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

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God’s mercy in responding to one’s neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

GATHERING, Tom

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: 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

“The God of Second Chances”

1. Come now, O God of second chances, open our lives to heal.
2. Come now, O God, release our demons; open our eyes to see.
3. Come now, O God, and still our anger; open our minds to peace.
4. Come now O God, shake our resentments; open our way to choose.
5. Come now, O God, and grant compassion; open our hearts to love.
6. Come now, O God of second chances; may we forgive ourselves.

Remove our hate, and melt our rage. Save us from ourselves.
the shame within, our guilt and pain. Mend us; make us whole.
Embrace our fear, and hold us close. Calm the storm within.
the way of love, over revenge. Show us a new way.
May we let go of all our hurt. Help us to move on.
may we become your living sign: Children of God's love.

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CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,

ALL: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.
Make us new as you make all things new.  
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin.  
Renew us in grace, and  
restore us to living in your holiness,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU:  Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!  
The light of the risen Christ  
puts to flight all evil deeds,  
washes away sin,  
restores innocence to the fallen,  
casts out hate, brings peace,  
and humbles earthly pride.  
Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood.  
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!  
ALL:  Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL:  O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs  
for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need,  
and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of  
your Son, 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

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.

ONE: 9 The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, 10 when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" 14 No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

PSALM read responsively

Psalm 25: 1–10

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3 Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

4 Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

6Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

7Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

8You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

9You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

10All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

“Lord, Let My Heart Be 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


Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

KAHU: 25Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.
ALL: "Teacher,"
KAHU: he said,
ALL: "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“Jesus, Our Neighbor”

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

KAHU: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, your word is very near to us, building up your church and keeping it faithful to your word. Make our witness to your love strong and clear. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: God of creation, even the seas, the rocks, and the trees are our neighbors. Increase the vitality and beauty of your whole creation, and move us to work for its health and well-being. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Loving God, guide and direct the nations of the world to be good neighbors one to another, and to reach across the human barriers that divide us. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Protecting God, sustain police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and others who attend to public safety. Uphold those who are sick, injured, or who will die this day, and those who care for them.
Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** *Listening God,* encourage this congregation in its ministries of prayer and service. Enlarge our capacity for hospitality and our willingness to welcome those who are not like us. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

**KAHU:** *O God,* you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL:** hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

**ALL:** Amen.

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Anyone desiring individual prayer and intercessions please contact Kahu Tim or members of the Stephen Ministry team at the conclusion of the worship service.

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**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, Tom**

**DOXOLOGY standing**

“*Hoʻonani i ka Makua Mau*”


_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:** 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”

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 bent-ed knee to wash our feet with endless care.
to be the way which beck-ons us beyond de-spair.
you walk am-ong us beg-ging for your ev’ry need.

Refrain
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 726 standing** “Light Dawns on a Weary 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.**