Soul”



INTERCESSIONS FOR HEALING

Individual and private *Intercessions for Healing* will be offered today following the morning worship by members of the Stephen Ministry. Please go to the back of the sanctuary following the *Benediction* for anointing and intercessory prayers for healing. Calvary by the Sea, in its ministry of healing, does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather Calvary by the Sea offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God’s presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God’s promise of wholeness and peace, and God’s love embodied in this community of faith.

Today, November 12, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

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ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

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SERVICES AND EVENTS @ CALVARY

Saturday, November 18—Advent 2

Saturday Service Held in 'Ohana Lani, 6:30 pm

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, November 19—Advent 2

Youth Sunday (both services)

(Sanctuary to be adorned following the 10 am service.)

Memorial Service for Arthur Harvey

Saturday, November 25—4:30 PM

Calvary Sanctuary

Saturday, November 25—Advent 3

Saturday Service Held in 'Ohana Lani, 6:30 pm

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, November 26—3rd Sunday of Advent

Christ the King (Reign of Christ) Sunday

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"