

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2, 2023



AND WHOEVER GIVES EVEN A CUP OF COLD
WATER TO ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES IN THE
NAME OF A DISCIPLE...

—Matthew 10:42

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 5

July 2, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

James Denton

GATHERING HYMN

As we Gather at Your Table

#522 ELW



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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.**

NOW THE FEAST

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre -



a - tion sings for joy to the God of



life and love and free-dom; praise and glo - ry for -



ev - er - more! *To verses*

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



ni - ted us to be one great peo - ple of



God. *Refrain*

2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Marty Haugen



☪ Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN

All Are Welcome

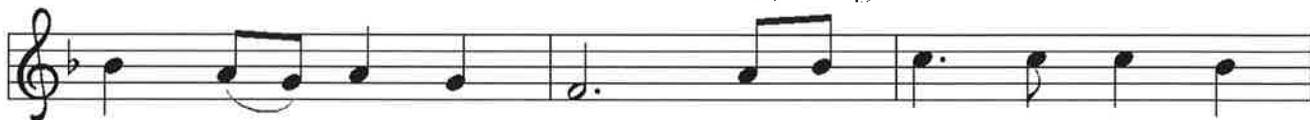
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God’s chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God’s reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they’ve known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

SERMON

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vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

Instrumental

Sean Connors

Offertory Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

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As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from



all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

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1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

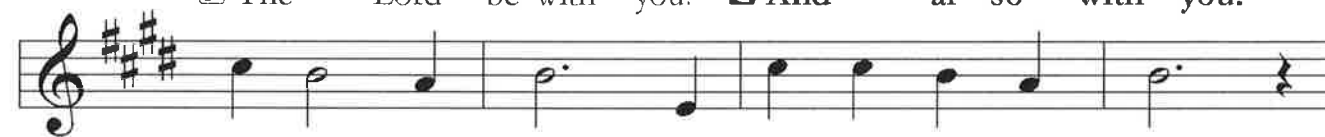


may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

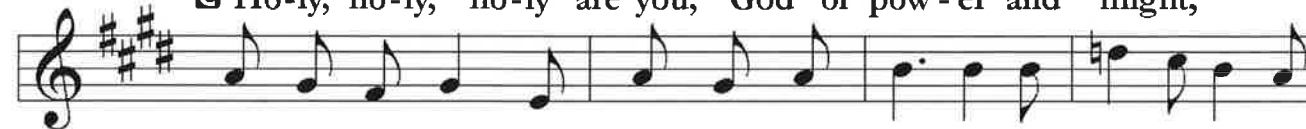


C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;



Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est! Bless-èd is the One who comes in your name.

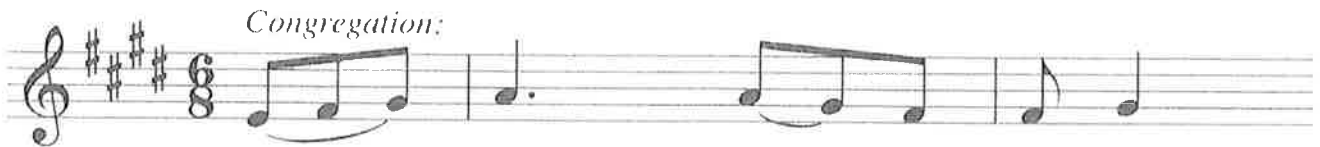


Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, Creator of heaven and earth...

... Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death and glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry:

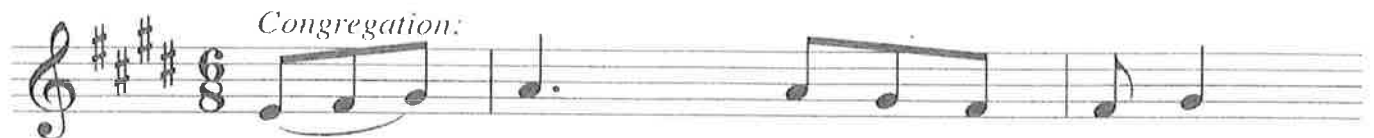


A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

Words of Institution (In 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,
forever and ever. 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

Singing during Communion:

Lamb of God



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
☐ Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
☐ Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
☐ Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:
☐ Lamb of God, you pour the Ho - ly Spi - rit on us:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Speak to us That we May Speak

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1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

This is my Song

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DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

America the Beautiful

Samuel A. Ward

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

July 9 — Mark Johnson

July 16 — Noah Wittner

Lector

July 9 — Mark Johnson

July 16 — Noah Wittner

Altar Preparation

July 9 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

July 16 — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Counters

July 9 — Noah Wittner

July 16 — Ralph Hendrickson

Coffee Hour Hosts

July 9 — Jeanne & David Moussette

July 16 — Mike Olden

Ushers

July 9 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

July 16 — Rob Rowan

NEW!

LIFE LINE SCREENING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Life Line Screening will be at Magnolia Lutheran Church performing 4 different screenings through advanced ultrasound technology. They check for Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Peripheral Arterial Disease. They are offering the 4 screenings for \$149.00.

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC. More information can be found in the narthex on the table with the name badges.



This Week at MLC

Sunday, July 2

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, July 6

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, July 7

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, July 9

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

WE REALLY NEED HOSTS!!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Hosting coffee hour may sound ominous, but it's really not! It doesn't have to be anything fancy. You don't even have to get the coffee ready thanks to Chris Backman! Grab or make some cookies, pick up some cheese and crackers or whatever looks good! MLC is not a picky bunch!! You may sign up on the sheet outside the office door! Thank you! **We need host(s) for July 23rd!**

NEW!

