

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 13, 2022



Commitment Sunday

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 23

November 13, 2022

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

String Trio

GATHERING HYMN

O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate

#722 ELW



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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

Setting Two

Refrain



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



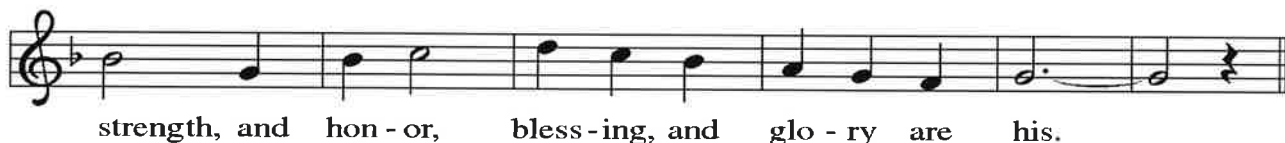
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



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



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

Refrain



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



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



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



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

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

Final refrain



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



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:21-24

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
²Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ANTHEM

Shine Like the Sun

Karen Black


SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; 11-12

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your
faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increas-
ing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness
and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call
and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our
Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 19:1-10

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

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Hymn

String Trio

Offertory Hymn:

Come to the Table

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Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



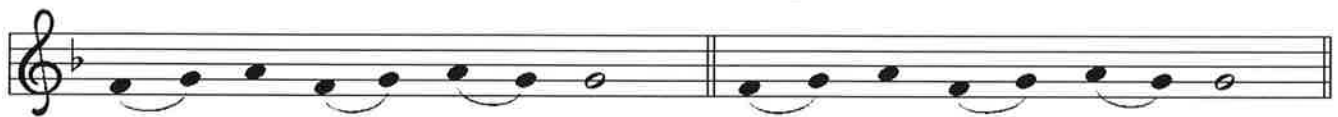
Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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

