



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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3rd Sunday of Advent

Reign of Christ

November 20, 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

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Ina*

“All Praise to You, Jesus Christ”

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: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. 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 3, *Kahu Tim*

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23: 1–6

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

ONE: ¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 46

¹God is our ref-^luge and strength,

a very present^l help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the^l earth be moved,

and though the mountains shake

in the depths^l of the sea;

³though its waters^l rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.

⁷The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
**who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the¹ shields with fire.**

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
**I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted¹ in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1: 11–20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

ONE: ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all

creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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, read responsively*

Luke 23: 33–43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

KAHU: ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ALL: **"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"**

KAHU: ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

ALL: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

KAHU: ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

ALL: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

KAHU: ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying,

ALL: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

KAHU: ⁴²Then he said,

ALL: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

KAHU: ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

"COSTLY GRACE"

SERMON HYMN 803 *standing* "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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 Christ's church on earth and for those who proclaim the good news of your reign, that all divisions cease, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua. (God is love; love is God)

KAHU: For your creation in all its beauty, for water and land, plants and animals, and for those who advocate for the just use of the earth, that all creatures enjoy life abundant, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For government leaders, for those who provide justice and safety, and for those in war-torn places, that all be guided by the peace of the Lord, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For the alienated, for the sick and suffering, for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for those in need of reconciliation, that God provide them with skilled medical practitioners and counselors, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For those traveling this week, for those gathered with family and friends, for protection from inclement weather, and for the body of Christ gathered here, let us pray.

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: In thanksgiving for all the saints who lived their lives giving thanks to God and are now at rest, that their witness strengthen our confidence in the resurrection to eternal life, let us pray.

ALL: **Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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*

“Two Scottish Airs”

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. **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

in the name of the Lord. 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 *(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 263 *standing*

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

*This Advent Hymn, “Savior of the Nations, Come,” is attributed to Ambrose of Milan.
Martin Luther translated it from Latin into German probably for Advent in 1523.*

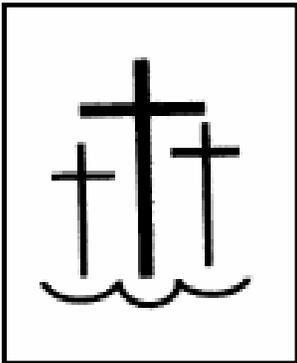
BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

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.**



Today, November 20, 2016

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Advent Worship Ahead

Sunday, November 20—Advent 3

Sanctuary adorned for Advent/Christmas
following the 10 am service

Saturday, November 26—Advent 4

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

Preaching, Pastor Dale Burke

Music, Ina and Ms. Amie

Sunday, November 27—Advent 4

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "LightShine"

Saturday, December 3—Advent 5

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

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom and Ms. Amie

Sunday, December 4—Advent 5

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "Shut de Dō"