

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Advent 1

November 27, 2022

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

J.S. Bach

GATHERING HYMN

Fling Wide the Door

#259 ELW



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

# 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

#157 ELW

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

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

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have  
Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.  
mer - cy. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ELW #240

1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

## PSALM: Psalm 122

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they <sup>1</sup>said to me,  
“Let us go to the house <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.”

<sup>2</sup>**Now our <sup>1</sup>feet are standing  
within your gates, <sup>1</sup>O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built <sup>1</sup>as a city  
that is at unity <sup>1</sup>with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD. R**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the <sup>1</sup>thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the <sup>1</sup>house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace <sup>1</sup>of Jerusalem:  
“May they pros- <sup>1</sup>per who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be with- <sup>1</sup>in your walls  
and quietness with- <sup>1</sup>in your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred <sup>1</sup>and companions,  
I pray for <sup>1</sup>your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the <sup>1</sup>LORD our God,  
I will seek to <sup>1</sup>do you good.” **R**

## SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus

Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#172 ELW

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

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

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore 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

## Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

#244 ELW



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# OFFERING

Offering Music—Anthem

Come, My Light

Anne Krentz Organ

Offertory Hymn:

There is a Longing in our Hearts vs. 1&4

#1078 ACS

*Refrain – All*



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -  
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our  
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

*Leader or All*



1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:  
4 Lord, save us, take pit - y, light in our  
hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:  
deep-est night. We call you; we wait:

*Refrain*



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

# 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.**



*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'r and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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 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

#199 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

The King Shall Come

#432 ELW



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

# WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

## SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

#246 ELW



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don  
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,  
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy  
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"  
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
and with words of love draw near.  
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

David Cherwien

## SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

### Assisting Minister

Dec 4 — Mark Johnson

Dec 11 — Thom Eaton

### Lector

Dec 4 — Mark Johnson

Dec 11 — Thom Eaton

### Altar Preparation

Dec 4 — Amy Sigmar & Monica Sheiber

Dec 11 — Amy Sigmar & Monica Sheiber

### Counters

Dec 4 — Noah Wittner

Dec 11 — John Valtion

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 4 — Fellowship

Dec 11 — Fellowship

### Ushers

Dec 4 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Dec 11 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, November 27

8:15am Worship

8:30am Atrium

10am Worship

### Tuesday, November 29

9am Bible Study, Zoom

7pm Magnolia Big Band

### Wednesday, November 30

5:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 1

11am Bible Study, In Person

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

### Friday, December 2

#### Set up for Swedish Pancake Breakfast

8pm AA Speakers Mtg-sanctuary

### Saturday, December 3

8am-12:30pm Swedish Pancake Breakfast

### Sunday, December 4th

8:15am Worship

8:30am Atrium

10am Worship

## Last Sunday's Attendance

8:15am — 17

10:00 am — 53

## 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](mailto:ajsimo@comcast.net).



## WREATHS AND GARLANDS



Our order for wreaths and garlands has been delayed. If you ordered a wreath(s) or garland(s), they should be delivered the week of November 28th. Pick up will be in the breezeway on the East side of the church. You will receive word when they are here!

UPDATE!

## CHRISTMAS DECORATION INSERTS

Inside your bulletin you will find an insert for Christmas Decoration donations. Donna Bergeron and Jenny Ruegamer have volunteered once again to decorate for Christmas! Thank you Donna and Jenny! Suggested donations are \$12 but any amount is appreciated! Please have your donation in by December 16th in order to have your name printed in the Christmas bulletins.

## LEAVES OF THANKSGIVING

Tucked inside your bulletin, you will find an insert shaped like a leaf. We invite you to write down something or someone you are thankful for on the leaf. Then, please bring it to the coffee hour room after the service where some will be shared.



## 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!

**There will be no quilting or handwork group work in December! Next meeting is TBD.**

**Questions?** Contact the office at 206-284-0155.



## 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

Family of Liz Roach

Family of Joybelle Eriks (cousin to Russ Long)

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

## EVENTS, PAST AND PRESENT

# 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](http://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**

**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!!**

**All Proceeds Benefit—Lutheran Community Services & ALS Evergreen Chapter**

**IMPORTANT!**

## The Giving Tree

Helping Those  
in Need



Beginning Tuesday, November 29th, there will be a Giving Tree set up in the Narthex. There will be envelopes hanging on the tree with different dollar amounts on them.

We invite you to take an envelope and place cash or a check made out to MLC in it to go towards the purchase of shoes, socks, underwear and gift cards for our less fortunate neighbors. You don't have to purchase the gift card, the SAC will take care of that.

Please place your envelope in the offering plate or drop it off in the office.

# 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 October 31, 2022)

\*Actual income — 283,447

Actual expenses — 293,848

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

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Valinda Morse

**Lector** — Valinda Morse

**Ushers** — Amy & Thor Sigmar

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

**Counters** — Ralph Hendrickson

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Fellowship

**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.

