

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 25, 2022
10AM



AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS A MULTITUDE
OF THE HEAVENLY HOST

—Luke 2:13

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Christmas Day

10AM

Dec. 25, 2022

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

When Christmas Morn is Dawning

Edwin Childs

GATHERING HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful, vs. 1,3 &4 #283 ELW



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

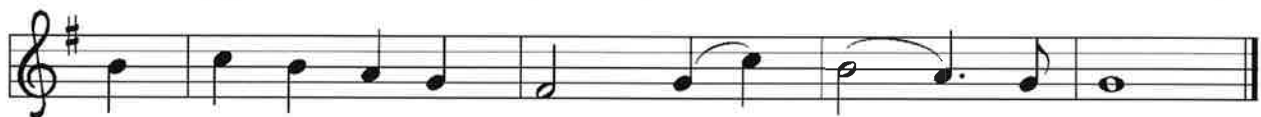


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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

The Bells of Christmas, vs. 1-3

#298 ELW



Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer
1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled



for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve
guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who



hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.
dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.

Angels We Have Heard on High, vs. 1&3

#289 ELW



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

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Refrain

Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:7-10

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Of the Father's Love Begotten, vs. 1 & 2 #296 ELW

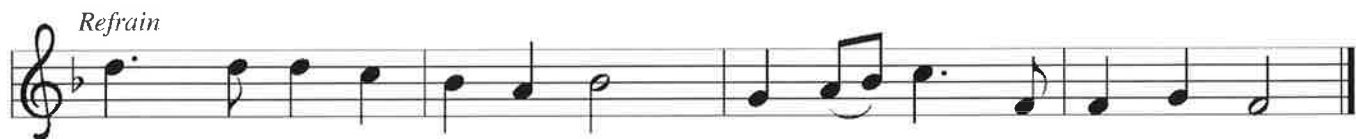
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

Offertory Hymn:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#276 ELW



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

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Swift-ly wing-ing, an-gels sing-ing, bells are ring-ing, tid-ings bring-ing:
Thus re-joic-ing, free from sor-row, prais-es voic-ing, greet the mor-row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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.

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.*

COMMUNION

What Child is This

#296 ELW



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

SENDING BLESSING

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#288 ELW



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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.

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.

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.



LOOK!



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.

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
- Estate planning, stock/bond gifts
- Online banking through your financial institution

Payee – Magnolia Lutheran Church
2414 31st Ave W, Seattle, WA
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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

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

Ushers — Mike Olden

Altar Guild — Nancy Searle

Audio—Johnny Searle

Coffee Hour Host(s) — No Coffee Hour

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.