THE PRESENTATION OF CHECKS TO NELM

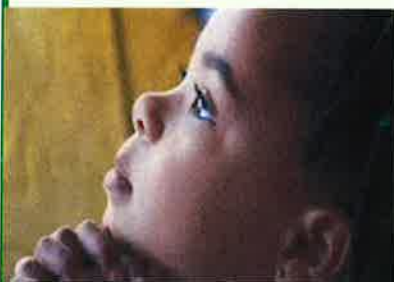
Lyle Morse traveled to Rock Point, AZ to present checks totaling \$13,000 which was all donated by YOU, MLC's generous congregation. Thanks to you, lives are being changed. This money will provide schooling for an entire classroom and 4 individual scholarships. The rest of the money will go to complete the installation of the generators to provide electricity to those who have NEVER had it! How life changing is that?! Thank you, thank you!!



**SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES
SUNDAYS AT 9AM IN LUTHER HALL OR
11:15AM IN THE COLUMBARIUM**

NEW TOPICS & DATES!

July 9 *The Wonder in the Atrium:* Come see the wonder. Come tour the classroom. The Atrium is Sunday School like you have



never seen it before. Children are not given leaflets and craft projects. Instead they are given "works" which are not only life skills but also directly relate to encountering

the mystery of God--revealed as the Good Shepherd. Classes happen at 9am and 11:15am.

July 16 *Commuter Tales:* Sometimes it seems that the important parts of life happen before or after a commute. But what about the commute itself? Sometimes it is horrific. Other times it is overlooked as insignificant. We will look for the holy in the ordinary. Classes happen at 9am and 11:15am .



July 23 *What is PK doing in Chicago? (My Continuing Ed Update).* In 2020, Pastor Kevin was invited to participate in the ELCA Academy. Pastor Kevin is in the final year of this 4-year program. The topic focuses on pastoral and personal leadership through the lens of the Natural Systems Theory developed by Murray Bowen. To find out more, show up to the class at 9am and 11:15 on July 23.



**Please Remember
In Prayer**

- Donna Hegstrom
- Dave Larson
- Family of Don Goertzen
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Family of Pauline McIntosh
- Gail Hendrickson
- Kelly and Linda Kellenberger
- Heidi Carpine
- Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)
- Family of Susan Engquist (sister of Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).
- Sandy Bennis
- Matt Becker (friend of Lance Grimsby)
- Russ Long
- Barb Thiessen (friend of Irene Long)
- Family of Carolyn Simonson (Ann Simonson's mother-in-law)
- Karen Jones (Lance Grimsby's future sister in law.)
- Chris Backman
- Vern Lindquist
- Family of Jim Turrell (husband of Mary Brown)

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 — 18
10am — 31**

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KEVIN

There is no longer a toilet on the main floor.

It has been removed. Along with the sinks. And some dry wall. The crew started the demolition this week. It is fascinating what lurks beneath. The steps beneath the carpeting are concrete. In a couple of places there is tile glued to tile. Mike is our in-house contractor. He has a small office in what used to be the nursery. Well, its not an office. It is a small table. Just big enough for his laptop.

I have been through a couple of church remodeling projects. I have learned a few things. One is this: it is good to have one person from the church be our contact with the contractor. That way the contractor does not communicate with 20 people. Only one. Our person is Donna Bergeron. She serves on the Enhancement Committee. She knows the construction trade.



So, we are off. And our remodeling project has begun. Yesterday, there was a sign on the outside door. Construction Zone! It shouted. Then added these words: Keep Out. Hmmm... I thought to myself. This is not the message we want to give to the neighborhood.

A short time later, I bumped into Mike. I told him how grateful we were. How good it is to have one person from our committee to talk to him—instead of a bunch of us. Then I brought up the sign on the door. And how it said, Keep Out. And if there was any chance we could have a different message on our outside door.

He smiled at me.

And in that moment, I realized what I had done. Immediately after I told Mike how good that we have appointed Donna talk to him—instead of a bunch of us—I broke the very guideline we had set. I did not go to Donna.

I owned my faux pas. Look at me, I said to Mike. I just did the very thing I said we did not want to do. He laughed. I laughed, too. More importantly, I learned. And once again, I learned that the fullness of life is not lived by avoiding mistakes, but by embracing them when they come, and learn what they have to teach.

So, we are in a construction zone. There is not a toilet on the main floor. But there is a nice, BIG, clean porta potty just off the alley. And there are restrooms in the basement and another one upstairs near the classrooms.



And there is a new sign up on the external door. Danger, it says. Hard Hat Area! Which I suppose is a sign that every church should have. After all, God is at work here. And our lives will never be the same. My work is about hearing how God is at work remodeling our lives. But if you have a thought that might mean a change-order, it is best to go to Donna.

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:

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Financial Update

As of May 31, 2023

*Income — \$ 130,595

Expenses—\$ 157,134

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2022-2023

NEW OFFICER LIST COMING SOON!

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron
Vice President -- Victoria Watson
Secretary -- Serena Severance
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

NEW MEMBER LIST COMING SOON!

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.

SERVANTS TODAY

Presiding Minister — Valinda Morse
Guest Musician — Sean Conners
Lector — Valinda Morse
Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmar
Altar Guild — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette
Counters — John Valiton
Audio — Johnny Searle
Live Stream — Aaron Stevens
Coffee Hour Host(s) — Kimberly & Nick Milham

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.

