



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

November 29, 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!

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 2015 Church Year (8, 15, 22 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 first 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, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these seven weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

**GATHERING,** *organ*

“Veni Emmanuel”

## 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 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:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **GREETING OF GUESTS *and* SHARING OF ALOHA *standing***

**KAHU:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

# **WE HEAR THE WORD**

## **LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 4**

**ALL SINGING:**

**O come, O Branch of Jesse, free**

**your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

ONE: We gather together to expect the unexpected. We dream about the future and patiently wait for the birth of Messiah. Jesus, we light this candle whose flame brings light to the darkness.

ALL: **Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.**

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33: 14–16

*In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.*

ONE: <sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 25: 1–10

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
**I lift | up my soul.**

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
**nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
**rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.**

- <sup>4</sup>Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
**and teach | me your paths.**
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
**for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all | the day long.**
- <sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
**for they are from | everlasting.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
**remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.**
- <sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
**therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- <sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
**and teach the low- | ly your way.**
- <sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
**to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3: 9–13

*Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.*

- ONE: <sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.
- <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

# 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.



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*

Luke 21: 25–36

*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.*

KAHU: [Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with

dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**, *Kahu Tim*

**“Redemption is NOW!!”**

**SERMON HYMN 715** *standing*

**“Christ, Be Our Light”**

**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: Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God promises to give.



*A brief silence.*

Come to the church, saving God.

**ALL: Grant to all people your redemption, and the freedom to practice their faith without persecution. Come, Lord Jesus. Aloha ke Akua.** (God is love; love is God)

KAHU: Come to the earth, creating God.

**ALL: Protect the lands and oceans from environmental disasters. Nurture the animals, plants, fish and birds that you have made. Come, Lord Jesus. Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: Come to the nations of the world, sovereign God.

**ALL: Inspire all leaders to work for justice. Bring peace to the religious and tribal conflicts in your world. Come, Lord Jesus. Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: Come to all in need, mighty God.

**ALL: Protect those who suffer injustice. Comfort those who live in fear. Heal the sick. Accompany the dying. Come, Lord Jesus. Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: Reveal yourself to this congregation, gracious God.

**ALL: Deepen our love for one another. In this season, give us compassion for all who suffer, and keep us from selfish excess. Come, Lord Jesus. Aloha ke Akua.**

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

KAHU: Bring to yourself all the faithful who have died, Loving God.

**ALL: Strengthen us in holiness until with all the saints we come to see you face to face. Come, Lord Jesus. Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray.

**ALL: Receive our prayers, merciful God, and make us ready**

**to receive you when you come through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. 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,** *organ*

“Love Came Down”

**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:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.  
Let these gifts to us be blessed.  
Blessed be God who is our bread.  
May all the world be clothed and fed.

**ALL:** **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.

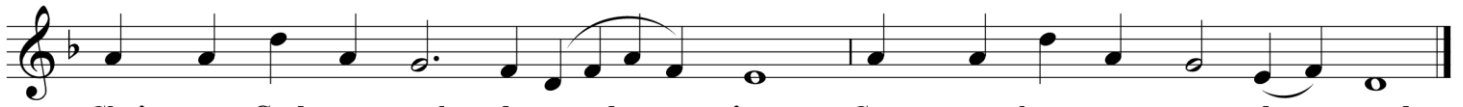
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## SANCTUS *standing*

The **Sanctus** 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 - re - 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 *in unison*

**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:** Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** Amen.

# WE ARE SENT

**SENDING HYMN 246** *standing* “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

*All Keiki are invited to dance.*

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

KAHU: May God direct your ways in peace,  
make you abound in love for one another and for all,  
and strengthen your hearts  
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

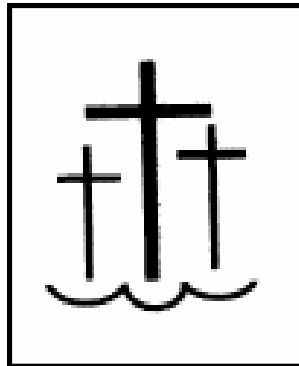
**ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GOING FORTH** *organ*

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”



## Today, November 29, 2015

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

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young

**READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE:** Tribe Seven—Pat Wong, Jim Wong, Lisa May Montano, Cora Watanabe, Sally Drake

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# **WORSHIP AND SERVICES AHEAD**

***Sunday, December 6—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Nā Leo Kamali'i (Calvary Preschool Choir)*

***Sunday, December 13—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent***

**MARATHON SUNDAY, 7 PM SERVICE**

A HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH THE  
CALVARY CHOIR SINGING CHORUSES FROM *The Messiah*

***Friday, December 18—Blue Christmas, 7 pm***

A SERVICE RECOGNIZING HOLIDAYS  
AS NOT ALWAYS A TIME OF CELEBRATION

*Presiding, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir*

***Sunday, December 20—7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent***

*Performing Arts @ Calvary Sunday*

*Presiding, Kahu Tim*

*Music, PAC*

## ***Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24***

### ***5:30 pm—Family Christmas Eve Pageant and Candlelight Holy Communion***

*Presiding, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Handbell Choir*

### ***10:30 pm—“Midnight” Service and Candlelight Holy Communion***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir and Calvary Handbell Choir*

## ***Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 10 am***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Don Conover and Ernest Harada*

## ***Sunday, December 27—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas***

*featuring Calvary’s Christmas Carol Liturgy*

*Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir*

## ***Sunday, January 3—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas***

*Featuring Calvary’s Christmas Carol Liturgy*

*Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir*