



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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2nd Saturday of Advent

November 18, 2017

6:30 pm

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 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 2017 Church Year (12, 19, 26 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 third 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

Our advent readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Tom*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 2, *Kahu Tim*

GREETING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Beautiful are the works of God!

ALL: Beautiful also are the skins of God’s people!

KAHU: Beautiful is the mind of God!

ALL: Beautiful also are the hopes of God’s people!

KAHU: Beautiful is the heart of God!

ALL: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

KAHU: God made the heavens and the earth!

ALL: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

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.

Most merciful Creator,
**ALL: we have made ourselves gods.
We claim what is not ours,
neglect what you have given,
and think ourselves smarter and better
than others.**

Forgive us for rejecting you.

**In your mercy, teach us to forgive ourselves and others,
accept our humanity,
and serve you in newness of life.**

**May we receive the gift of your presence this Advent
season through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *standing*

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.**

GREETING HYMN *standing*

“When Out of Poverty Is Born”

(Sung to KINGSFOLD; “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”)

When out of poverty is born a dream that will not die,
And homeless, weary folk find strength to stand with heads held high,
It’s then we learn from those who wait to greet the promised day,
‘The Lord is coming; don’t lose heart. Be blest; prepare the way!’

When people wander far from God, forget to share their bread,
They find their wealth an empty thing, their spirits are not fed.
For only just and tender love the hungry souls will stay.
And so God’s prophets echo still ‘Be blest; prepare the way!’

When God took flesh and came to earth, the world turned upside down,
And in the strength of woman’s faith the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low, it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call, ‘Be blest; prepare the way!’

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: **Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth
and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have.
Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and
prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA *seated*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, *Jack Ashby*

“Stewardship Temple Talk”

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12–18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

ONE: ⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like

dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM *read responsively*

Psalm 90: 1–8, 12

¹Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.

³You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;

⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 1–11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

ONE: ¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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.



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GOSPEL *standing*

Matthew 25: 14–30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a

journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“Do NOT be Afraid!!”

SERMON HYMN 718 *standing*

“In a Lowly Manger Born”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

“The Apostles’ Creed”

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: *Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God’s people.*

A brief silence.

We pray for the church.

ALL: Enliven its witness in ecumenical ministries. Empower its voice in speaking truth to power, in feeding the hungry, welcoming and protecting the refugee, advocating for the poor and the disenfranchised, and in discovering new and different ways to be your presence. Open our hearts

to friendships that share faith, and open our mouths to share your good news. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

KAHU: *We pray for parks and open spaces, for clean air and clear water.*

ALL: Help us protect places where we are reminded of God's work in creation—those places of indescribable beauty, and overwhelming awe. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

KAHU: *We pray for those who have been and are still today enslaved, trafficked, or oppressed.*

ALL: Make clear the needs of those who are silenced by suffering, that we may listen and bring an end to exploitation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

KAHU: *We pray for those who cry out for healing, hope, or help.*

ALL: Bring relief to caregivers and surround those who cry out and are lonely with your balm. We remember those for whom we have promised to pray. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

KAHU: *We pray for this congregation and the talents and treasures each person brings.*

ALL: Bring new talents to blossom among us, as we encourage and build up one another. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

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

KAHU: *Lord, our dwelling place in all generations, we remember with thanksgiving all who have died in you. Teach us to count our days as gifts from you.*

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

KAHU: *Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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, *Tom*

“Water”

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

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.

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-ra-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 *(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 726 *standing*

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

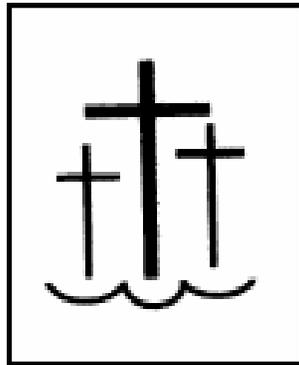
KAHU: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

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

KAHU: *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**



INTERCESSIONS FOR HEALING

Individual and private *Intercessions for Healing* will be offered tonight following the evening worship by members of the Stephen Ministry. Calvary by the Sea, in its ministry of healing, does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather Calvary by the Sea offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in this community of faith.

SERVICES AND EVENTS @ CALVARY

Sunday, November 19—Advent 2

Youth Sunday (both services)

(Sanctuary to be adorned following the 10 am service.)

Saturday, November 25—Advent 3

Saturday Service Held in 'Ohana Lani, 6:30 pm

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, November 26—Advent 3

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "Christ Among Us"

Calvary Bells

Today, November 18, 2017

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KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

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