

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2022  
5PM



A SIGN FOR YOU

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

5pm

Dec. 24, 2022

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Greensleeves

Brian Henkelmann

**GATHERING HYMN** O Come, All Ye Faithful, vs. 1, 2 & 3 #283 ELW

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

## 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.**

*The lyrics to our hymns are printed in this bulletin. However, for those who wish to sing harmony, we also have printed the hymn numbers. All hymns are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal).*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## CHRISTMAS PROPHECY Isaiah 9:2-7

- <sup>2</sup> [a] The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.
- <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL**    Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs 1 & 2    #257 ELW

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh;  
In strength and beauty come and stay;  
Teach us your will and guide our way.

*Refrain*

**CHRISTMAS GOSPEL** Luke 2:1-4

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL**    O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs. 1&3    #279 ELW

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So god imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him., still the dear Christ enters in.

## CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:5-7

<sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

Away in a Manger

# 277 ELW

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

## SCENE CHANGE:

## A HILLSIDE OUTSIDE OF BETHLEHEM

## CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:8-12

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

**CHRISTMAS CAROL** Angels We Have Heard on High, vs. 1-3 #289 ELW

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

*Refrain:* Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

**SUDDENLY COUNTLESS ANGELS ENTER**

**CHRISTMAS GOSPEL** Luke 2: 13-15

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

**CHRISTMAS CAROL** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #270 ELW

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
*Refrain:* Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

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Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteous-ness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings,  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.  
*Refrain*

## SCENE CHANGE:

### BACK AT THE MANGER

#### CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:16-19

<sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL

What Child is This

#296 ELW

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding:  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

## SCENE CHANGE:

### SHEPHERDS RETURNING TO THE SHEEP

#### CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:20

<sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CHRISTMAS CAROL    Go Tell It On The Mountain

#290 ELW

*Refrain*    Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
              Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain.*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain.*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

## WE RESPOND TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

### SERMON

### HYMN

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, vs. 1, 2 & 4

#282 ELW

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.



For lo! The days are hast'ning on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

Offering Music

Christmas Song

Adolphe Adam

Offertory Hymn

The First Noel , vs. 1

#300 ELW

The first Noel the angel did say was to  
certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's  
night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

## 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.**

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.**

## The Distribution

- *We trust in Christ's love and that Christ is present in this meal. 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. At Magnolia Lutheran Church, we receive communion by intinction, which is the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice.*
- *Children are welcome at the Table. We invite parents to decide the best time for their children to receive communion. The pastor is available for a home visits and conversation about communion. Children who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to receive a blessing.*

## Music during communion:

Away in a Manger	Aaron David Miller
O Little Town of Bethlehem	Christina Shehi
I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve	Wilbur Held

# WE ARE SENT TO BRING LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS

## SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
And the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him,  
And without him not one thing came into being.  
What has come into being in him was life,  
And the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
And the darkness did not overcome it.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

Silent Night

# 281 ELW

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, loves pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth. Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

# SENDING BLESSING

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

Joy to the World

#267 ELW



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Timothy Albrecht



## CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONORS



Chris & Georgia Backman	In memory of our parents
Thom Eaton & Cheryl Gennoaios	In memory of family we have lost
Mary Farnham	In memory of Judy Ross
Amy & Maverick French	In honor of Casey French
The Greene Family	In memory of Peter Pusak
Lance Grimsby	In memory of Mary B. Shelton-Grimsby
Ralph & Gail Hendrickson	In memory of our parents, Helen & Earl Blomberg & Fredia & Werner Hendrickson
Kelly & Linda Kellenberger	In memory of our parents
Cliff & Kay Kurtzweg	To the Honor and Glory of God
Tom McIntosh & Serena Severance	In honor of those fighting the good fight
Nick & Kimberly Milham	In memory of Nelda Brangwin
David & Jeanne Moussette	In memory of Jack Clinton
Juanita Nordin	In honor of my parents
Brian & Laurie Pickering	In honor of Ella & Corinne Pickering
Clayton & Deborah Ramsey	To the Honor and Glory of God
Yuri Sunbury	In memory of Russell Sunbury



Thank you to those who made donations in memory of family and loved ones, and to the Honor and Glory of God. Thank you to Donna Bergeron & Jenny Ruegamer for decorating the sanctuary. It looks stunning! And thank you to Amy Sigmar for the outdoor decorations. They look stunning as well! Thank you to anyone I might have missed!

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Jan 1 — Mark Johnson

Jan 8 — Thom Eaton

### Lector

Jan 1 — Mark Johnson

Jan 8 — Thom Eaton

### Altar Preparation

Jan 1 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Jan 8 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

### Counters

Jan 1 — Noah Wittner

Jan 8 — Ralph Hendrickson

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 1 — Marcia and Pastor Kevin

Jan 8 — TBD

### Ushers

Jan 1 — Mike Olden

Jan 8 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

*Merry Christmas  
from the MLC Staff!!*

*Mara*

*Ann*

*Pastor  
Kevin*

*Nancy*



### This Week at MLC

#### Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5pm                      Worship Service

8pm                      AA Speakers Meeting

#### Sunday, December 25, CHRISTMAS

10am                     Worship Service

#### Tuesday, December 28

7pm                      Magnolia Big Band

#### Thursday, December 29

7pm-9pm              AA—Fireside Room

#### Friday, December 30

8pm                      AA Speakers Meeting



## The Christmas Story

*by Leanne Guerrier*

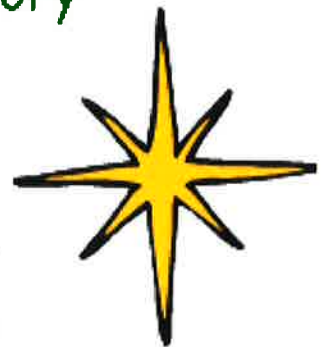
Once upon a time,  
A long, long time ago.  
Begins the story of a baby,  
That most of you should know.

His daddy's name was Joseph,  
And Mary was His mom,  
This babe was very special  
He was God's only Son.

Some angels came from heaven,  
And they began to sing.  
To the shepherds in the fields below,  
"Glad tidings do we bring!"

A bright star lit the heavens,  
To light the magi's way,  
To the baby in the manger  
Who was born on Christmas day.

And all who gathered round Him,  
Rejoiced and praised His birth.  
For the babe, the King, named Jesus,  
Is our Saviour here on earth!



## INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN

Choir practice will begin again on January 4th and will meet every other Wednesday at 7pm.

Bell Choir meets once a week for a few weeks prior to a scheduled performance.

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).



## Please Remember In Prayer

Kathleen Rowan  
Donna Hegstrom  
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)

*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.*

## 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. 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.

LOOK!

## 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.



## Last Week's Attendance



8:15 am — 10  
10:00 am — 60



# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

## Options for sharing God's gifts:

- Sunday offering
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- Computer or smartphone  
online giving:  
⇒ Credit, Debit, Checking account  
⇒ One-time or recurring gifts



**Set up online giving on our website**

## 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

As of November, 2022

\*Income — \$ 310,689

Expenses—\$ 323,823

\*Includes some prepaid pledges

## 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 and through donations from the congregation.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Thom Eaton

**Lector** — Thom Eaton

**Flute** — Olivia Simonson

**Soloist** — David Moussette

**Ushers** — Rob Rowan

**Altar Guild** — Nancy Searle

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — No Coffee Hour Christmas Eve

**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.