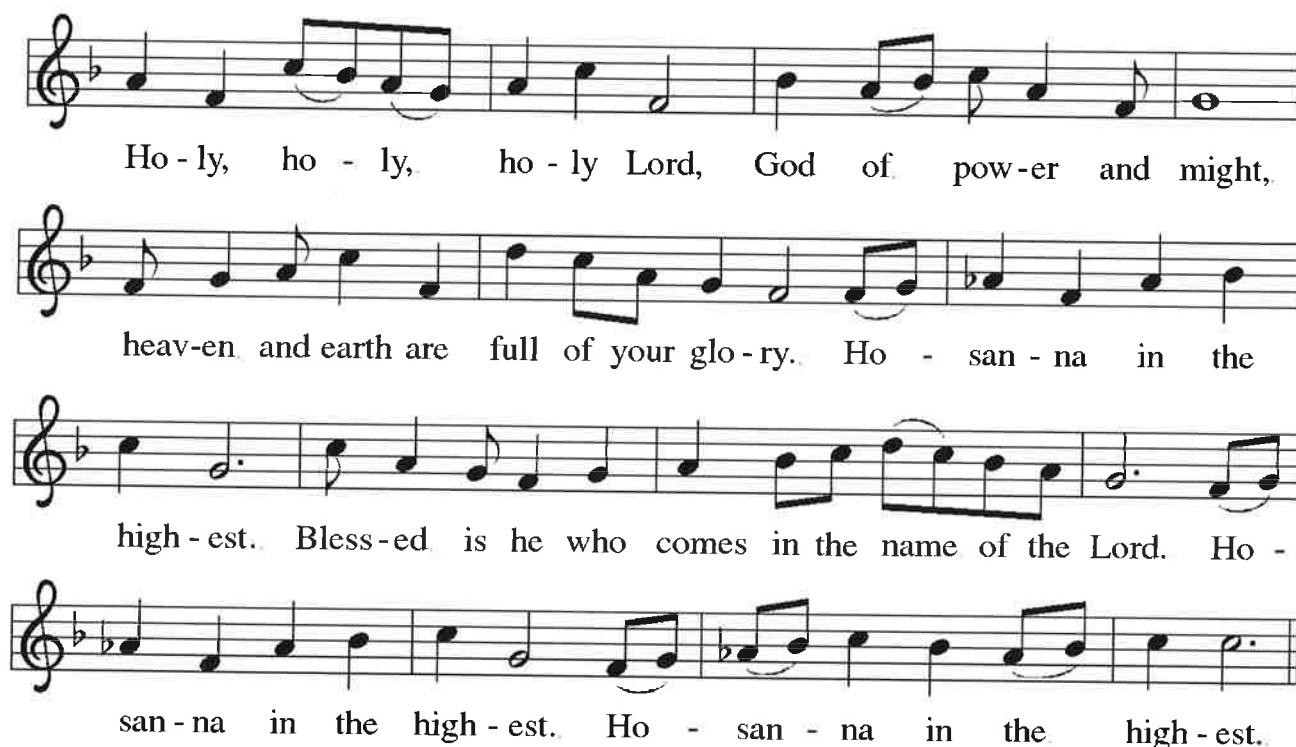


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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.**

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.

COMMUNION

String Trio

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Devine

#774 ELW

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve all creation! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

J.S. Bach

SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

Assisting Minister

Nov 20 — Kimberly Milham

Nov 27 — Valinda Morse

Lector

Nov 20 — Jeanne Moussette

Nov 27 — Valinda Morse

Altar Preparation

Nov 20 — Serena Severance &
Tom McIntosh

Nov 27 — Serena & Tom

Counters

Nov 20 — John Valiton

Nov 27 — Ralph Hendrickson

Coffee Hour Hosts

Nov 20 — Kimberly & Nick Milham

Nov 27 — TBD

Ushers

Nov 20 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Nov 27 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

This Week at MLC

Today, November 13, Special Coffee Hour

8:15am Worship

8:30am Atrium

10am Worship

Monday, November 14

6-7:30pm Scouts, Luther Hall

Tuesday, November 15

9am Bible Study, Zoom

7pm Council Meeting, Zoom

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, November 16

5:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 17

11am Bible Study, In Person

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, November 18

8pm AA, Luther Hall

Sunday, November 20

8:15am Worship

8:30am Atrium

Last Sunday's Attendance

8:15am — 21

10:00 am — 55

Online Viewers — 9



INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN



Choir practice has begun and will meet every other Wednesday at 7pm.

Bell Choir will meet at 5:15pm every Wednesday for now.

If you like to make music but can't sing—give the bell choir a try! They play 4 or 5 times a year, practices happen a few weeks leading up to a performance. Interested? Please contact MLC's music director, Ann Simonson, at ajsimo@comcast.net.



WREATHS AND GARLANDS



If you ordered a wreath(s) or garland(s), they should be delivered the week of November 21st, just in time for Thanksgiving! Pick up will be in the breezeway on the East side of the church. You will receive word when they are here!

NEW!

BIBLES IN MANY LANGUAGES NEEDED FOR THE ATRIUM!

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! AND IT'S BACK!!

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. Don't forget to bring a lunch! Coffee will be provided. No need to RSVP—just show up! **Next meeting is Dec 8th!**



ATRIUM HAS BEGUN!

The Atrium is Magnolia's Montessori-based faith formation program for children, located upstairs in the big education room. We welcome children starting at age 3.

Sessions for **all children** have started with a flexible start time beginning at 8:30am.

For more information or to register, please contact Marcia Bates at 206-604-7888.



Please Remember In Prayer

Paul Jersild (father of Ann Simonson)
Kathleen Rowan
Dave Larson
Family of Don Goertzen
Family of Bob McIntosh
Pauline McIntosh
Gail Hendrickson
Kathi Galletly (friend of the Torellis)
Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)
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).
Sandy Bennis

If you wish to add or remove someone to the prayer list, please contact the office.

