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 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.” So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

“Partita I: Savior of the Nations, Come”

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, Almighty God, and come. Your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, 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

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 2

ALL SINGING:
O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times you gave the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
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 1 Samuel 1: 4–20

This story introduces us to Elkanah, a devout Israelite, and his wife, Hannah, who is barren. God grants Hannah’s prayer and she bears a son, Samuel, who will be an important figure in Israel’s history. Samuel, the last of Israel’s judges, anoints the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David.

ONE: On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a
male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

12 As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." 15 But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. 16 Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." 17 Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." 18 And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

19 They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. 20 In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

**PSALM sung responsively**

1 Samuel 2: 1–10

1 My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted | in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies, because I re- | joice in my victory.

2 There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock | like our God.

3 Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come | from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by the LORD ac- | tions are weighed.

4 The bows of the might- | y are broken,
but the feeble | gird on strength.
5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are | fat with spoil.

   The barren has borne seven,
   but she who has many children | is forlorn.
6 The LORD kills and | brings to life;
   the LORD brings down to Sheol and | raises up.
7 The LORD makes poor | and makes rich;
   brings low, and al- | so exalts.
8 The LORD raises up the poor from the dust;
   lifting the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes and inherit a | seat of honor.

   For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
   and on them God has | set the world.
9 You, LORD, will guard the feet of your | faithful ones,
   but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
   for not by might does | one prevail.
10 The LORD's adversaries shall be shattered;
   the Most High will thun- | der in heaven.

   O LORD, you will judge the ends of the earth;
you will give strength to your king,
and exalt the power of | your anointed.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10: 11‒14, 19‒25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

ONE: 11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," 13 and since then has been

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waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

“Ka Mana‘o ’I‘o”

K a m a-n a -‘ o - ’ i - ‘ o ,  o k o  k a - k o u  A-k u - a ,  F a i t h - f u l ,  f a i t h - f u l  i s  o u r  G o d .

K a m a-n a -‘ o - ’ i - ‘ o ,  o k o  k a-k o u  A-k u-a ,  F a i t h-f u l ,  f a i t h-f u l  i s  o u r  G o d .

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GOSPEL standing, read responsively

Mark 13: 1–8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

KAHU: As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him,
ALL: "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"

KAHU: Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

Then he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,

ALL: Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?

KAHU: Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."


ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Pastor Kyle

"WOMEN’S WORK??"

SERMON HYMN 419 standing

“For All the Faithful Women”
(Sung to AURELIA, “The Church’s One Foundation”)

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow’r to save.

For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi’s God till death,
We praise you, God of Israel, and pray for hearts set free
To bind ourselves to others in love and loyalty.
To Hanna, praying childless before the throne of grace,
You gave a son and called him to serve before your face.
Grant us her perseverance; Lord, teach us how to pray
And trust in your deliv’rance when darkness hides our way.

We honor faithful Mary, fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother, who saved our human race.
May we, with her, surrender ourselves to your command
And lay upon your altar our gifts of heart and hand.

We praise the other Mary, who came at Easter dawn
And near the tomb did tarry, but found her Lord was gone.
As joyfully she saw him in resurrection light,
May we by faith behold him, the day who ends all night.

All praise to God Creator! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit, who binds the church as one!
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,
We sing glad alleluias and strive to do your will.

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.

Holy One, we pray for healing in the church;

ALL: for forgiveness when we are quick to judge; for mercy when we are slow to love neighbors; for an end to racial divisions on Sunday mornings. Come, Lord Jesus. Have mercy.

KAHU: Holy One, we pray for stars and planets, black holes and all the wonders of the universe;

ALL: for all astronomers, and especially our own Bob Joseph; for aerospace engineers; for science teachers and curious students; for the renewal of all creation. Come, Lord Jesus. Have mercy.

KAHU: Holy One, we pray for political refugees and all who seek asylum;

ALL: for war-torn nations and our global neighbors accustomed to the sound of bombs and gunfire; for our national enemies and for our country. Come, Lord Jesus. Have mercy.

KAHU: Holy One, we pray for people living with dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and Parkinson’s disease;

ALL: for the family, friends, and caregivers who love them; for all who cannot afford medical care when they are sick; for all who mourn and suffer. Come, Lord Jesus. Have mercy.

KAHU: Holy One, we pray for new parents and grandparents;

ALL: for families grieving a miscarriage; for foster parents and homeless youth; for families living with domestic violence; for the newly married, recently divorced, and
happily single. Come, Lord Jesus. Have mercy.

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

KAHU: Holy One, we pray in thanksgiving for all the faithful departed who now sing your glory.

ALL: May our voices join with theirs in praise today and always. Come, Lord Jesus. Have mercy.

KAHU: Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through 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, organ

“Partita II: Savior of the Nations, Come”

DOXOLOGY standing

“Hoʻonani i ka Makua Mau”

Hoʻonani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

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 feed.

ALL: Amen.
WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING standing

The Lord be with you. And also 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 mortal flesh keep silence. And with fear and trembling stand;
In the night his friends betrayed him. Jesus took the bread of life.
King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood.
Then he took the cup of blessing. thanked the Lord for this sweet wine.
At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
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.
SENDING HYMN 785 *standing*    “When Peace Like a River”

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*    “Partita III: Savior of the Nations, Come”
Today, November 15, 2015

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**WORSHIP AND SERVICES AHEAD**

**Sunday, November 22—3rd Sunday of Advent**  
*Christ the King (Reign of Christ) Sunday*  
**Preaching,** Kahu Tim  
**Music,** Calvary Choir, “Do Not Be Afraid”

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

**Sunday, November 29—4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Preaching,** Kahu Tim  
**Music,** “Praise His Holy Name!”

**Sunday, December 6—5th Sunday of Advent**  
**Preaching,** Kahu Tim  
**Music,** Nā Leo Kamaliʻi (Calvary Preschool Choir)