

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OCTOBER 31, 2021



REFORMATION SUNDAY

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 23

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Dietrich Buxtehude

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

#505 ELW



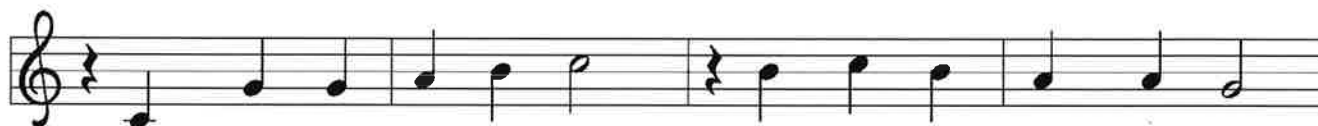
1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to  
3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -  
4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of  
los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the  
vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they  
giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,  
one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,  
God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might  
Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.  
in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;  
this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.  
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vai! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.  
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Light of Christ

WOV Setting 4



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☐ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**I** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: **II** Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men



**III** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**I**  
**II** For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



**III** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 46 *Congregational Response*      Though the Earth Shall Change



Though the earth shall change,      though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage,      you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war,      though the peo - ples bat - tle.



though the em - pire fal - ters,      we will not fear.

## SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

*Before the reading:* **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

<sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

*After the reading:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## SERMON

### HYMN

The Church of Christ, In Every Age

#729 ELW



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## OFFERING

There will be no passing of the plate. Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.

# CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...on the night he was betrayed...

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**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.**

## The Distribution

All are invited to the Table. Come as you wish. The ushers will guide you by row.

The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. Simply take a pre-poured glass and return it to the empty tray.

White grape juice is provided for those who do not prefer wine. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray.

The people are invited to sing during communion.



The Distribution

Singing during Communion

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

#517 ELW

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and  
 by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife  
 and bring to naught all he has done.  
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

We All Are One in Mission

#576 ELW



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

# SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

#654 ELW



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Be wise. Be Kind. Let Love Abound. **Thanks Be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Timothy Albrecht

# SERVANT'S SCHEDULE



## Assisting Minister

November 7 — Thom Eaton  
 November 14 — Kimberly Milham

## Lector

November 7 — Thom Eaton  
 November 14 — Caroline Alabach

## Altar Preparation

November 7 & 14 — Ronnie Beckerleg &  
 Kay Kurtzweg

## Counters

November 7 — TBD  
 November 14 — TBD

## Coffee Hour Hosts

November 7 — Kathleen & Rob Rowan  
 November 14 — TBD

## Ushers

November 7 & 14 — Cliff Kurtzweg &  
 Mike Olden

NEXT SUNDAY!



## ALL SAINTS DAY



Sunday, November 7th is All Saints Day where we remember and honor loved ones who have died since November of 2020. Please write the names of those whom you would like to be remembered on the sheet in the Narthex. The names will be read during the 10am service on that Sunday, November 7th.

## ATRIUM & SUNDAY SCHOOL

MLC's Faith Formation Ministries for children will remain on hold until the vaccine for children under 12 is available. This includes the Atrium and Sunday School. Stay tuned for more information.



## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, October 31, Reformation Sunday

8:15am Worship Service  
 10am Worship Service

### Tuesday, November 2

10:30am Bible Study, in person  
 1pm Bible Study, Zoom

### Friday, November 5

8pm AA Meeting

### Sunday, November 7, All Saints Sunday

8:15am Worship Service  
 10am Worship Service



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR— NOVEMBER 15!

Come join for a virtual happy hour with the ladies from MLC! **The third Monday of the month at 7:30pm.** Cozy up to your laptop or iPad and join our Zoom meeting with your favorite beverage. Just a time for a casual chat and check in.





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BEST HALLOWEEN PRANK EVER!



### MLC IS CHANGING LIVES! UPDATE ON MAASAE GIVING

Thanks to the generosity of MLC's congregation, the goal of \$3,400 for the MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School was met and surpassed! MLC will be able to guarantee that Paulina, Evaline and Udamhindi will be able to continue their education! These girls will have a chance to do whatever they'd like with their lives, all because of the education they will receive, thanks to your generosity. MLC raised a total of \$4,347, almost \$1,000 over the goal. The additional funds will be used to help pay the teachers and to purchase much needed books.

UPDATE!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



### THE VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR IS RETURNING!

November 7th, New Time of 11:45am

Now that in person services up and running again, Pastor Kevin would like to connect with anyone watching the live stream, or with anyone who doesn't feel like staying for coffee hour but would still like to connect with others. The virtual coffee hour will begin on Sunday, **November 7th**, with a new time of 11:45am. You should receive an email closer to the start date with the zoom meeting information.

### HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED!

Compass Housing Alliance is in need of hygiene items for homeless adults. WestSide Baby needs the same, except their need is for babies. In the past we have asked that you bring in kits, however, they would rather have the loose items so that they can assemble the kits themselves. Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste (small), deodorant (small), soap, bags (zipper); baby shampoo, diapers/pull-ups, wipes, diaper cream, bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, etc. Please drop the items off in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity!



