

Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015

8:30 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!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who brings us out of captivity into freedom,
out of the wilderness into the promised land,
out of death into life.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
**ALL: we confess that we have sinned in
thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**Forgive us.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us strength to serve you in newness of life.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *standing*

KAHU: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, + God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

ALL: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Mark 1: 9–15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

KAHU: ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was

baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven,

ALL: **"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

KAHU: ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MEDITATION, *Kahu Tim*

"...with you I am well pleased."

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Holy God, in baptism you wash us clean from sin and refresh us with your promise of belonging. Unite your church in proclaiming that in your family all are welcome, all are beloved, all are made whole. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

KAHU: The earth thirsts for your life-giving water. We pray for desert places where there is no rain and for restoration of polluted rivers and oceans. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

KAHU: Flood our world with a desire for peace. Where people are oppressed, bring justice. Where there is terror, bring safety. Stir up compassion among leaders and citizens so that every person is treated with dignity, kindness, and love. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Your heart aches with those who are in pain. Tend to those who are hungry, lonely, lost, and those in any need. Hear their cries and spur us to respond as your hands and heart in the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Bless this assembly and bless the decisions to be made in the Annual Meeting. Fuel us with your great imagination, your life-changing love, your reconciling grace, and your unfathomable wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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, *organ*

“Wondrous Love”

OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

KAHU: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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 *in unison*

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: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days.
Renew us in the gift of baptism,
that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need,
fast from self-indulgence,
and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

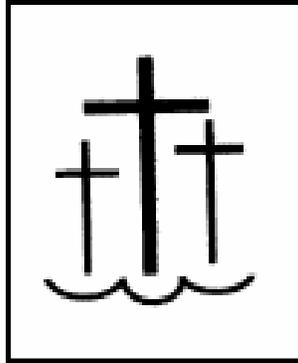
BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The blessing of God Almighty,
the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus,
and the light of the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Today, February 22, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

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