

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 21, 2024



GONE FISHING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Epiphany 3

January 21, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Paul Manz

GATHERING HYMN

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

#580 ELW



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

I: Women II: Men

Setting 4, WOV



☐ 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.



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



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



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

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☪ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
I For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -
II gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
☪ 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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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: Mark 1:14-20

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

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798 ELW



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

O God of Heaven

Hal Hopson

Offertory singing

Let the Vineyards

Setting 4, WOV

☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
 cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
 prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
 and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

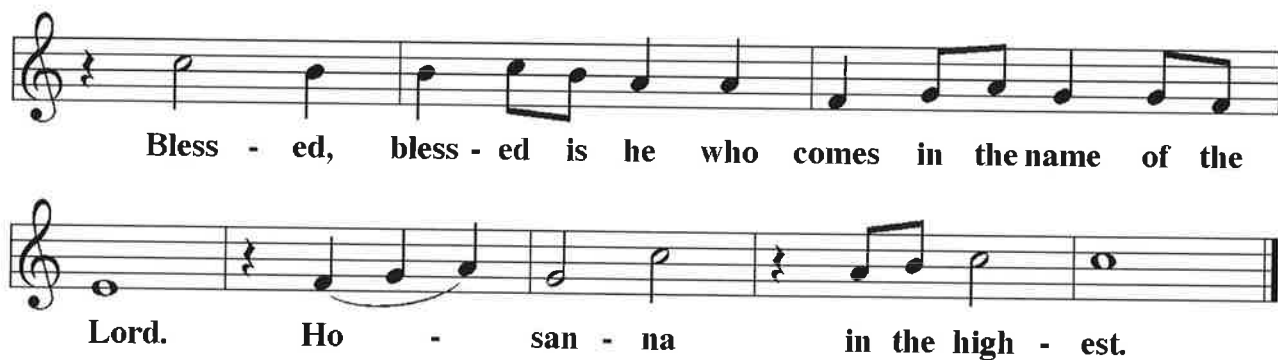
Preface: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution (In 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

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.

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

David Cherwien

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

We are Called

#720 ELW

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

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Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God. **5**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve your neighbor! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Robert Hobby

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Jan 28 — Ann Prouty
 Feb 4 — Noah Wittner

Lector

Jan 28 — Grace Baker
 Feb 4 — Noah Wittner

Altar Preparation

Jan 28 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg
 Feb 4 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters

Jan 28 — John Valiton
 Feb 4 — Ralph Hendrickson

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 28 — Brunch for Ann Simonson
 Feb 4 — Alexis Thurber

Ushers

Jan 28 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner
 Feb 4 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

This Week at MLC

Sunday, January 21

8:15am Worship Service
 8:30am Atrium
 10am Worship Service

Tuesday, January 23

9am Bible Study, Zoom
 7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, January 25

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, January 26

8pm AA Speakers Meeting,

Sunday, January 28

8:15am Worship Service
 8:30am Atrium
 10am Worship Service



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2024

The first semi-annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4th after the 10am service. This will be the first “hybrid” meeting. In other words, you may attend in person in MLC’s library, or you may watch it on Zoom. Stay tuned for more details!



SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2024

A Retirement Brunch honoring Ann Simonson for 27-1/2 years as music and choir director at Magnolia Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 28th immediately following the 10am service. More info to follow!



LOOK!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MLC

There are many volunteer opportunities at Magnolia Lutheran. If you are interested in helping with any of the following, please contact Pastor Kevin or MLC's parish administrator, Nancy.

Usher—Hand out bulletins, direct people to the front for communion and pass the offering plate. Two weeks in a row, approximately every 4 weeks or so. It depends on how many volunteers we have as to how often you will be needed.

Counter—Work with the parish administrator to count and document the incoming cash and checks after the 10am service. Generally you would be needed one or two times a month.

Altar Guild—Prepare the altar for communion before and after the 8:15am services. Help with holiday decorations and help polish the brass once or twice a year.

Lector—Read the lessons on Sundays at the 10am service.

Assisting Minister—Assist Pastor Kevin with running the service. Help with communion, read the prayers of the people, etc. PK will guide you.

Sound—Running the sound board and getting the mics out for Pastor Kevin and the assisting minister. Monitor the sound during the 10am service.

Live Stream—MLC live streams the 10am service. This is probably the most pressing volunteer position to fill. **We currently only have one person to do the sound and the live stream so we really need volunteers for these two jobs.**



Please Remember In Prayer

Donna Hegstrom
Dave Larson
Family of Don Goertzen
Family of Bob McIntosh
Family of Pauline McIntosh
Gail Hendrickson
Kelly and Linda Kellenberger
Heidi Carpine
Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)
Family of Susan Engquist (sister of
Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and
Kasey Kroeger).
Sandy Bennis
Russ Long
Vern Lindquist
Frank Edmondson
Karla Lefferson
Merlin Cavander
Kathleen Rowan
Roger Taber
Andrew Tucker
Frank Edmondson

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

8:15AM — 17
10:00AM — 45

SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN

INNER CALM

- A Christian Meditation for Health and Well-Being
- An online experience of prayer
- Tuesdays at 7pm
- Weekly meetings beginning on January 23rd.

A Zoom link will be sent out before the first weekly meeting.

LIFE IN THE HOLY LAND

- The Complex Backstory of our Jewish, Muslim and Christian Neighbors in Israel and Palestine
- A Six Week Class and Discussion beginning on Sunday, February 11.
- We will gather on Sunday at 11:45am in the new church library.



ASHES ALL DAY:



Ash Wednesday at Magnolia Lutheran Church

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. Ashes will be available all day at MLC. Simply step inside the doors at your convenience to receive the reminder of mortality and hope.

Brief worship services will be held on Ash Wednesday at 12noon and at 7pm.

ART AND FAITH: OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Come along and let your faith encounter art – and let art encounter your faith. Discussions will happen online on Wednesday evenings. Field Trips will happen in person at local art museums. Be sure to catch the class: The Art at Magnolia Lutheran Church. Zoom link and time of the discussions will out shortly!

OUR PLAN FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

First, we honor and thank our musician, Ann Simonson, for 27 years of music and for sharing her gracious spirit. Come to the retirement celebration in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, January 28. Beginning in February, our congregation will host different musicians on different Sundays. This pattern will continue until a new music director is hired.

Second, your Congregation Council is working hard on the 2024 budget. The Council is also working on defining the scope of the job description for the new musician. As of this writing, we do not have a date for when the job description will be posted. Much will be determined by the budget that the congregation adopts at the congregational meeting in February.

Third, once the job description is approved, it will be posted and circulated. A task force from our church will interview musicians and make a recommendation to the Council. The Council will then extend an offer letter to the identified candidate.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this season.

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 31st 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

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

Financial Update

As of December 31, 2023

*Income — \$ 358,773

Expenses—\$ 371,465

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2022-2023

Council Officers:

President -- Lyle Morse
Vice President -- Megan Hamshar
Secretary -- Robert Bergeron
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Council members:

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

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2024)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2025)

Fellowship Committee

TBD

Finance Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Nominating Committee

TBD

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Property Committee

Johnny Searle (2025)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

Stewardship Committee

All Council

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation

Cynthia Ubilla

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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 — Mark Johnson
Lector — Mark Johnson
Ushers — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner
Altar Guild — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh
Counter — Noah Wittner
Audio — Johnny Searle
Live Stream — Aaron Stevens & Carson Ruegamer
Coffee Hour Host(s) — Linda & Mark Johnson

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.

