



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

January 4, 2015

*7:30 and 10:00 am*

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

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

**GATHERING,** *organ*

“Pastorale and Chorale on  
*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*”

## 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: Today Christ is born:

**ALL: Alleluia, alleluia!**

KAHU: The grace of our Lord 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,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the Word made flesh,  
the Lord and giver of life.

**ALL: Amen.**

KAHU: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's  
mercy through singing hymn 241.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## **HYMN OF CONFESSION 241**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

*(stanzas 1, 2, 4)*

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.

Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,  
Who mourn your joys departed and tremble at your doom.  
All hail the Lord's appearing! O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth your beams so cheering and guide us safely home.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: In the Word who has come to dwell with us,  
God has given us grace upon grace:

    forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,  
    love that can heal every broken heart.

Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:

*in the name of + Jesus our Savior,*  
    *you are free from all your sins.*

Rise, shine, for your light has come.

**ALL: Amen.**

## KYRIE 279 *standing*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*(stanzas 3 and 4)*

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

## GLORIA 289 *standing*

“Angels, We Have Heard on High”

*(stanzas 1 and 3)*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *standing*

**ALL:** Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **GREETING OF GUESTS** *seated*

## **SHARING OF ALOHA** *standing*

**KAHU:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

# **WE HEAR THE WORD**

## **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 31: 7–14

*God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

**ONE:** <sup>7</sup>For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

**PSALM** *sung responsively*

Psalm 147: 12–20

<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, <sup>|</sup> O Jerusalem;  
**praise your <sup>|</sup> God, O Zion,**

<sup>13</sup>who has strengthened the bars <sup>|</sup> of your gates  
**and has blessed your chil- <sup>|</sup> dren within you.**

<sup>14</sup>God has established peace <sup>|</sup> on your borders

**and satisfies you with the <sup>1</sup> finest wheat.**

<sup>15</sup>God sends out a command <sup>1</sup> to the earth,  
**a word that runs <sup>1</sup> very swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup>God gives <sup>1</sup> snow like wool,  
**scattering <sup>1</sup> frost like ashes.**

<sup>17</sup>God scatters <sup>1</sup> hail like bread crumbs.  
**Who can stand a- <sup>1</sup> gainst God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the <sup>1</sup> word and melts them;  
**the wind blows, and the <sup>1</sup> waters flow.**

<sup>19</sup>God declares the <sup>1</sup> word to Jacob,  
**statutes and judg- <sup>1</sup> ments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any <sup>1</sup> other nation;  
**they do not know God's judgments. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1: 3–14

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

ONE: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so

that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *standing*

“Nu ‘Oli” (Glad Tidings)  
(*stanza 1*)



1. Nū ‘o-li! Nū ‘o-li! He nū ka-ma-ha‘o! He nū no ke o-la mai lu-na mai nō  
2. Nū ‘o-li! Nū ‘o-li! Ua pi-li ia nū Ika po‘e ‘i-li-hu-ne, ka po-‘e lu‘u-lu‘u  
3. Nū ‘o-li! Nū ‘o-li! Hau-‘o-li ‘ou-kou Ka po‘e a-ka-hai a ha‘a-ha‘a ka na-‘au



No kā-na-ka nu-i, no ka-ma-li‘i nei A ‘oi ka na-ni i ke gu-la a‘i-a‘i.  
Ne‘e mai a pau-le-le ha-hai iā Ie-sū A pau nō ka hu-ne a ma-ha‘ou-kou.  
Na Ie-sū e ka-la a ho‘o-hā-nau hou A ka‘i mai nei a‘e i ka na-ni ma ‘ō.



Nū ‘o - li! Nū ‘o - li! Nū ka-ma-ha‘o, ka-ma-ha‘o, ka-ma-ha‘o ē!



Nū ‘o - li! Nū ‘o - li! He nū no ke o-la e hau-‘o-li ē!

