

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 9, 2022



CELEBRATING HOLY BAPTISM

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Only Son from Heaven

Dietrich Buxtehude

GATHERING HYMN

Bright and Glorious is the Sky, vs. 1-4 & 6

#301 ELW



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

- 6 And this star, as bright as day,  
that will never lead astray  
with its message so appealing,  
is the word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

# 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

This is the Feast

Setting One



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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:** Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

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

## SECOND READING: Acts: 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## SERMON

### HYMN

Borning Cry

#732 ELW



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving at the Font

Baptism of Maggie (Lu) Qian

Welcoming Maggie to Christian Community

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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 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.

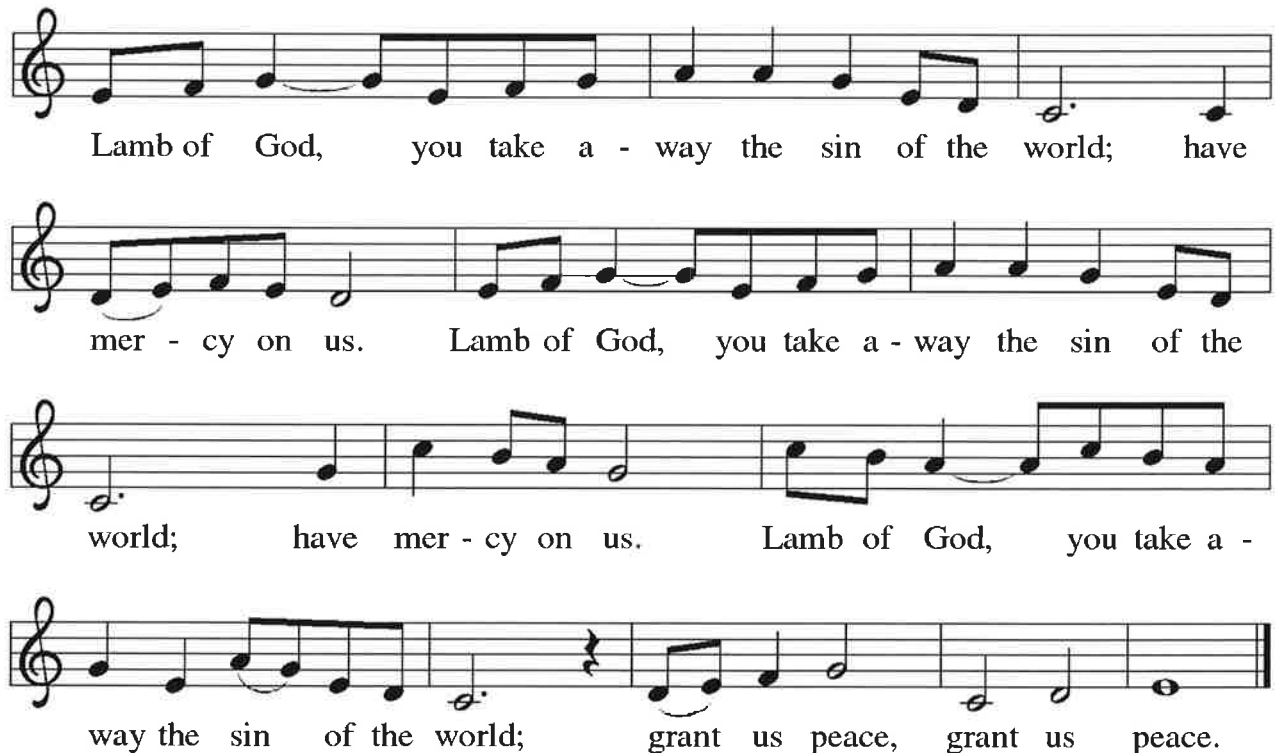
The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. Simply take a pre-poured glass and return it to the empty tray.

We use White Grape Juice. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray.

The people are welcome and invited to sing during communion.

