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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GREETING, Kahu Tim

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

ALL:   And also with you.

KAHU:  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 standing

“Everyday God”

Earth's creator, Ev'-ry-day God, Loving Maker, O Jesus,
In your presence, Ev'-ry-day God, We are gathered, O Jesus,
Life of all lives, Ev'-ry-day God, Love of all loves, O Jesus,
In our resting, Ev'-ry-day God, In our rising, O Jesus,
In our dreaming, Ev'-ry-day God, In our daring, O Jesus,

You who shaped us, O Spirit, Re-create us, Come, be with us.
You have called us, O Spirit, To restore us, Come, be with us.
Hope of all hopes, O Spirit, Light of all lights, Come, be with us.
In our hoping, O Spirit, In our waiting, Come, be with us.


CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim

KAHU: 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.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: 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

KAHU: 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: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA standing

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

WE HEAR THE WORD
FIRST READING

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel’s leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today’s reading is about humility.

ONE:  
6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;  
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

SECOND READING

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

ONE:  
1 Let mutual love continue.  
2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.  
3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.  
4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.  
5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."  
6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.  
8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.  
15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.  
16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing  “… Good Soil” (512)

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart; Lord, let my heart; Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL standing, read responsively  Luke 14: 1, 7–14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation.
Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

KAHU: 1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you,

ALL: 'Give this person your place,'

KAHU: and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you,

ALL: 'Friend, move up higher';

KAHU: then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous."


ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

"May We SERVE You?"

SERMON HYMN standing

"A Place at the Table"

VERSES

1. For ev'ry one born, a place at the table,
   for ev'ry one born, clean water and bread,
   a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
   for ev'ry one born, a star overhead,

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
   revising the roles, deciding the share,
   with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
   for woman and man, a system that's fair,

3. For young and old, a place at the table,
   a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
   in anger, in hurt, a mind set of mercy,
   for young and old, a right to be long.

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
   a bus'er, a bushed, with need to forgive,
   to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
   for just and unjust, a new way to live.

5. For ev'ry one born, a place at the table,
   to live without fear, and simply to be,
   to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
   for ev'ry one born, the right to be free.
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.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Dear God, as we start another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks, and the students—children, teenagers, and adults who will use them. We also ask your blessings on the teachers and administrators who provide instruction and safe places for these students. May you bless them all with:
eagerness to learn, that their curiosity and their world may grow large;
respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships;
love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation;
happiness when learning is easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;
faith in Jesus as their best teacher.

We ask that you would protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, in all circumstances. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**ALL:** Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH standing**

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

*A brief silence.*

O God, guide leaders who speak your word to your people. Use your church’s powerful witness and genuine invitation to welcome all to your banquet table. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** Your mercy is great.

**Kahu:** We thank you for tables of abundant food. Bless crops, farms, fisheries, and industries, that as co-creators with you, we may provide responsibly from the earth for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** Your mercy is great.

**Kahu:** Break the bonds of captivity and injustice. Work in and through leaders and nations to bring peace and to advocate for the least of these. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** Your mercy is great.
KAHU: Heal and comfort those we hold in our hearts and those who have asked for our prayers. Bring hope to prisoners, refugees, and outsiders. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Strengthen marriages, families, and friendships with mutual love and respect. Bless our congregation to be a place of support and care for healthy relationships. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Rejoicing in the promise of the heavenly banquet, we give thanks for all those who have died in faith. Join us, with them, at the resurrection of the righteous. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; 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 “What a Friend…”

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: 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. Amen.
WE ARE FED

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN standing

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.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast.

broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.
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.

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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 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: 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. Amen.
WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN standing  “Faithful, Faithful Is Our God”

Refrain

Ka ma-na’o-i-o, o ko kā-kou A-kū-a, Faith-ful, faith-ful is our God.

Verses

1. In love there is no one more faith-ful than our God,
   who brings the light in-to our dark-ness,
   the God who shares the breath of life in you and me,
   all liv-ing things u-pon the earth.

2. In quiet mo-ments God whis-pers ten-der-ly
   the mys-tery of un-end-ing love;
   for God is good and holds us as we sleep
   then wakes us with the morn-ing light.

3. The mer-cy of our God is ours to share each day,
   to help each oth-er on our way,
   to be God’s hands and heart, God’s ten-der-ness and care,
   God’s faith-ful peo-ple in the world.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

**KAHU:** 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.

**KAHU:** Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.
Tonight, August 27, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
WORSHIP AHEAD

Saturday, September 3 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost
6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in the Sanctuary

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom

Sunday, September 4 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Remembering Queen Liliʻuokalani on Her Birthday

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies Sake,”
“He Pule”

Saturday, September 10 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost
6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in the Sanctuary

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom

Sunday, September 11 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Installation of Calvary Montessori School Faculty and Staff (10 am)

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “God Is Here”