

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
DECEMBER 19, 2021



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Advent 4

December 19, 2021

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Charles Callahan

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

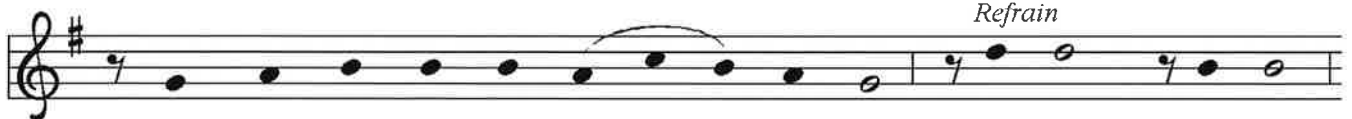
GATHERING HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs. 1-4, 7-8 #257 ELW



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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.**

# KYRIE

#152 ELW

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Ostinato (repeated continuously)*

Veni Sancte Spiritus (*Holy Spirit, Come to Us*)

#406 ELW

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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: Luke 1:39-57

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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SERMON

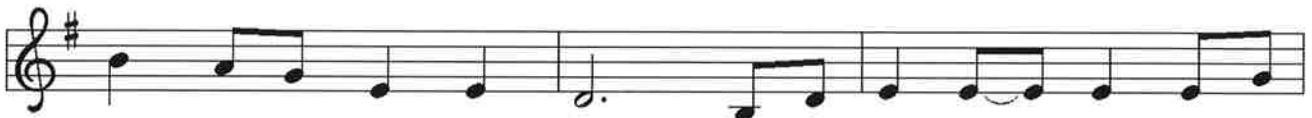
### HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

#723 ELW



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

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weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING OF MUSIC

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Mitchell & Sandra Eithun

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.

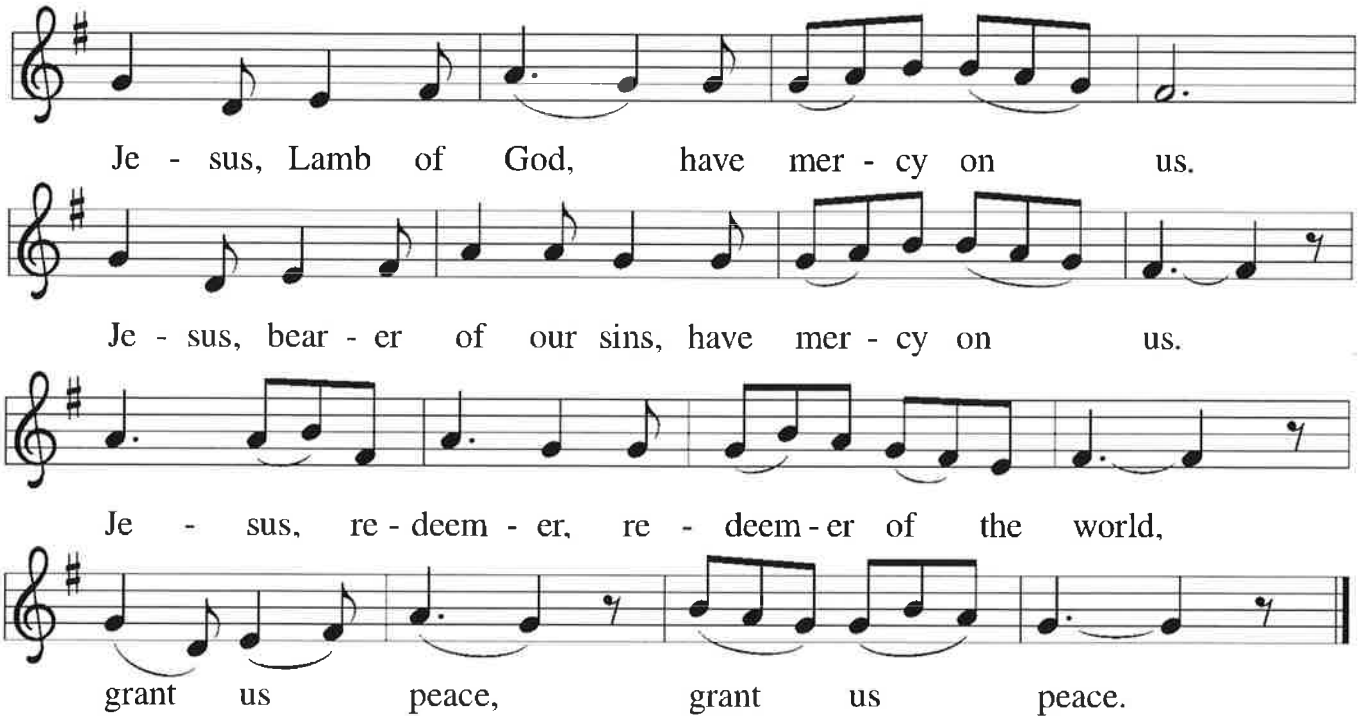
White grape juice is provided for those who do not prefer wine. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray.

