

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 16, 2023



The Sower by Vincent Van Gough

A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW

—Jesus

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 7

July 16, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Variations, Organ Concerto

G.F. Handel

GATHERING HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

#1063 ACS



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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 -



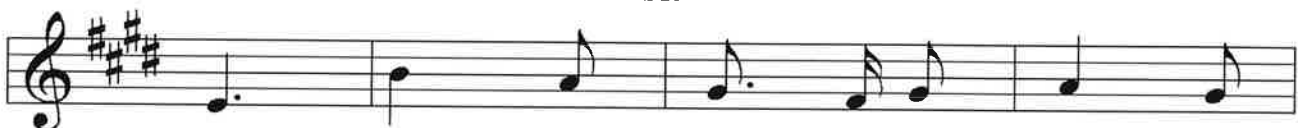
a - tion sings for joy to the God of



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



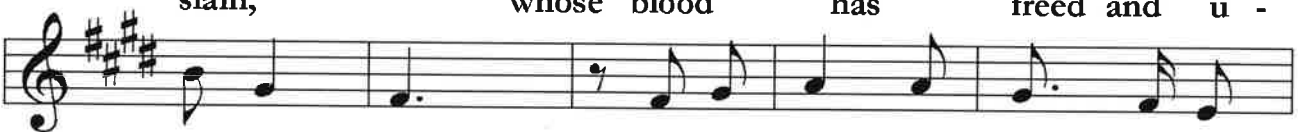
ev - er - more!



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.



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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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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 13:1-9

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

#681 ELW



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

Simple Gifts

John Carter

Offertory Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

#465 ELW

Refrain



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.



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.

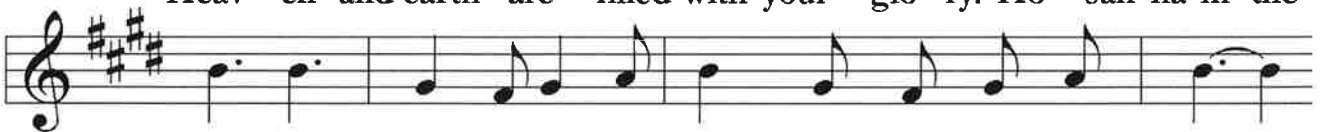
Preface: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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:

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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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.

Congregation:

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

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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.

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

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

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

#691 ELW



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

#547 ELW

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing. in love ev - er car - ing.
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to give work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Priere

Jean Langlais

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

July 23 — Serena Severance
 July 30 — Thom Eaton

Lector

July 23 — Serena Severance
 July 30 — Thom Eaton

Altar Preparation

July 23 — Monica Scheiber
 July 30 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters

July 23 — John Valiton
 July 30 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

July 23 — Johnny & Nancy Searle
 July 30 — TBD—We need someone to sign up!

Ushers

July 23 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner
 July 30 — Amy and Thor Sigmar

LOOK

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 16 *Commuter Tales, 9am & 11:15am*

8:15am Worship Service
 10am Worship Service

Tuesday, July 18

NO BIBLE STUDY

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, July 20

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, July 21

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, July 23

8:15am Worship Service
 10am Worship Service

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

WE REALLY NEED 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 August!**



SUMMER PICNIC 2023

Time to break out the barbecue! The Summer Picnic at Magnolia Lutheran Church is happening on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH!** We'll start with a social hour at 5pm.

***** Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert for at least 10-12 people to share. The rest will be provided by MLC!**

Live music provided by the Magnolia Big Band. There will be delicious food. Tasty desserts. Wonderful conversation.

Thanks to the Fellowship Committee who are making this happen!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

NEW TOPICS & DATES!

TODAY! *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.

August 6 *The Story of Our Windows.* We have beautiful windows. And they are more than bursts of color and light. The windows tell a story. Digging through our archives, Pastor Kevin found documents from the artists that tell the story of God-with-us. Come and see what is hidden in the glass. Class meets in the sanctuary at 9am and 11:20am.



**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)
Vern Lindquist
Cliff Kurtzweg
Chris Backman

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 — N/A
10am — 36

REMODELING UPDATE!

Every day we get a little closer. The demolition work is completed. The electrician has installed wires. Next steps include the framing of the opening between the library and lounge, and the installation of the header above the opening.

Offices are set up in the church basement. Come and stop by. To find our offices, simply follow the signs.

Thanks to all who made a financial pledge to pay for this remodeling project. We invite and encourage other pledges for this project. Together, we will be able to pay off the construction loan. Watch for a pledge card in the mail, entitled: Together, God with Us, We Move Ahead. Contact the church office



TWO TRIPS TO HOLDEN VILLAGE

This is your invitation to come to Holden Village. This year, we have two opportunities for you to attend. Holden Village is an old mining town high in the Cascade Mountains. The village is now owned and operated as a retreat center by the Lutheran Church.

Holden is in a remote location. There are only two ways to access the village. The most common way is to drive to Lake Chelan; buy a ticket to ride the Lady of the

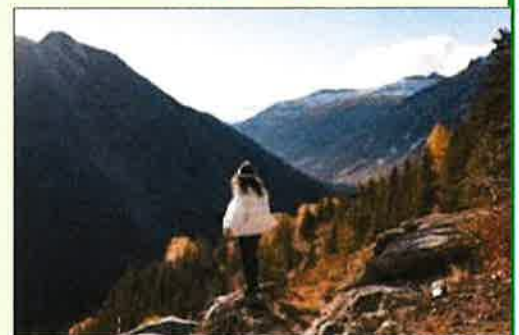
Lake passenger ferry;

depart up-lake at Lucerne; and ride one of Holden's famous school buses up to the village. The other way is to backpack in. Meals are served family style. Holden offers learning opportunities, hiking, pottery, weaving and rest. Evening worship is life giving and the central part of each day.

The first trip begins on August 27. Please register on your own. Simply go to www.holdenvillage.org. Click on the tab that says "visit"

then "plan your stay". You have the opportunity to stay for 3 days, 5 days or 7 nights. Pricing is provided on the website. **Pastor Kevin will be traveling to Holden from August 27 to August 30.** We invite confirmation students and their families to attend.

The second trip begins on Sept 10. Participants attending this week will accompany Pastor Kristy Daniels and friends from the Church of Steadfast Love in Pioneer Square. Should you have any questions about Holden please contact our Pastor at 206-434-1058, or email him at pastor@magnolialutheranchurch.com



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 June 30, 2023

*Income — \$ 148,552

Expenses—\$ 186,992

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2022-2023

UPDATED LIST COMING SOON!

Council Officers:

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

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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

Assisting Minister — Noah Wittner

Lector — Noah Wittner

Ushers — Rob Rowan

Altar Guild — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Counters — Ralph Hendrickson

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Aaron Stevens

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.

