

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 7, 2022



FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,  
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

— Luke 12:34

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 9

August 7, 2022

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

David Cherwien

GATHERING HYMN God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens #771 ELW



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

## 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

Now the Feast and Celebration

M. Haugen



*Refrain*  
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre -



a - tion sings for joy to the God of



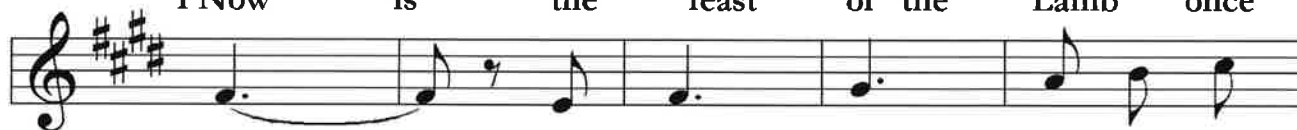
life and love and free-dom; praise and glo - ry for -



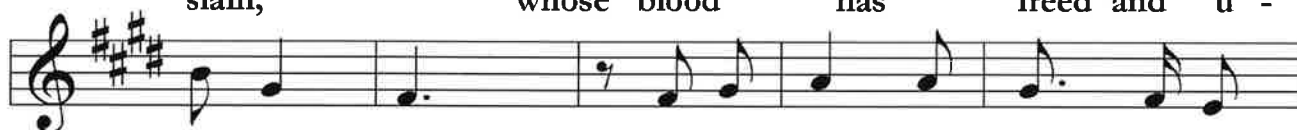
ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



ni - ted us to be one great peo - ple of



God.



2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the the worlds were

prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M. Haugen



☐ Al-le-lu-ia, 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 12:32-40

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds

alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

How Great Thou Art, vs. 1-2

#856 ELW



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;

#### *Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

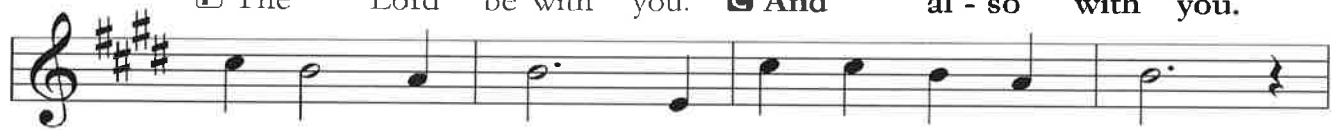
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CELEBRATING 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 God 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 are you, God of pow - er and might;



Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the



high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, Creator of heaven and earth...

... Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death and glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry:

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the melody for 'A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.' The second staff is a repeat of the same melody. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 8/8. The melody is written in a soprano clef and features a mix of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.

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Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.



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.

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:  
☐ Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear:  
☐ Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:  
☐ Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:  
☐ Lamb of God, you pour the Ho - ly Spi - rit on us:

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have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast

#479 ELW



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

# WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

## SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

#638 ELW



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

#### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

### DISMISSAL

Go forth and set the world on fire! **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Nancy Raabe

## SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

### Assisting Minister

Aug 14 — TBD

Aug 21 — Mark Johnson

### Lector

Aug 14 — TBD

Aug 21 — Mark Johnson

### Altar Preparation

Aug 14 — Ronnie Beckerleg &  
Kay Kurtzweg

Aug 21 — Amy Sigmar

### Counters

Aug 14 — TBD

Aug 21 — Ralph Hendrickson

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Aug 14 — Irma Goertzen

Aug 21 — John Valiton and Donna Cowan

### Ushers

Aug 14 — Cliff Kurtzweg and Mike Olden

Aug 21 — Rob Rowan and Noah Wittner

## This Week at MLC

### Today, August 7th

8:15am Worship

10am Worship

### Tuesday, August 9

9am Bible Study, Zoom

11am In Person Bible Study

### Wednesday, August 10

7pm Singing with Ann, Last one  
for now

### Thursday, August 4

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

### Friday, August 5

8pm AA, Luther Hall

### Sunday, August 7

8:15am Worship

10am Worship



Magnolia  
Summerfest

August 5th to August 7th



## UPDATE ON SINGING WITH ANN AND CHOIR

Choir rehearsals have ended for the Summer. The **LAST Singing with Ann for now will be on Wednesday, August 10th.**

If you like to make music but can't sing—give the bell choir a try! They play 4 or 5 times a year and practices happen a few weeks leading up to a performance.

Even though rehearsals are over for now, if you would like to join the choir, or bell choir, please contact MLC's awesome music director, Ann Simonson, at [ajsimo@comcast.net](mailto:ajsimo@comcast.net).

