



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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2nd Sunday of Advent

November 13, 2016

10:00 am

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his *Ninety-Five Theses* on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany—an act that sparked the Lutheran Reformation. Rather than restricting the observance of this anniversary year to the *calendar year*, Calvary by the Sea Lutheran has chosen instead to follow the *Liturgical Year*. Welcome to this *Lutheran Year*—the 500th anniversary of The Reformation!

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 2016 Church Year (6, 13, 20 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 second 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

Last Sunday began with the wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! Today there is an equally powerful call: the end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

GATHERING, *Ina*

“Once in Royal David’s City”

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

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*

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.

God of all time,
ALL: you know us through and through—better than we know
ourselves. You claim us as your own. Yet we doubt you and
question your grace.

We cling to our own abilities, and trust in our own skills.

We think we know better for our lives than you.

**We rely on our own achievements and elevate
personal desires to universal importance.**

We put ourselves above your command to love and serve.

**Remake us into your people. Rebuild what sin has broken,
that we and the whole creation may rejoice living in your
peace. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Embrace us with your mercy, O God, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KEIKI SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

Lighting of Advent Candle 2

Following the *Keiki Sermon*
the children are dismissed to attend Sunday School.

GREETING OF GUESTS *and* SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GATHERING SONG *standing*

"Rain Down"

REFRAIN



VERSE



works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
 kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
 wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

just and the__ right; full of God's love is the earth.
 dark - ness and__ death; God will not leave us to starve.
 peace touch our__ hearts; all of our hope lies in you.

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WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 4: 1–2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who fear God.

ONE: ¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done [|] marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have [|] won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made [|] known your victory,

**you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight¹ of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to
the¹ house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory¹ of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD,¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re-¹joice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the¹ voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the¹ king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who¹ dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers¹ clap their hands,
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to¹ judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the¹ world with righteousness
and the peo-¹ples with equity.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Rain Down”

REFRAIN



GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Luke 21: 5–19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and

events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

KAHU: ⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said,
⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

ALL: ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

KAHU: ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“Called to Love and Mercy”

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: As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence.

For the church, for missionaries and teachers, clergy and laity, and all ministers who proclaim the gospel in word and deed, that the Sun of righteousness come and enlighten the whole earth, let us pray:

ALL: **Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.** (God is love; love is God)

KAHU: For rivers and lakes, oceans and reefs, hills and mountains, fruit and vegetables, and animals great and small, that creation thrive and that we care for all God has given us, let us pray:

ALL: **Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: For all in authority at the local, state, provincial, national, and international levels, for those who advocate for equity, and for

relief workers and their supporters, let us pray:

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For those who hunger or thirst, for those who doubt or are terrified, for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for caregivers, that all experience the healing and comfort given through Christ, let us pray:

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For those gathered in this place to hear the gospel and receive the good gifts of God through Christ Jesus, that guided by the Holy Spirit, we serve our neighbor who is in need, let us pray:

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: In thanksgiving for men and women of every time and place who have died in Christ, and that we follow their examples of faithful living, let us pray:

ALL: Have mercy, O God. Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, 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, *Calvary Choir*

“The Lord Has Done
Great Things for Us”

*The Lord has done great things for us,
we are filled with gladness and joy,
we are filled with gladness and joy.*

When God set the captives of Zion free, we were more like children in a dream.
Then you could hear our laughter and cheers; then you could hear our shouts of joy.
They said in amazement to the world. "Indeed, God has done great things for them."
Truly our God has done great things, and so we are glad, we shout for joy.

Restore all our fortunes, God of love, like rivers that save the desert lands.
Those who have gone to sow in tear shall go back to reap with songs of joy.

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. **Amen.**

WE ARE FED

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *standing*

"What Bread of Life”

(Sung to VENI, EMMANUEL, "O Come...Emmanuel")

*What bread of life is offered here? What wine of love is given now?
It is Christ's body and his blood, the sweetest gift of heav'n come down!*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,
God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.*

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 *singing*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, 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: 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 266 *standing*

“All Earth Is Hopeful”

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.

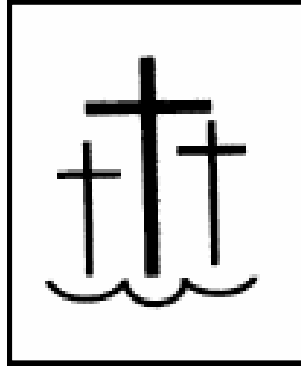
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH *organ*

“Adagio for Strings”



Today, November 13, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Calvary Choir

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Edwin Ahlers, Charlie Holdaway, Chris Jansen, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe One—Pulelehua Quirk

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Advent Worship Ahead

Saturday, November 19—Advent 3

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in 'Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, November 20—Advent 3

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "Today, You Shall Be With Me in Paradise"

"Woman, Behold Your Son"

***Sanctuary adorned for Advent/Christmas
following the 10 am service***

Saturday, November 26—Advent 4

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in 'Ohana Hale

Preaching, Pastor Dale Burke

Music, Ina and Ms. Amie

Sunday, November 13—Advent 4

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "LightShine"