

# Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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## First Sunday of Advent

November 6, 2016

10:00 am

October 31, 2017, marks the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 500<sup>th</sup> *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 500<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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

For Calvary by the Sea and the other congregations participating in the *Advent Project* today is the beginning of the new church year. It begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In the same breath we give thanks today for all the saints “who from their labors rest,” who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

**GATHERING, *Ina***

“Partita on *Savior of the Nations, Come*”

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

## 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*

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:** **Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**KEIKI SERMON,** *Kahu Tim*

Lighting of Advent Candle 1

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

## **GREETING OF GUESTS** *seated*

## **SHARING OF ALOHA** *standing*

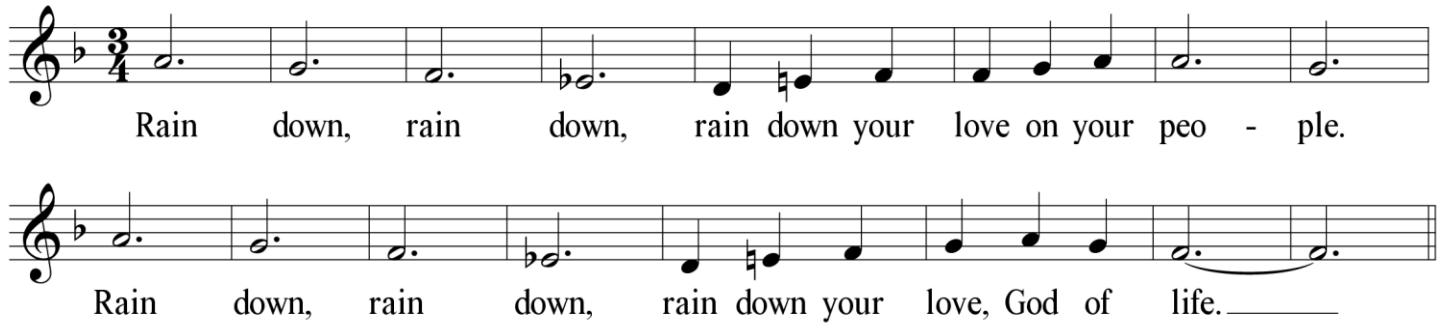
**KAHU:** May God's aloha be with you.

**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

## CALL TO SCRIPTURE, *Sacred Moves*

“Breaths”

*Listen more often to things than to beings*

*'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard  
'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters.*

*Those who have died have never, never left  
The dead are not under the earth  
They are in the rustling trees  
They are in the groaning woods  
They are in the crying grass  
They are in the moaning rocks  
The dead are not under the earth*

*Those who have did have never, never left  
The dead have a pact with the living  
They are in the woman's breast  
They are in the wailing child  
They are with us in our homes  
They are with us in this crowd  
The dead have a pact with the living*

—poem by Birago Diop; music by Ysaye Maria Barnwell,  
performed by *Sweet Honey in the Rock*

## FIRST READING

Ephesians 1: 11–23

*After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.*

ONE: <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,<sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.<sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.<sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**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*

Luke 6: 20–31

*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.*

KAHU: <sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now,



for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

<sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**KAHU:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON,** *Kahu Tim*

“All Authority”

**SERMON HYMN 263** *standing*

“Savior, of the Nations, Come”

**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, that we continue to proclaim the gospel of salvation to every corner of the earth, so that all embody the hope of eternal life, let us pray.

**ALL: Have mercy, O God.**

**KAHU:** For the well-being of creation, for the seas and their creatures, for those preparing for changing weather, and for those who serve as good stewards of God's gifts, let us pray.

**ALL: Have mercy, O God.**

**KAHU:** For peace and tolerance among nations, and especially in our country during and after the elections this Tuesday, that all who are elected will serve with justice and compassion, keeping in mind those who have no power, let us pray.

**ALL: Have mercy, O God.**

**KAHU:** For the troubled and terrified, the poor and hungry, the abuser and abused, those who weep, those suffering from malaria or any sickness, that God lift up people to provide care and consolation, let us pray.

**ALL: Have mercy, O God.**

KAHU: For those who lead and support music and the arts in this assembly, that our song may point us all to Christ; for the newly baptized, that the Holy Spirit guides them in love and service, following the example of our Lord, let us pray.

**ALL: Have mercy, O God.**

*The congregation is invited to come to the microphone, say the names of the saints to be remembered, and add flowers to the lei being strung.*

KAHU: In thanksgiving for all the saints, known and unknown, who have died in the faith, that they serve as witnesses to the inheritance granted to us by Jesus Christ, let us pray.

**ALL: Have mercy, O God.**

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,** *Calvary Choir and “Shine like the Sun”*

*Jennifer Welch, alto flute*

*There’s a light that lights the darkness, and the world cannot contain it,  
and the world cannot explain it. It is the light of God’s creation.*

*There’s a love that flows within us, and the world cannot create it,  
and the world cannot negate it. It is the love of God’s salvation;  
and it shines like the sun.*

*There are saints who light the darkness, and the world cannot contain them,  
for the love of God sustains them and they will never be forgotten.*

*We are blest to have them with us, and we praise the God who made them.*

*There is no way to repay them, and so we simply do applaud them  
as they shine like the sun.*

*Glory be to our Creator! Glory to the Holy One! Glory be to Christ our Savior,  
the Lord of light, the King of love.  
See him shine like the sun.*

*They will shine like the sun.*

## **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** (contemporary)

**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:** 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 266** *standing*

“All Earth Is Hopeful”

## **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.

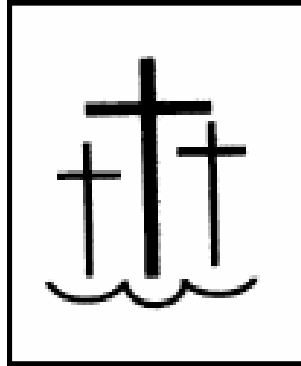
**ALL:** **Amen.**

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

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOING FORTH** *organ*

“Savior of the Nations, Come”



## Today, November 6, 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

**DANCERS:** Sacred Moves; Lisa Kimsey, *director*

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

**READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE:** Tribe One—Pulelehua Quirk

**WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT:** Fletcher Young, Erin Day

**SERVICE MUSIC:** “Partita on *Savior of the Nations, Come*,” arr. Don Freudenburg, © 2008 Wayne Leupold Editions; “Rain Down,” by Jaime Cortez, © 1991 Jaime Cortez; published by OCP; “Breaths,” poem by Birago Diop; music by Ysaye Maria Barnwell, © 1980; performed by *Sweet Honey in the Rock*; “Shine Like the Sun,” text, John Ylvisaker © 2002 John C. Ylvisaker; music arr. Karen E. Black, © 2014 Augsburg Fortress; “What Bread of Life,” text by Tom Poole and Barbara Lundblad; tune VENI, EMMANUEL; “Savior of the Nations, Come,” arr. Don Freudenburg, © 2008 Wayne Leupold Editions. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

# ***Worship Ahead***

## ***Saturday, November 12—Advent 2***

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

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Tom*

## ***Sunday, November 13—Advent 2***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir, "The Lord Has Done Great Things"*

## ***Saturday, November 19—Advent 3***

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

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Tom*

## ***Sunday, November 20—Advent 3***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir, "Today, You Shall Be With Me in Paradise"  
"Woman, Behold Your Son"*