

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 22, 2023



**IMMEDIATELY THEY LEFT THEIR
NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM**

—Matthew 4:20

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Epiphany 3

January 22, 2023

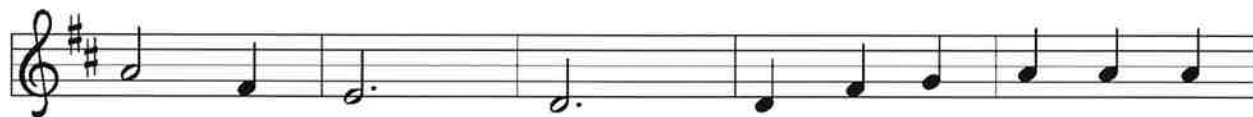
WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore Robert Buckley Farlee

GATHERING HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #815 ELW



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You 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.

⁴For 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.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

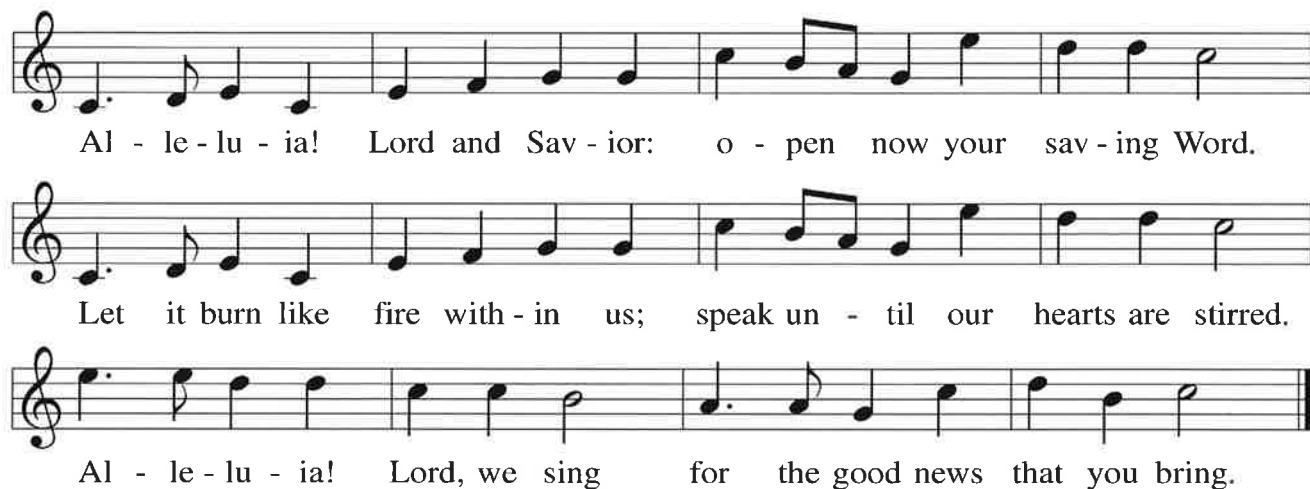
¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

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

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798 ELW



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

Jesus Call Us

K. Lee Scott

Offertory Hymn:

O Master, Let Me Walk With You, vs. 1&4

#818 ELW



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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-er and might,



heav'n 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 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.*

Distribution

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

#817 ELW



1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

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nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

#574 ELW



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Robert Hobby

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Jan 29 — Valinda Morse

Feb 5 — Mark Johnson

Lector

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Feb 5 — Mark Johnson

Altar Preparation

Jan 29 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Feb 5 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Counters

Jan 29 — Ralph Hendrickson

Feb 5 — John Valiton

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 29 — Mahsa Solhi

Feb 5 — Mike Olden

Ushers

Jan 29 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Feb 5 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

This Week at MLC

Sunday, January 22

8:15am Worship

8:30am Atrium

10am Worship

Monday, January 23

6pm-7:30pm Scouts, Luther Hall

Tuesday, January 24

9am Bible Study, Zoom

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, January 26

11am Bible Study, In Person

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, January 27

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, January 29

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service



congregational meeting



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

Magnolia Lutheran Church's first semi-annual meeting for 2023 will be held on Sunday, February 5th. The meeting will be in person directly after the 10am service. Please stay tuned for more details but keep that date in the back of your mind and/or on your calendars!

IMPORTANT DATE!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FEBRUARY 12TH

The 'Souper' Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. It's vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

When you leave the sanctuary on February 12th after the 10am service, you will see some of our MLC's youths holding soup pots, or some sort of container, to collect money for this.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN

LOOK!

Choir practice began 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.



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 Robert Hansen (cousin to Russ Long)

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

8:15am — 11
10am — 46

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!

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.



ST. OLAF CHOIR

ANTON ARMSTRONG · CONDUCTOR



Friday, February 10 • 7:30 p.m.

Benaroya Hall
200 University St
Seattle, Washington 98101

\$25-60 ADULTS • \$10 FOR STUDENTS • TICKETS: stolaf.edu/tickets or 866-933-4747

Do you love to sing?



Join Magnolia Chorale!

We would love to have you join us. Previous choral experience and basic ability to read music preferred. We offer plenty of opportunity to improve your skills. Tenors and basses are especially welcome! There's no audition, just a brief voice placement session with our director Joseph To.

This semester our repertoire will include songs dedicated to the earth with performances on April 22nd (Earth Day) and April 23rd.

We practice in Magnolia and our members come from all over the Seattle area. Rehearsals are held on Sunday nights, beginning Sunday, January 29th at 7:00pm.

To find out more, please see our website: www.magnoliachorale.org and contact us at contactmagnoliachorale.org.



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Musical Director
Joseph To



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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)

2022's year end figures will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

Financial Update

As of December 31, 2022

*Income — \$ 371,802

Expenses—\$ 356,102

*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

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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 Kelly and Linda Kellenberger.

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Kimberly Milham

Lector — Jeanne Moussette

Ushers — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Altar Guild — Amy Sigmar & Monica Scheiber

Counters — Noah Wittner

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Evan Kelly

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Addie Birkhardt & Jon Shanklin

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.