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

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. **Next Happy Hour is on Tuesday, August 16th.**



## BIBLES IN MANY LANGUAGES NEEDED FOR THE ATRIUM!

**NEW!**

We are starting to develop level 2 of our Atrium, geared to children ages 6-12! This means we are adding new materials geared to the big scope of children at this age, and the big questions they wonder about, like:

- Who is God?
- Where was I before I was born?
- Who was with God at the beginning of Creation?
- What is life?
- Who am I in God's plan for the world?

These older children also wonder about the many languages and cultures present around the world. One way we will meet their curiosity is to provide a group of Bibles in languages other than English, to illustrate that the Bible is used by people of many cultures, in many languages, all over the world.

If you have a Bible you no longer need, in a language other than English, we would love to add it to our small collection of Bibles in many languages. It will have a good home, and be used with care! If you'd like to contribute a Bible, please call or text Marcia Bates at 206-604-7888. Thank you!!!!

## QUILTING AND HAND WORK GROUPS HAVE UNITED!

The invitation for quilting and hand work is open! So come when you can and leave when you must. The decision was made to continue on the second Thursday of the month from 10am—2pm. They will take a break in July and August but will resume on **September 8th**. Don't forget to bring a lunch! Coffee will be provided. No need to RSVP—just show up!  
**Questions? Contact the office at 206-284-0155.**



## Please Remember In Prayer

Kelly Kellenberger  
Dave Larson  
Family of Don Goertzen  
Family of Bob McIntosh  
Pauline McIntosh  
Gail Hendrickson  
Family of J.J. Rentel  
Family of Barbara Munro  
Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)  
Liza & Bill Biscomb (parents of Victoria Watson)  
Kathi Galletty (friend of the Torellis)  
Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)  
Family of Elsie Simon  
Josephine Wright (mother of LuAnn Mitchell)  
Washington Correction Center for Women  
Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)  
Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)  
Family of Dennis Branstetter (friend of the Nagys)  
Long Pham (friend of the Nagys)  
Family of Susan Engquist (sister of Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).

*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 Sunday's Attendance

8:15am — 11  
10:00 am — 42

**CHECK IT OUT!**

## MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN SUMMER EVENTS

NEW!



FUN!

### MARINER OUTING FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS ON AUGUST 24TH!

Pastor Kevin worked with the Group Sales Department at T-Mobile Park to secure some tickets for the Mariners vs. Washington Nationals game on Wednesday, August 24th. First pitch is at 1:10pm. More details to come!



NEXT WEEKEND!

### COLLEGE AGE (PLUS+) HIKE TO MELAKWA LAKE



Young adults who are out of High School are heading out to Melakwa Lake on Saturday, August 13th. Melakwa Trail is an 8.5-mile adventure with a 2,700' elevation gain. The payoff is a beautiful alpine lake surrounded by mountains. The trailhead is near the top of Snoqualmie Pass.

We will meet at the church at 7am Please bring hiking gear, a day pack, extra clothes, a hearty lunch, trail snacks and lots of water .

Lunch will be at the Lake. On the return trip home we will stop and eat in Issaquah or Bellevue. **Don't forget to bring snacks and water for the trail!**

UPDATE!

### MLC'S 2022 BARBECUE WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Judging by the turnout, it was obvious that people were anxious to get back to doing something normal! This was the first salmon barbecue that we've been able to have in three years!! It was so nice to see everyone getting caught up with each other. The food was abundant and the Magnolia Big Band provided the perfect dancing music which some members took advantage of. Thank you once again to the fellowship committee; particularly Linda Johnson who cooked up all of the brats before hand! A huge thank you to the grill master himself, Chris Backman!! Chris, the salmon was perfect as always! He not only cooked it, he ordered it, picked it up and removed all of the little pin bones from the fillets! Thank you Chris and to everyone who participated and brought dishes to share!! Here's to 2023's!

Kathleen Rowan & Ed Helde



# 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

(YTD through June 30, 2022)

\*Actual income — \$159,645

Actual expenses — \$178,220

**\*Includes some prepaid pledges.**

The adopted budget, YTD P&L and current balance sheet are posted in the coffee hour room and are available upon request.

## Congregation Council 2021-2022

### Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron  
Vice President -- Victoria Watson  
Secretary -- Serena Severance  
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

Kimberly Milham (2023)

#### Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

#### Nominating Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

#### Outreach Committee

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

#### Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Property Committee

Johnny Searle (2025)

#### Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

#### Stewardship Committee

All Council

#### Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Serena Severance (2023)

#### Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Faith Formation

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

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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** — Kimberly Milham

**Lector** — Caroline Alabach

**Ushers** — Cliff Kurtzweg and Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

**Counters** — John Valiton

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Aaron Stevens

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Mahsa Sohli

**Pastor** — Kevin Bates

**Director of Music Ministry** — Ann Simonson

**Caretaker** — Mara Meloy

**Parish Administrator** — Nancy Searle

**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.

—January 2015.

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