(Glad tidings! Glad tidings! O wonderful love! A message has come from the angels above: Good news of great joy comes to young and to old, for Jesus brings mercy more precious than gold. Glad tidings, glad tidings! O wonderful, wonderful, wonderful love! Glad tidings, glad tidings! We hail the glad tidings of wonderful love!)

**GOSPEL** *standing*

John 1: 1–18

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

**KAHU:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and



the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**KAHU:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**KEIKI SERMON (10 AM),** *Kahu Tim*

**SERMON,** *Kahu Tim*

*“Our True Selves”*

**SERMON HYMN 283** *standing*

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

**APOSTLES' CREED** *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:** Rejoicing in the light of Christ that shines upon us, we pray for the church, the world, and all according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

O God, your light shines in the face of our brother, Jesus. Enliven the church's testimony about the grace and truth made known in his life, death, and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** **Aloha ke Akua** (*God is love; love is God*).

**KAHU:** O God, you speak in the immensity of space and the tiny detail of every grain of sand. We praise you for the creative joy evident in the wonder of life all around us. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** **Aloha ke Akua**

**KAHU:** O God, with holy delight you led your chosen people out of slavery into freedom. Bring freedom and peace to exiles, refugees, and those oppressed by harsh governments. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** **Aloha ke Akua**

**KAHU:** O God, you stretch out your merciful hand to heal the sick and shield those who are troubled. Touch all who are burdened by want, loneliness, or illness. Bring to them and to their caregivers healing and hope. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Aloha ke Akua**

KAHU: O God, you are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Fill us with joyful hope in this new year, and guide us to have courage amid all the changes and chances of life. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Aloha ke Akua**

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

KAHU: O God, you are the hope of the saints, the light that filled their hearts, the love that never failed them. Comfort those who mourn, and in your time bring us to our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Aloha ke Akua**

KAHU: Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts, O God, and magnify our joy at the birth of your Light among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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,** *organ* “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

**DOXOLOGY** *standing* “Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uthane 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*

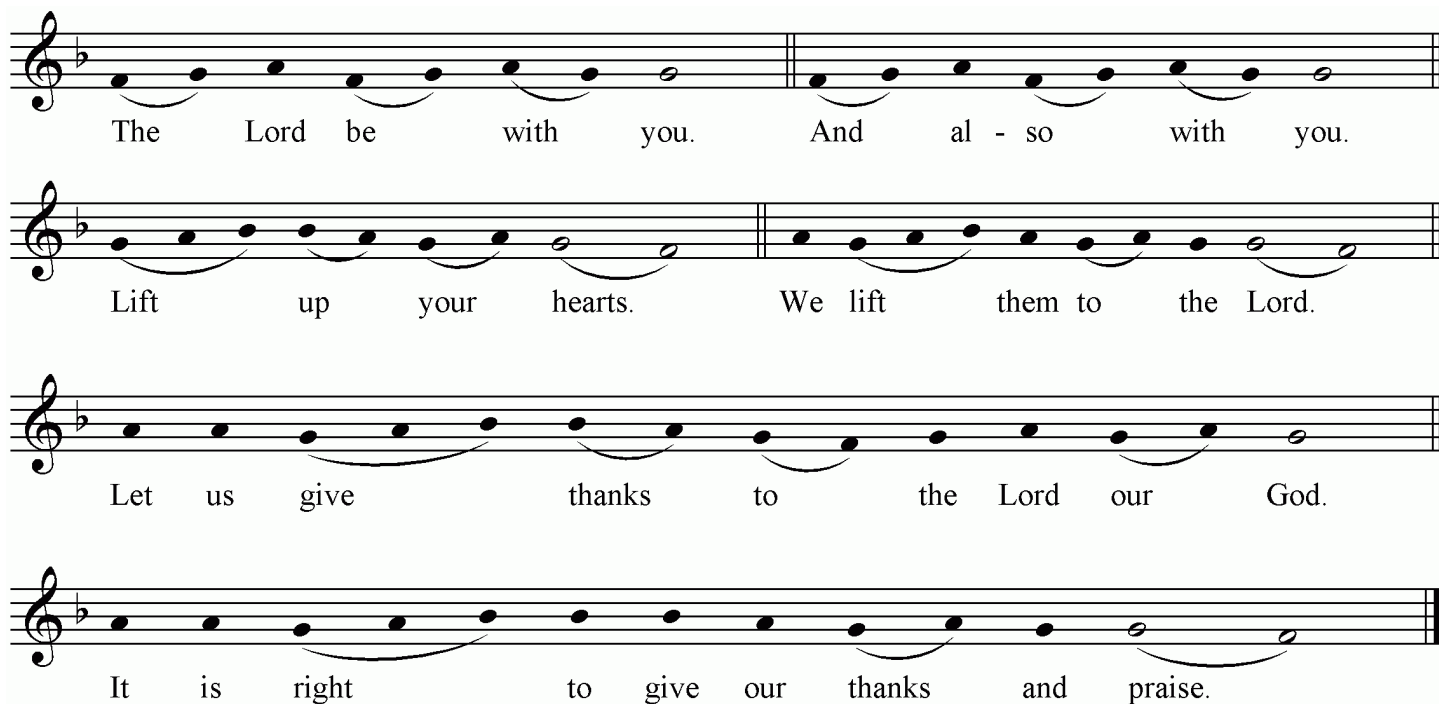
KAHU: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who

