

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN Church
AUGUST 29, 2021



**What is important for Jesus
is what is in our hearts.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 14

August 29, 2021

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord/
Bless the Lord My Soul

Steven Schwartz

GATHERING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#773 ELW



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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

You Are Holy

#525 ELW

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness, you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho - san - na in the high - est! Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!"

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Holy, Holy, Holy

#473 ELW



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

#514 ELW



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING

Offering Music

All Good Gifts

Steven Schwartz

Offertory hymn

In the Singing

#466 ELW



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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.

...on the night he was betrayed...

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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

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. Simply take a pre-poured glass and return it to the empty tray.

We use White Grape Juice. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray.

The people are welcome and invited to sing during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Here is Bread

#483 ELW



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Bread of Life From Heaven

#474 ELW

Refrain



Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

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thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

When in Our Music God is Glorified

#851 ELW



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
 men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
 joyce who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be wise. Be Kind. Let Love Abound.
Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

Day by Day

Steven Schwartz

SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

Assisting Minister

Sept 5 — Russ Long

Sept 12 — Thom Eaton

Lector

Sept 5 — Jeanne Moussette

Sept 12 — Gail Hendrickson

Altar Preparation

Sept 5 — Amy Sigmar

Sept 12 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Counters

Sept 5 — TBD

Sept 12 — TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts

Sept 5 — Marcia & Kevin Bates

Sept 12 — Mo & John Nagy

Ushers

September — 5th— Amy & Thor Sigmar

September — 12th—TBD

UPDATE ON MLC'S STAFF

If you stop by the church during these waning days of August, you won't see a few familiar faces. By the alignment of stars, our Pastor and two of our staff are taking a few days off of well-deserved vacation. Ann, our musical director, is traveling to Virginia with her husband and daughters to spend some time with her extended family. Mara, our property caretaker, is trekking over the mountains to Eastern Washington to see family. Pastor Kevin, his lovely wife Marcia and son, Tyler, will be heading to New York where he will be transferring from Seattle University to St. John's University in Queens, NY. Never fear, parish administrator, Nancy, will be holding down the fort! Safe travels to all and good luck to Tyler at St. John's!

This Week at MLC

Sunday, August 29, Guest Pastor

David Ellingson

9am Worship Service

Tuesday, August 31

NO BIBLE STUDY

Friday, September 3

8pm AA Speakers Meeting

Sunday, August 29,

9am Worship Service

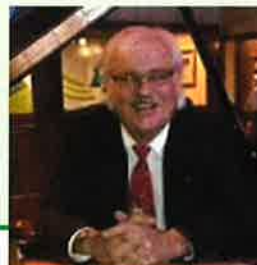
GUEST MUSICIAN AND GUEST PASTOR

Today we welcome two guests to our congregation who will lead us in music and worship leadership. David Little is providing musical accompaniment today. David is an avid fisherman and loves "putting in" for salmon as he fishes Puget Sound. David is also a retired music teacher in the Edmonds School District. In pre-Covidian times you could find David playing piano at any number of eating establishments in Seattle and Edmonds.

David Ellingson, is our guest pastor today. David is an author, kayaker, professor and pastor. He is an adventuresome soul who has paddled a kayak the entire length of the Mississippi. He has written books on youth ministry, and his kayaking adventures. His latest book is a children's book titled "Grizz & His Friends". He was a professor at Trinity Lutheran College and served as Region One Director of Youth Ministries.

Welcome!

David Little



David Ellingson



HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED!

Compass Housing Alliance is in need of hygiene items for homeless adults. WestSide Baby needs the same, except their need is for babies. In the past we have asked that you bring in kits, however, they would rather have the loose items so that they can assemble the kits themselves. Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste (small), deodorant (small), soap, bags (zipper); baby shampoo, diapers/pull-ups, wipes, diaper cream, bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, etc. Please drop the items off in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity!



WestSide Baby
basics for children in need

COMPASS
HOUSING
ALLIANCE

UPDATE!

PAJAMAS, SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

Thank you once again for your never ending generosity! Valinda and Lyle Morse have gathered up all of the pajamas, socks, underwear, etc. that were donated, loaded them in their van, and are on the way to Rock Point, Arizona! They will also be taking the first solar powered generator to them! It'll be fun to hear about their adventures and to hear how happy your gifts of clothing, electricity and love will make the recipients!



MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH SOLAR GENERATOR PROJECT

Navaho Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point Arizona

Few know the challenges created by hunger, drought, job insecurity or loss like the Navajo. For those whose registered tribal home is Rock Point Arizona, about 173,000 in number, the distance between home and help of any kind is a minimum of 50 miles. For most healthcare, jobs and supplies require a full day plus a working vehicle, fuel and travel food to gather provisions needed for home and family... just to return to a home without electricity or running water. Less than half the households have both; this represents 70,000 individuals!

The solar charged generator project is designed to provide an affordable stand-alone solar system which can power many needs in a household. Lighting for nighttime medications and study, power for an electric blanket for nighttime warmth, enough power to run a small refrigerator and of course to charge devices. These very basic needs can be addressed with the solar powered generators which have become more affordable and dependable. MLC's goal will be to provide 5 households with power. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help!

NEW TIME!

JOIN US FOR **BIBLE STUDY**

In Person Tuesdays at 10:30 am
Zoom Tuesdays at 1pm



Making Music At MLC

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir! They will resume practice on October 6th at 7pm. Are you interested in joining? Singing is good for you! Speak with our awesome Music Director, Ann Simonson, or email her at ajsimo@comcast.net.

Can't sing but want to be a part of the music scene at MLC? Then the Bell Choir might be for you! No need to read music! If you're interested in joining please talk to, or email Ann Simonson.



QUILTERS AND HAND WORK GROUPS

The quilting and hand work groups will start meeting again sometime in the fall., most likely in September. Watch your bulletins and inbox for more information!

Crochet



Needlepoint



Knit



Please Remember In Prayer

- Linda Kellenberger
- Dave Larson
- Brian Rowse, DVM (cousin of the Backmans)
- Don Goertzen
- Erika Simonson
- Josephine Wright (mother of LuAnn Mitchell)
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Pauline McIntosh
- Vickie Edmondson
- Family of Nina Steidl
- Family of J.J. Rentel
- Family of William Olden
- Family of Barbara Munro
- Samantha Scheiber
- Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
- Liza & Bill Biscomb (Parents of Victoria Watson)
- Joi and Todd Arnston (stepdaughter and son in law to Carol Hurlburt)
- Irene Long
- Kathi Galletly (frined of the Torellis)
- Jonathan Drugge (son of friends of Kay Thoreson)
- Family of Don Westergaard (brother of Irene 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

**9:00am Service
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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 As of July 31, 2021

*Income — \$ 213,022

Expenses—\$189,692

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2020-2021

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron

Vice President -- Victoria Watson

Secretary -- Kimberly Milham

Treasurer -- Dwight Dively

Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at
council@magnolialutheranchurch.com

Council members:

*The year listed is when the
member's term ends, in June.*

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2023)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2023)

Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2022)

Nominating Committee

Robert Zierman (2022)

Outreach Committee

Olivia Massiamano (2023)

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2023)

Property Committee

Mike Olden (2022)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2023)

Stewardship Committee

Robert Bergeron, Olivia
Massiamano, Serena Severance

Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham, Serena
Severance

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2021)

Faith Formation—TBD

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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.

SERVANTS TODAY

Guest Pastor — Pastor David Ellingson

Assisting Minister — Serena Severance

Lector — Serena Severance

Guest Musician — David Little

Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Altar Guild — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Aaron Stevens

Counters — TBD

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Mike Olden

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.

