

Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

"Sharing the Blessing of God's Grace with Aloha"

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2014 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!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

"Praeludium"

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

KAHU: Beloved children of God:

the grace of our Lord 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 forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds,

let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of strength,

ALL: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us.

We say otherwise, but we really do put ourselves first.

We chase after what we think will make us happy. We are never satisfied.

We yearn to do good, but we find ourselves doing the opposite.

O God, we make ourselves the center of the universe. Save us from ourselves.

Make us alive to you in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Sisters and brothers:

All have fallen short of the glory of God. It is through the cross that we are justified by God's grace. This is a gift. Be assured that nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

ALL: Amen.

KYRIE (verse two), standing

"Mālama Pono"



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KAHU: Lord, we give you Glory for the forgiveness of our sins.

ALL: Thanks be to God!



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PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA standing

KAHU: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well. In verse 13 God gives him additional honor and riches beyond compare.

1 Kings 3: 5–12

ONE:

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an

understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

PSALM sung responsively

The Psalter begins at the last red tab in the hymnal (page 335). The Psalms are arranged in numerical order. The congregation sings the indented lines.

Psalm 119: 129–136

Romans 8: 26–39

SECOND READING

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

ONE:

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give

us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

"Ka Mana'o 'I'o"



GOSPEL standing, read responsively

Matthew 13: 31–33, 44–52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

KAHU: ³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took

and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all this? They answered,

ALL: "Yes."

KAHU: ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Linda Hansen

SERMON HYMN 793 standing

"Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH standing

KAHU: Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious Lord, the unfolding of your words gives light to those who love your name throughout the world. Fill the hearts of all preachers and teachers with your wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Your earth is filled with abundant life: fish, animals, and plants of all shapes and sizes, from the smallest coral to the greatest tree. Teach us to conserve these gifts for the benefit of all. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Righteous God, people of all nations clamor for justice. Give their leaders understanding minds to discern between good and evil, govern wisely, and listen to their suffering people. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Faithful One, we trust that all things work together for good. Bring hope to those who have no job, who have no place to call home, or who are in any need. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Search our hearts and minds and open the doors of this congregation to those who seek refuge or need a place to belong, that all who come to us find shelter in our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

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

KAHU: Your face shines upon those faithful servants who now rest with you in your heavenly kingdom. Remind us that neither death nor life can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant 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

"Meditation on Fairest Lord Jesus"

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: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you

open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ,

our redeemer and 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 God thanks and praise.

The Sanctus is sung following, "...we praise your name and join their unending hymn."



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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: We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in

a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and

blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal,

that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 771 standing

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu

KAHU: May God the sower

make you good and fertile soil.

May Christ the seed

bloom and grow in your words and actions.

May the fruitful Spirit

bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives.

God the Father,

+ Son,

and Holy Spirit

bless you now and forever.

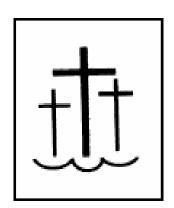
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, organ

"Voluntary"



Today, July 27, 2014

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

GUEST PREACHER: Linda Hansen WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Three—Laura

Sprowls and Mary Osorio, leaders

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletch Young, Andrew Mason

SERVICE MUSIC: "Praeludium," by Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck, © 2011 Wayne Leupold Editions; "Mālama Pono I Kekahi I Kekahi," by Joe Camacho, © 2008 Joe Camacho; "Ka Mana'o 'I'o (Faithful, Faithful Is Our God)," by Joe Camacho, © 1999 Joe Camacho; arr. John L. Bell, © 2002 GIA Publications; "Meditation on *Fairest Lord Jesus*," by Dennis Janzer, © 2011 Wayne Leupold Editions; "Song of the Body of Christ," text by David Haas; music traditional Hawaiian, No Ke Ano 'Ahi'ahi, arr. David Haas, © 1989 GIA Publications; "Voluntary," by Georg Friedrich Handel, © 2011 Wayne Leupold Editions. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

WORSHIP SERVICES AHEAD

Sunday, July 27—Pentecost 7

Preaching, Linda Hansen
Music, Calvary Choir, "Where Your Treasure Is"

Sunday, August 3—Pentecost 8

Preaching, Rev. Wendi Gordon

Music, Calvary Choir, "What a Wonderful World"

Sunday, August 10—Pentecost 9

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, "Give Me Jesus"

Sunday, August 17—Pentecost 10

Preaching, Rev. John Lunn
Music, Calvary Choir, "Things That Never Die"

Sunday, August 24—Pentecost 11

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, "Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All"

10 AM Service: Baptism, Installation of Calvary Preschool Faculty, and Blessing of Calvary Preschool Students

CHURCHWIDE POT-LUCK FOLLOWING THE SERVICE