came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **WE ARE FED**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *standing*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 is sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the  
 7 highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 11 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

**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:** We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

# **WE ARE SENT**

## **SENDING HYMN 270** *standing*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING,** *Kahu Tim*

**KAHU:** May the Word that Mary brought to birth  
carry you into new and abundant life.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**KAHU:** May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms  
enfold you with love and strength.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**KAHU:** May the Word that angels proclaimed in song  
bring harmony to our world.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**KAHU:** And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father,  
the + Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

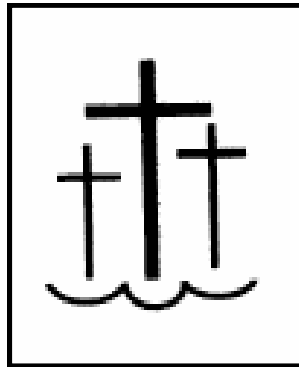
**ALL: Amen.**

**KAHU:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**GOING FORTH,** *organ*

“Postludium”



**Today, January 4, 2015**

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young

**MUSIC:** Congregational Choir

**INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer,  
Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

**ALTAR CARE, READERS, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Tribe Three—Laura  
Sprowls, Mary Osorio

**WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT:** Fletcher Young, Erin Day

**SERVICE MUSIC:** “Pastorale and Chorale on Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern,” by Robert M. Speed, © 2012 Wayne Leupold Editions; “Nu ‘Oli!” by Robert Lowry, tr. Laina (Lorenzo Lyons); “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly,” arr. Georg Lachenauer, © 2012 Wayne Leupold Editions; “The Lord’s Prayer,” by Albert Hay Malotte, arr. Donald P. Hustad, © 1935, ren. 1963 G. Schirmer; “Postludium,” by Carl Schweich, © Edition Breitkopf. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

# WORSHIP AHEAD

## ***Tuesday, January 6—Epiphany***

*7 pm, Evensong and Christmas Star Lecture*

*Lecture, Dr. Bob Joseph*

*Music, Calvary Choir, “Star of My Heart”*

## ***Sunday, January 11—Baptism of Christ***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir, “Heavenly Light”*

## ***Sunday, January 18—Epiphany 2***

**Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir, “Shed a Little Light”*

## ***Sunday, January 25—Epiphany 3***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir, “Come and Follow Me”*

## ***Sunday, February 1—Epiphany 4***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir, “Abide, O Spirit of Life”*

## ***Sunday, February 8—Epiphany 5***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir, “Ave Verum”*