



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **Saturday Sunset Worship**

### **Advent 7**

December 17, 2016

6:30 pm

During these final days of Advent we pray, “*O come, O come, Emmanuel,*” a beloved hymn based on ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday in Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

# **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

## **SOUNDING OF THE PŪ, *Tom***

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

## **GATHERING, *Ms. Amie***

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

## **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.**

## **GATHERING CAROL 300 *standing***

“The First Noel”

## **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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

## LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE 7, *Kahu Tim*

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 7: 10–16

*An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking refuge in Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign of Immanuel that is the only source of true safety: God is with us!*

ONE: <sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

### PSALM *read responsively*

Psalm 80: 1–7, 17–19

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph <sup>1</sup> like a flock;  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned  
up- <sup>1</sup> on the cherubim.**

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, <sup>1</sup> and Manasseh,  
**stir up your strength and <sup>1</sup> come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore <sup>1</sup> us, O God;

**let your face shine upon us, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

<sup>4</sup>O LORD<sup>1</sup> God of hosts,

**how long will your anger fume when your<sup>1</sup> people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the<sup>1</sup> bread of tears;

**you have given them bowls of<sup>1</sup> tears to drink.**

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision<sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,

**and our enemies laugh<sup>1</sup> us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O<sup>1</sup> God of hosts;

**let your face shine upon us, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

<sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at<sup>1</sup> your right hand,

**the one you have made so strong<sup>1</sup> for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a-<sup>1</sup> way from you;

**give us life, that we may call up-<sup>1</sup> on your name.**

<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD<sup>1</sup> God of hosts;

**let your face shine upon us, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

## SECOND READING

Roman 1: 1–7

*Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.*

ONE: <sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

“Rain Down”

## REFRAIN

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your peo - ple.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. \_\_\_\_\_

# GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 1: 18–25

*Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."*

**KAHU:** <sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

**ALL:** **"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."**

**KAHU:** <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**, *Kahu Tim*

*“What’s in a Name?”*

**SERMON HYMN 263** *standing*

*“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

**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 universal and all servants of the gospel, for poets and artists, for musicians and preachers, for theologians and teachers, and for missionaries and dancers;

**ALL: let us pray that all proclaim that God is with us in Christ.**  
*Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: For all plants and animals, seas and skies, snow and rain, and all of God's marvels;

**ALL: let us pray that all of creation grow and thrive as we bless, protect, and use with care what God has made. *Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: For the nations and those in authority, for peace and justice throughout the whole world, and for those who advocate on behalf of others;

**ALL: let us pray that all in positions of leadership choose what is good for the community. *Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: For the thirsty and hungry, the weak and fearful, those in childbirth, those who mourn, and the sick;

**ALL: that they know Christ the Anointed One who dries up every tear and comforts those who suffer. *Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: For those who travel near and far, for those who prepare our congregation for worship and celebration, and for those who gather around word and sacrament;

**ALL: let us pray that all experience welcome and refreshment. *Aloha ke Akua.***

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

KAHU: In thanksgiving for the saints who have died and are now at rest; that the witness of their faith point us to the promises of grace and resurrection in Christ,

**ALL: let us pray. *Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

**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, *Ms. Amie*

“Lo, How a Rose  
E’er Blooming”

## 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.

ALL: 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** *(traditional)*

**ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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 *standing*

“Choose to Hope”



Hope is born when we choose to be-lieve that love is strong-er than ha - tred;  
Hope will grow when we choose to be-lieve that we are sis - ters and bro - thers;  
Hope will shine when we choose to be-lieve a lit - tle child\_\_\_ will lead us;



Love is born when our hearts learn to see that ev - 'ry per - son is sa - cred.  
Love will grow when our hearts learn to see the life we share with each oth - er.  
Love will shine when our hearts learn to see that God is dwell - ing with - in us.



In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,  
In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,  
In the times of dark - ness, in times of fear,



choose to hope, choose to\_\_\_ love, and know that God is near.  
choose to hope, choose to\_\_\_ love, and know that God is near.  
choose to hope, choose to\_\_\_ love, Em - man - u - el is near.

*Marty Haugen composed this Advent 2016 song-hymn for his home church, The Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis, MN. He is sharing this song with the world as an advent gift.*

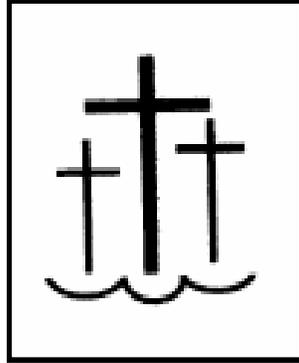
## BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

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.**



## **Tonight, December 17, 2016**

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

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

**MUSIC:** Amie Lawyer, *guitar, recorder, ukulele, bass*

**SERVICE MUSIC:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” arr. Bobby Fisher; “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming,” arr. Bobby Fisher; “What Bread of Life,” text by Tom Poole and Barbara Lundblad; tune VENI, EMMANUEL; “Choose to Hope,” by Marty Haugen, © 2016 Marty Haugen. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

## ***CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES***

***5:30 pm and 10:00 pm***

## ***CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES***

***7:30 am and 10:00 am***