EVENTS, PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Magnolia Chorale
directed by Joseph To

Good Tidings

A Global Celebration

Songs for the season of peace and joy



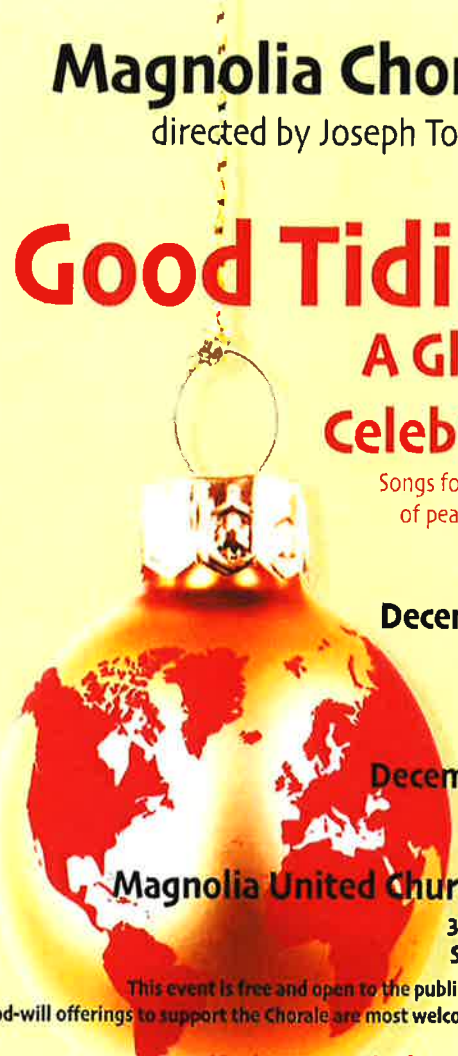
Friday
December 9, 2022
at 7:30 pm

Sunday
December 11, 2022
at 2:00 pm

Magnolia United Church of Christ
3555 W McGraw St
Seattle, WA 98199

This event is free and open to the public.
Good-will offerings to support the Chorale are most welcome and appreciated

Masks are required
www.magnoliachorale.org



LOOK!

IT'S HAPPENING!!



SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

Presenting our 29th annual Swedish Pancake Breakfast to kick off the Holiday Season. Real "Old Country" Swedish Pancakes with lingonberries, toppings, ham, fruit, juice, coffee & tea. Suggested freewill offering \$10.00 adults & \$5.00 children (under 12).

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022
8:00 am — 12:30pm

NOTE!

There are sign up sheets in the narthex for volunteers to help with set up, clean up, serving, etc. Many hands make the workload lighter!!

IMPORTANT!

All Proceeds Benefit—Lutheran Community Services & ALS Evergreen Chapter

WELL DONE!



These five young women are the 2022 confirmands of the Magnolia United Church of Christ. They are Ava Christenson, Sasha Rees, Sarah Watson, Colette Bergeron, and Natalie Kelly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MLC'S 2022 CONFIRMANDS!

These 5 young women showed a great deal of poise, courage and faith as they stood up and declared their "What I Believe" essays. You touch our hearts. You encouraged us in our faith. You are among the living saints of God. We are so very proud of you.

Pictured from left to right: Ava Christenson, Sasha Rees, Sarah Watson, Colette Bergeron and Natalie Kelly.

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

(Not for use during church of course)

Financial Update

(YTD through September 30, 2022)

*Actual income — 242,352

Actual expenses — 263,778

***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 by Yuri Sunbury in memory of husband, Russ.

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Serena Severance

Lector — Serena Severance

Violin — Rachel Nesvig

Violin — Begin Nora

Cello — Lauren McShane

Ushers — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Altar Guild — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Counters — Ralph Hendrickson

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Evan Kelly

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Church Council

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.