### Singing during Communion

### Lamb of God



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



Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

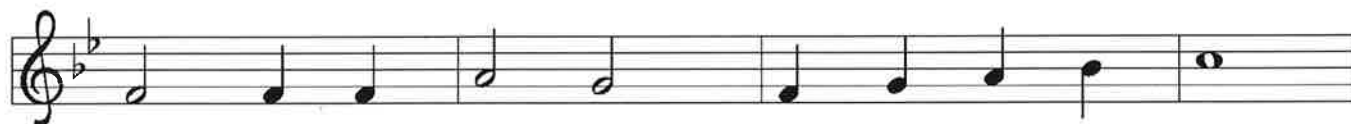
#800 ELW



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

### SENDING BLESSING

# SENDING HYMN

Crashing Waters at Creation

#455 ELW



- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be wise. Be Kind. Let Love Abound.

**Thanks Be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

The Only Son From Heaven

J.S. Bach

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

### Assisting Minister

Jan 16 — Russ Long

Jan 23 — Thom Eaton

### Lector

Jan 16 — Jeanne Moussette

Jan 23 — Gail Hendrickson

### Altar Preparation

Jan 16 — Amy Sigmar

Jan 23 — Amy Sigmar

### Counters

Jan 16 — TBD

Jan 23 — TBD

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 16 — No Coffee Hour

Jan 23 — No Coffee Hour

### Ushers

Jan 16 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Jan 23 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

## THANK YOU FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE!!

A big thank you to Barbara Helde for heading up the Fellowship Committee in providing the Congregation with all of the coffee hour goodies for all of the Sundays in Advent! Barbara headed it up but she couldn't have done it by herself. So a big thank you also goes out to Linda Johnson, Kay Kurtzweg, Jeanne Moussette, Georgia Backman, Susan Swenson, Kimberly Milham, Ronnie Beckerleg and anybody else that I might have overlooked! My apologies if I did!

NEW!

## Happy New Year

JESUS SHOW US THE WAY  
beginning a new year  
with a good guide on our side  
the star of Jesus  
which shows us safe roads  
fills our hearts with his grace  
best wishes for the new year

## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

### Tuesday, January 11

10:30am Bible Study, in person

7pm Council Meeting

7pm Magnolia Big Band

### Wednesday, January 12

9am Bible Study, Zoom

7:30pm Worship & Music Mtg

### Friday, January 14

8pm AA Speakers Meeting

### Sunday, January 16

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR— POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR

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. Stay tuned for new days & times!



# Navajo Lutheran Mission

If you were in church recently, you probably received a handout pertaining to a trip that MLC is planning to the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona next Summer. If you didn't receive one last Sunday, hopefully you got one today! If not, please see Parish Administrator, Nancy, and she will make sure you get a copy! The trip is open to everyone and will be a great opportunity to see how your donations are being used. The goal is to make sure everyone who wishes to go, can, regardless of financial situations that might otherwise keep you from going. Stay tuned for more information!

## NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ?

Over the summer months we have received many quality reads for our Free Library. Please peruse the offering and feel free to take any book for your pleasure. We also ask that you donate used books when you have gleaned from them insights into your life. There is no cost... just an opportunity to read excellent books. You are encouraged to return them after you have finished reading.

## WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD?

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because **it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God.** This event is documented in all of the gospels except John.

“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him.”



-Matthew 3:16

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy in order to keep MLC running smoothly in 2021! There are too many to mention by name but **you** know who you are and **we** know who you are! New schedules will be out shortly for the Sunday servants.

## 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**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

NEW!



**Please Remember  
In Prayer**

- Linda Kellenberger
- Dave Larson
- 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)
- Kathi Galletly (friend of the Torellis)
- Jonathan Drugge (son of friends of Kay Thoreson)
- Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)
- Family of Elsie Simon
- Karen Jones (friend of Lance Grimsby)



**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 [ajsi-mo@comcast.net](mailto:ajsi-mo@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 practice is over until further notice.**

MAKE NOTE!



**QUILTERS AND HAND WORK GROUPS**

The handwork group began meeting again on December 2nd at Valinda Morse's house. **The next meeting will be on January 27th at 1pm at Ronnie Beckerleg's.**

Thank you for all of the donations for the quilting group but right now they are not accepting any more donations.

Needlepoint

Crochet

Knit



MAKE NOTE!

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:15 am — 6  
10:00 am — 25

## 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 December, 2021

- \*Income — \$ 372,027
- Expenses—\$ 324,669
- \*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.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Valinda Morse

**Lector** — Valinda Morse

**Ushers** - Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

**Altar Guild** — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens

**Counters** — Ralph Hendrickson & Noah Wittner

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — No Coffee Hour

**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.