**WestSide Baby**  
*basics for children in need*

COMPASS  
HOUSING  
ALLIANCE

JOIN US FOR  
**BIBLE STUDY**

In Person Tuesdays at 10:30 am  
Zoom Tuesdays at 1pm



**Making Music At MLC**

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir! The start date for choir is up in the air right now, however, if you are interested in joining speak with our awesome Music Director, Ann Simonson, or email her at [ajsimo@comcast.net](mailto:ajsimo@comcast.net). Singing is fun and good for you!

Can't sing but want to be a part of the music scene at MLC? Then the Bell Choir might be for you! No need to read music! If you're interested in joining please talk to, or email Ann Simonson. **Bell choir will start soon!**

NEW INFO!



**QUILTERS AND HAND WORK GROUPS**

The quilting and hand work groups will start meeting again sometime in the fall. Watch your bulletins and in-box for more information! Thank you for all of the donations for the quilting group but right now they are not accepting any more donations.



Crochet



Needlepoint



Knit



**Please Remember  
In Prayer**

- Linda Kellenberger
- Dave Larson
- Brian Rowse, DVM (cousin of the Backmans)
- Don Goertzen
- Erika Simonson
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Pauline McIntosh
- Family of J.J. Rentel
- Family of William Olden
- Family of Barbara Munro
- Samantha Scheiber
- Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
- Liza & Bill Biscomb (Parents of Victoria Watson)
- Joi and Todd Arnston (stepdaughter and son in law to Carol Hurlburt)
- Irene Long
- Kathi Galletly (friend of the Torellis)
- Jonathan Drugge (son of friends of Kay Thoreson)
- Family of Don Westergaard (brother of Irene Long)
- Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)

*If we have inadvertently removed someone whom you wish to remain on the list or if you wish to add someone new, please contact the church office.*

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:15 am — 13  
10:00 am — 37





# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

## Options for sharing God's gifts:

- Sunday offering
- Estate planning, stock/bond gifts
- Online banking through your financial institution

Payee – Magnolia Lutheran Church  
 2414 31<sup>st</sup> Ave W, Seattle, WA 98199  
 Telephone – 206-284-0155

- Computer or smartphone online giving:
- ⇒Credit, Debit, Checking account
- ⇒One-time or recurring gifts



Set up online giving on our website  
[www.MagnoliaLutheranChurch.com/give](http://www.MagnoliaLutheranChurch.com/give)

## MLC Has WiFi!

For those of you who may not know, MLC has wifi available for all who wish to use it! Select "MLC Guest" on your device, the password is:

**TumbleRibs398**



(Not for use during church of course ; )

## Financial Update As of September 30, 2021

\*Income — \$ 246,918  
 Expenses—\$ 241,691  
 \*Includes some prepaid pledges

# Congregation Council 2020-2021

## Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron  
 Vice President -- Victoria Watson  
 Secretary -- Kimberly Milham  
 Treasurer -- Dwight Dively  
 Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at [council@magnolialutheranchurch.com](mailto:council@magnolialutheranchurch.com)

## Council members:

*The year listed is when the member's term ends, in June.*

### Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2023)

### Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2023)

### Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

### Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2022)

### Nominating Committee

Robert Zierman (2022)

### Outreach Committee

Olivia Massiamano (2023)

### Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2023)

### Property Committee

Mike Olden (2022)

### Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2023)

### Stewardship Committee

Robert Bergeron, Olivia Massiamano, Serena Severance

### Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham, Serena Severance

### Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2021)

Faith Formation—TBD

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## OUR CORE VALUES

- All are welcome here.
- Everybody does something.
- There is no minimum, or maximum age for ministry.
- This is a safe place for all God's children.
- We are good stewards of God's creation.

**Altar flowers** today are given to the Glory of God  
by Valinda & Lyle Morse.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Valinda Morse

**Lector** — Valinda Morse

**Ushers** - Amy & Thor Sigmar

**Altar Guild** — Amy Sigmar

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens

**Counters** — Ralph Hendrickson & Noah Wittner

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Valinda & Lyle Morse

**Pastor** — Kevin Bates

**Director of Music Ministry** — Ann Simonson

**Parish Administrator** — Nancy Searle

**Caretaker** — Mara Meloy

**Ministers** — All the Baptized Children of God



## Affirmation of Welcome

Magnolia Lutheran Church is a place where everyone can find a welcoming, caring, friendly home. Here is a sanctuary filled with the love and grace of our Lord and modeled by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We believe God's love is for everyone and so commit to provide inclusive acceptance, spiritual nourishment, inspiring kindness and a gracious and loving faith community.

We believe all of God's creations are holy and welcome to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service here. All people of every ability, race, family or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition and background belong here, **Reconciling In Christ**, as children of God.

All are beautiful as they are.  
All are part of God's masterpiece.

All are loved as they are.  
All are welcome here.