The people are invited to sing during communion.

Singing during Communion

Lamb of God

#152 ELW



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Away in a Manger

Mitchell & Sandra Eithun

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

#267 ELW



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -

2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their

3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -

4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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

**POSTLUDE**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Michael Burkhardt

## SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

### Assisting Minister

Dec 24 — Mark Johnson

Dec 26 — Valinda Morse

### Lector

Dec 24 — Mark Johnson

Dec 26 — Valinda Morse

### Altar Preparation

Dec 24 — Nancy Searle

Dec 26 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne  
Moussette

### Counters

Dec 24 — NA

Dec 26 — TBD

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 24 — NA

Dec 26 — Congregation brings leftovers!

### Ushers

Dec 24 — TBD

Dec 26 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner



### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be one in person  
Christmas Eve service at 5pm.

As always, everyone is welcome!

### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, December 19

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

11:15am Sanctuary Decorations

#### Tuesday, December 21

10:30am Bible Study, in person

#### Wednesday, December 22

9am Bible Study, Zoom

#### Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5pm Worship Service

8pm AA Speakers Meeting

#### Sunday, December 26

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

### LEFTOVERS SUNDAY! DECEMBER 26TH!

NEW!

Following MLC tradition, Sunday, December 26th will be "Leftovers Sunday". Please bring your leftover calories (goodies that you don't want hanging around the house to tempt you) to church on Sunday to share with everyone during the coffee hour.



### 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!

## MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Advent is upon us, a time of longing and waiting, a time of darkness and light. Your Social Action Committee has chosen this season to focus on those at the Compass Housing Alliance who have little or nothing. There will be a **Giving Tree in the Narthex** after Thanksgiving. The tree is an opportunity for you to give to those less fortunate. Envelopes hanging from the Giving Tree designate shoes, socks and underwear. In addition there are envelopes for gift cards to give to parents for their children's Christmas wishes. Please consider taking an envelope from the tree. Write a check for the amount on the front of the envelope and place it in the offering plate. That way we can continue to provide for those who have so little. Your Social Action Committee thanks you for your continued generosity!

## NEW! 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.

## EXTRA WREATHS & GARLANDS

MLC ended up with a few extra wreaths and a couple of 35' and one 75' garland. The cost for the wreaths is \$20, 35' garland is \$45 and the 75' is \$75. The wreaths make good gifts for your friends and/or neighbors! Call the office or stop in if you're interested!

## 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

MORE WREATHS!

NEW TIME!

JOIN US FOR  
**BIBLE STUDY**

In Person Tuesdays at 10:30am  
 Zoom Wednesdays at 9am

MAKE NOTE!



### 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 practices on Wednesdays at 5:15pm unless otherwise noted!**

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



Knit



Crochet



### 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)
- 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)
- Family of Elsie Simon
- Karen Jones (friend of Lance Grimsby)

*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 — 10  
 10:00 am — 53

## 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 November, 2021

\*Income — \$ 295,807

Expenses—\$ 296,112

\*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 greens today are given to the Glory of God.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Kimberly Milham

**Lector** — Caroline Alabach

**Ushers** - Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens

**Counters** — John Valiton and Noah Wittner

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Fellowship Committee

**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.

