

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 11, 2022



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Advent 3

December 11, 2022

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Light Dawns on a Weary World

David Cherwien

GATHERING HYMN

Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

#242 ELW



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing,
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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.

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peo - ple here who have come to give you praise; for the strength to live your
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 the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH, vs. 3

ELW #240

3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹for their help,
whose hope is in the ¹LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹is in them;**
who keeps promis- ¹es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹those who hunger.
The LORD sets the ¹captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who ¹are bowed down;**
the LORD ¹loves the righteous. R

⁹The LORD cares ¹for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall ¹reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 11:2-11

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

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

All Earth is Hopeful

#266 ELW



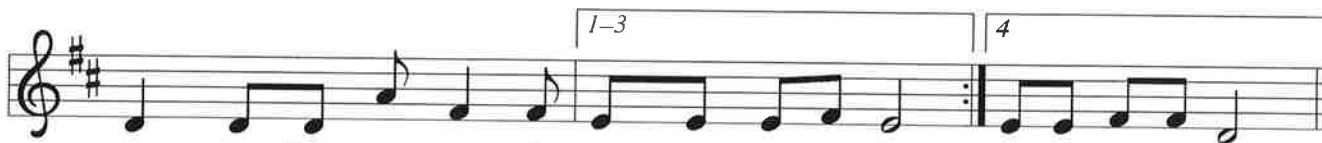
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music—Anthem

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Thomas Keesecker

Offertory Hymn:

Come Now, O Prince of Peace, vs. 3 & 4

#247 ELW

3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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.**

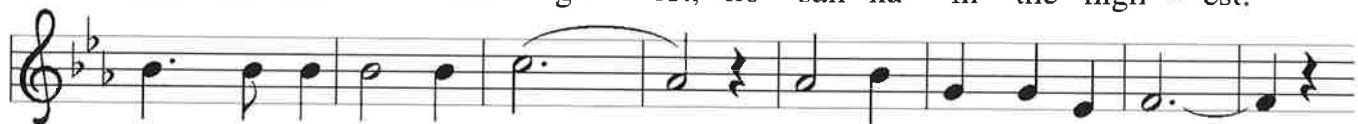
...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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,

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grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Light Dawns on a Weary World

#726 ELW



1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a weary world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a weary world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SANKTA LUCIA

The Procession: The Lucia Song

Hark, Through the dark'ning night, sounds come a-winging;
Lo! 'Tis the Queen of Light, joyfully singing.
Clad in her garments white, wearing her crown of light,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

Deep in the Northern sky, bright stars are beaming;
Christmas is drawing nigh, candles are gleaming.
Welcome, you vision rare, lights glowing in your hair,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

A Sankta Lucia Reading

Prayer

The Recessional (*repeating the second verse*)

Deep in the Northern sky, bright stars are beaming;
Christmas is drawing nigh, candles are gleaming.
Welcome, you vision rare, lights glowing in your hair,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

Night soon shall flee away with its dark dreaming,
Radiant shall be the day with sunlight streaming.
This is your promise bright, maiden with crown of light:
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

SENDING BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Live with hope! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Paul Manz

SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

Please see below for Christmas Eve. We need an assistant minister for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day if anyone is available.

Assisting Minister

Dec 18 — Kimberly Milham
Dec 25 — TBD

Lector

Dec 18 — Caroline Alabach
Dec 25 — TBD

Altar Preparation

Dec 18 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette
Dec 25 — Caroline & Jeanne

Counters

Dec 18 — Noah Wittner
Dec 25 — John Valiton

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 18 — Fellowship
Dec 25 — No coffee hour due to Christmas

Ushers

Dec 18 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden
Dec 25 — Mike Olden

This Week at MLC

Sunday, December 11, Sankta Lucia

8:15am Worship
8:30am Atrium
10am Worship
12:30pm-4pm Tai Chi - Luther Hall, Fireside

Monday, December 12

6pm SAC Meeting, Zoom

Tuesday, December 13

9am Bible Study, Zoom
6pm Recital, Sanctuary, Private event
7pm Council Meeting, Zoom
7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, December 14

5:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
4pm Confirmation, Zoom
7pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 15

11am Bible Study, In Person
7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, December 16

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Saturday, December 17

9am-4pm Tai Chi, Luther Hall, Fireside

Sunday, December 18, Christmas Play

8:15am Worship
8:30am Atrium
10am Worship
1pm-4pm Jane Austen Society, Fireside Room, Private Event



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVANTS SCHEDULE



NEW!!!

Assisting Minister/Lector—TBD
Counter—John Valiton (with 12.25)
Usher(s)— Rob Rowan
Altar Guild—Nancy Searle



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.

Last Sunday's Attendance

8:15am — 11
10:00 am — 52

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.

NEW!

SPEAKING OF DECORATIONS...

In addition to Donna and Jenny working their magic decorating the altar for Christmas, the Worship and Music committee will be putting up the final touches with the pew candles, adding banners, etc. on December 18th after the 10am service.

Please stay and help if you are able. A few sets of hands will make for really quick work!

Thank you in advance for your help!

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

Lon Pilichowski (cousin of Nancy & Johnny Searle)

Heidi Carpine

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.

LOOK!

PLEASE READ!

SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Swedish Pancake Breakfast was last Saturday, December 3rd. It was a very successful event. After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, we had a very good turnout. In fact it was better than expected, the weather even cooperated. There was a steady flow of people from 8:00 - 12:30, that kept all of us on our toes. Our proceeds equaled \$3700 + for the day, however there is some additional money still coming in. Our expenses for food & supplies was totally underwritten. Once all of the funds have been received, we will split the proceeds evenly with Lutheran Community Services and ALS Association Evergreen Chapter. I want to sincerely thank all of those who volunteered time to help put this event on. Everyone did a terrific job, it wouldn't happen without you, thank you very much.

Chris Backman

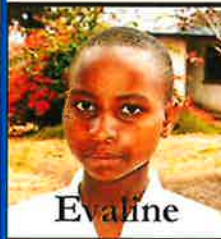
This is Chris's 29th year of organizing and orchestrating the Swedish Pancake Breakfast. He was at MLC every day for a week leading up to the day and was in at in at 4am the day of. This could not happen without you, Chris! Thank you Chris and Georgia, for making this a huge success once again!!

PLEASE READ!

SPECIAL OFFERING ON DECEMBER 18TH MAASAE GIRLS SCHOOL

On Sunday, December 18th, MLC will be collecting donations for the MaaSae Girls School in Tanzania. As some of you know, we have been sponsoring three girls from Tanzania through Operation Bootstrap, Africa. The sponsorships allow them to get an education which will enable them to reach beyond the poverty that plagues their country.

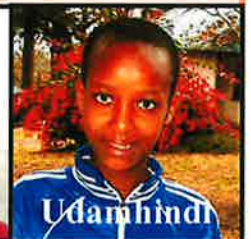
Udamhindi and Evaline have graduated from Form 4. If they pass their Form 5 entry exams, they will move on to Form 5 which is \$1200 each. Paulina is in her second year of university and is earning her degree in Mechanical and Marine Engineering. Her tuition is \$2,200. If you are able, please put a little extra in the offering plate on the 18th and designate it for MaaSae Girls School.



Evaline



Paulina



Udamhindi

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



LOOK!

You may have noticed that there is a Giving Tree set up in the Narthex. There are 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 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 November 30, 2022)

*Actual income — 310,689

Actual expenses — 323,823

***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 — Thom Eaton

Lector — Thom Eaton

Cantor—David Moussette

Ushers — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Altar Guild — Amy Sigmar & Monica Scheiber

Counters — John Valiton

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.

