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!
Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

“Psalm Prelude”

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, Pastor John

JOHN: God, our Creator, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.
JOHN: Welcome to Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church!
   Welcome
to hear the promises of God,
to pray for healing and for one another,
to be fed at the table,
and to be sent into the world as
wounded healers and bearers of Christ’s love.

ALL: Amen! Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG

“The God of Second Chances”

“Come now, O God of second chances, open our lives to heal.”
“Open our eyes to see.”
“Open our minds to peace.”
“Open our way to choose.”
“Open our hearts to love.”
“Open our lives to heal.”

“Remove our hate, and melt our rage. Save us from ourselves.”
“Mend us, make us whole.”
“Calm the storm within.”
“Show us a new way.”
“Help us to move on.”
“Children of God’s love.”

“All: Amen! Thanks be to God!”

CONFESSION OF SIN, Pastor John

JOHN: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
abounding in steadfast love toward us,
healing the sick and raising the dead,
showering us with every good gift.
JOHN:  Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

            Silence is kept for reflection.

Just and gracious God,

ALL:  we come to you asking for help, for healing, and to confess our sin.

There are holes in our hearts we cannot mend.  
There are problems in our lives we cannot solve.  
We have hurt others and ourselves with our actions.

Forgive us, O God. Show us your mercy.
Bind up our wounds, and free us to love ourselves and others, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOHN:  The apostle Paul assures us:

"When we were dead in our trespasses,  
God made us alive together with Christ,  
nailing the record of our sins to the cross."

Jesus says to you, + "Your sins are forgiven."
Be at peace, and tell everyone  
how much God has done for you.

ALL:  Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL:  Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that
weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA standing

JOHN: May God’s aloha be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 18: 20–32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

ONE: Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

22 So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" 26 And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." 27 Abraham
answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." 29 Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

**PSALM sung responsively**

Psalm 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

3 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

4 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

6 The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING  
Colossians 2: 6–19

Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

ONE: 

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.  
9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.  
11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ, when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.  
13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.  
15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

16 Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.  
18 Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.
In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

1[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,

"Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

2He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3Give us each day our daily bread.

4And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

5And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.
everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and
for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there
anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a
snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a
scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts
to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the
Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Pastor John

SERMON HYMN 790 standing “Day by Day”

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 seated

JOHN: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the
world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, through diverse cultures and countries, your Spirit weaves us together as one church. Help us all, your disciples, to ask for the things we need, confident that you hear us. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

JOHN: Call us to notice places and people you created but we often forget. For busy places, for those working in the noon heat, in the silence of the night, and in care of your creation. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

JOHN: Bring peace where strife is found, where homes have become battlegrounds. Empower leaders and organizations to find solutions through persistence and faith. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

JOHN: Turn our hearts to the cries of those in great need. Comfort and heal those who feel defined by situation, grief, or sickness. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

JOHN: Seek after us wherever we are found in these summer months. Grant safety to those who travel, sabbath rest to those who vacation, and perseverance to those who have no leisure time. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

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

JOHN: Join our prayers with those ancestors and saints who taught us to pray. We remember those who have died in faith, with the comfort that your steadfast love endures forever. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

JOHN: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, (7:30) organ
(10) Calvary Choir; John Travis, tenor

“Cantilene Religieuse”
“Thy Will Be Done”

Sometimes the load is heavy, and sometimes the road is long.
And sometimes, Lord, this heart of mine is not so very strong.
But Thy will be done, Lord, Thy will be done.

Father, I do not ask You to take this cup from me.
I only ask your guidance o’er paths I cannot see.
And thy will be done, Lord, Thy will be done.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav’n.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory, forever, Amen.

DOXOLOGY standing

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani 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

JOHN: 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

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN standing

“Bread for the World”

REFRAIN

Bread for the world: a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.

May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love.

VERSES

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the rich and pow’rful have become the least.

Where we divide your people you are waiting there. Where we are tired and weary you are waiting there. Where we survive on others in our human greed

on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.

to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.
you walk among us begging for your every need.

GREAT THANKSGIVING _standing_

JOHN: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
JOHN: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them to the Lord.
JOHN: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

JOHN: 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_

JOHN: O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your
people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 742 standing “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Benediction and Sending, Pastor John

JOHN: The Lord bless you and keep you.
     The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
     The Lord look upon you with favor
     and + give you peace.

ALL: Amen.

JOHN: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Going Forth, organ “Corrente”
Today, July 24, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
GUEST MINISTER: Pastor John Lunn
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young
READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Two—Renee Ako
WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

WORSHIP AHEAD

Saturday, July 30—11th Sunday after Pentecost
6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in the Sanctuary
Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. J. P. Sabbithi
Music, Tom and Amie

Sunday, July 31—11th Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. J. P. Sabbithi
Music, Calvary Choir, “In the Sweet By-and-By”

Saturday, August 6—12th Sunday after Pentecost
6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in the Sanctuary
Preacher, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom and Amie

Sunday, August 7—12th Sunday after Pentecost
Presiding Minister, Kahu Tim
Guest Preacher, Rev. Steve Jensen, “Wounded Warriors”
Music, Calvary Choir, “Imagine”