



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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4th Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

10:00 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***. To recognize this 500th *Reformation Anniversary Year*, CBTS will include in each service a Martin Luther hymn. For **Advent** the hymn is “Savior, of the Nations, Come.” Attributed to Ambrose of Milan, Luther translated it from Latin into German probably for Advent in 1523. 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 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 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

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

GATHERING, *Ina and Ferris*

“A Clarinet Christmas”

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

During the *Ringling 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*

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.

God of all time,

**ALL: you know us through and through—better than we know
ourselves. You claim us as your own. Yet we doubt you and
question your grace.**

We cling to our own abilities, and trust in our own skills.

We think we know better for our lives than you.

**We rely on our own achievements and elevate
personal desires to universal importance.**

We put ourselves above your command to love and serve.

**Remake us into your people. Rebuild what sin has broken,
that we and the whole creation may rejoice living in your
peace. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KEIKI SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

Lighting of Advent Candle 4

Following the *Keiki Sermon* the children
are dismissed to attend Sunday School.

GREETING OF GUESTS *seated*

SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GATHERING SONG *standing*

“Rain Down”

REFRAIN



Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your peo - ple.



Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. _____

VERSE



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your



just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
peace touch our hearts; all of our hope lies in you.

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WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2: 1–5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!"

ONE: The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they ¹said to me,
"Let us go to the house ¹of the LORD."

²Now our ¹feet are standing
within your gates, ¹O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built ¹as a city
that is at unity ¹with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes ¹of the LORD,
**the assembly of Israel,
to praise the name ¹of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the ¹thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the ¹house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace ¹of Jerusalem:
"May they pros- ¹per who love you.

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good."

SECOND READING

Romans 13: 11–14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

ONE: ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Rain Down”

REFRAIN

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your peo - ple.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. _____

GOSPEL *standing*

Matthew 24: 36–44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He

urges people to be alert and expectant.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“WAKE-UP and FOLLOW!!”

SERMON HYMN 242 *standing*

“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”

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 the church and its leaders, and for all who work for the unity of the gospel; that the compassion of Christ break down all divisions, let us pray.

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

KAHU: For the well-being of creation, for mountains and hills, lakes and rivers, snow and sunshine, plants and animals, and for all who care for the earth; that God raise up stewards to protect this good creation, let us pray.

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

KAHU: For peace among nations, for those who lead all levels of government, for judges and magistrates, and for those who speak for the voiceless; that all are treated with equity and fairness, let us pray.

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

KAHU: For those who are anxious and worried, for the sick and bereaved, for the homeless and imprisoned, for those in any need; that the compassion shown by Christ be embodied in caregivers and advocates, let us pray.

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

KAHU: For those who gather for word and sacrament, for those who travel, and for our holiday preparations; that in all our activities

we give thanks to the Lord, 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 those who have died and are at rest; that their witness to the gospel serve as examples of living the life of faith, let us pray.

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

KAHU: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

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, *Calvary Choir*

“LightShine”

*Light your lamp, hold it high like a candle in the night.
Light you lamp, hold it high like a beacon burnin' through the night.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin',
The time is drawin' nigh.*

*Oh, hide it under a bushel, no.
I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

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

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *standing*

“What Bread of Life”

(Sung to VENI, EMMANUEL, “O Come...Emmanuel”)

*What bread of life is offered here? What wine of love is given now?
It is Christ's body and his blood, the sweetest gift of heav'n come down!*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,
God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.*

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.

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.

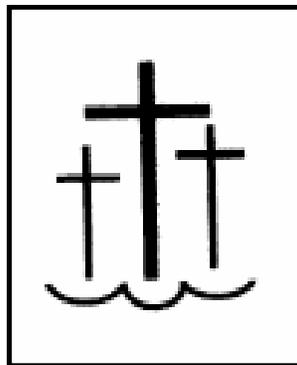
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH *organ*

“In Dulci Jubilo”



Today, November 27, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Calvary Choir

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Edwin Ahlers, Charlie Holdaway, Chris Jansen, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls, Ferris Young

SET-UP, READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, ALTAR CARE AND CLEAN-UP: Tribe One—Pulelehua Quirk, Yuriko Mason, Ellyn Kingsmill, Cora Watanabe, Ken & Kristia Hutchinson, Dottie Matting, Lea del Castillo, Lisa Montano and Abby Sylvester

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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Advent Worship Ahead

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”

Saturday, December 10—Advent 6

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

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, December 11—Advent 5

“Marathon Sunday,” 7 pm Worship

(NO MORNING SERVICES)

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Handbell Choir

Calvary Choir, “Goin’ to Bethlehem,” “No Golden Carriage”

Dance, Sacred Moves