



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

5339 Kalanianaʻole Hwy. • Honolulu, HI 96821 • 808.377.5477 • www.CalvarybytheSea.org

2nd Sunday of Advent

November 19, 2017

7:30 *and* 10:00 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.” In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us as a child.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

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.

PROCESSIONAL, *Youth*

SETH: Advent is a season observed as a time for preparation.

ALL: We are preparing our hearts for understanding what the birth of Jesus means to Christians.

HARLOW: Advent wreaths are a Christian tradition started by German Lutherans in the 16th century that we still celebrate today.

ALL: As a Christian Church we use the lighting of the advent candles to remind us each week that our hearts must be ready to accept Jesus each and every year.

GRACE: Advent is the first season of the Christian year. We want to remember that Christ came once for us and he will come again.

ALL: With shopping, cookies, and decorations all around us, we promise to remember and to honor the real meaning of

Christmas and to prepare our hearts every day.

KAWEHI: As Lutherans, we are the ones that first started celebrating the Advent season. We created the Advent Wreath, or Advent Crown.

ALL: As Lutherans we want to bring the season of advent into our daily lives to remind us each and every day that God gave us his only Son because of his love for each of us.

WELCOME, *GG (7:30); Alyssa (10)*

DUET, *Harlow and Grace*

CONFESSION OF SIN and ASSURANCE OF PARDON, *Youth*

KEIKI TIME, *Alek and Seth*

HYMN 289 *standing*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA *seated*

KAWEHI: May God’s aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

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.

GOSPEL *standing*

Matthew 25: 14–30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

GRACE: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid

your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

GRACE: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE, *Ben*

“Three Wise Youth”

HYMN *standing*

“We Three Kings”

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse a far,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

REFRAIN

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.

Myrrh is mine; its better perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.

LIGHTING OF SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, *Ashton and Harlow*

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

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, *Jacob, Ben, Harlow and Marissa*

OFFERING PRAYER, *Grace*

WE ARE FED *and* SENT

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.

EXPLANATION AND HOLY COMMUNION, *Ben and Sarah, Essence and Alek*

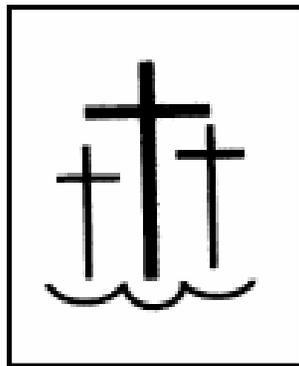
HAWAIIAN BLESSING, *Kawehi and Sarah*

MAHALO, *GG*

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Ben*

BEN: Please accept this benediction.
May the Lord lift up your heart in preparation for the celebration
of Jesus' birthday.
May you let this season touch your soul with hope, peace, joy
and love.
May you share God's love each and every day.
May the communion of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with
glad tidings like the angels.
May he live in your heart to comfort and challenge you as
you seek to live as one of his disciples.
Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Today, November 19, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND MUSIC: Calvary Youth—Seth Blumenshein, Grace Fetterman, Alek Mencil, Alyssa Mencil, Kawehi Moderow, Sarah Moderow, Essence Sylvester, Ashton Taylor, Ben Taylor, GG Thomas, Harlow Thomas; *Leader*—Marissa Okamoto; *Calvary Youth Director*—Brister Thomas

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day, Kanoa Pick

SERVICE MUSIC: All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).