

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 23, 2023



Palouse Hills near Steptoe Butte State Park, Whatcom County

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN MAY BE COMPARED TO
SOME WHO SOWED GOOD SEED IN HIS FIELD...

-Jesus

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 8

July 23, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Praise and Thanksgiving

Kenneth T. Kosche

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#693 ELW



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

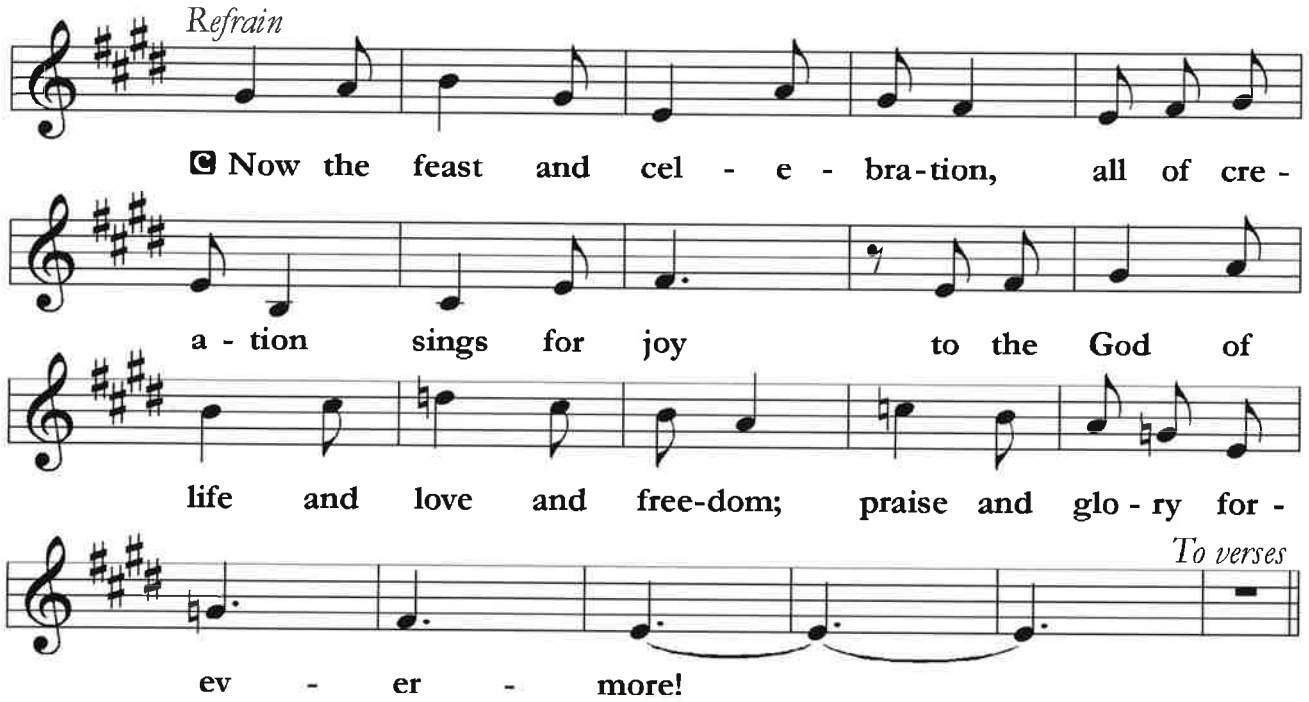
GREETING

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.**

NOW THE FEAST

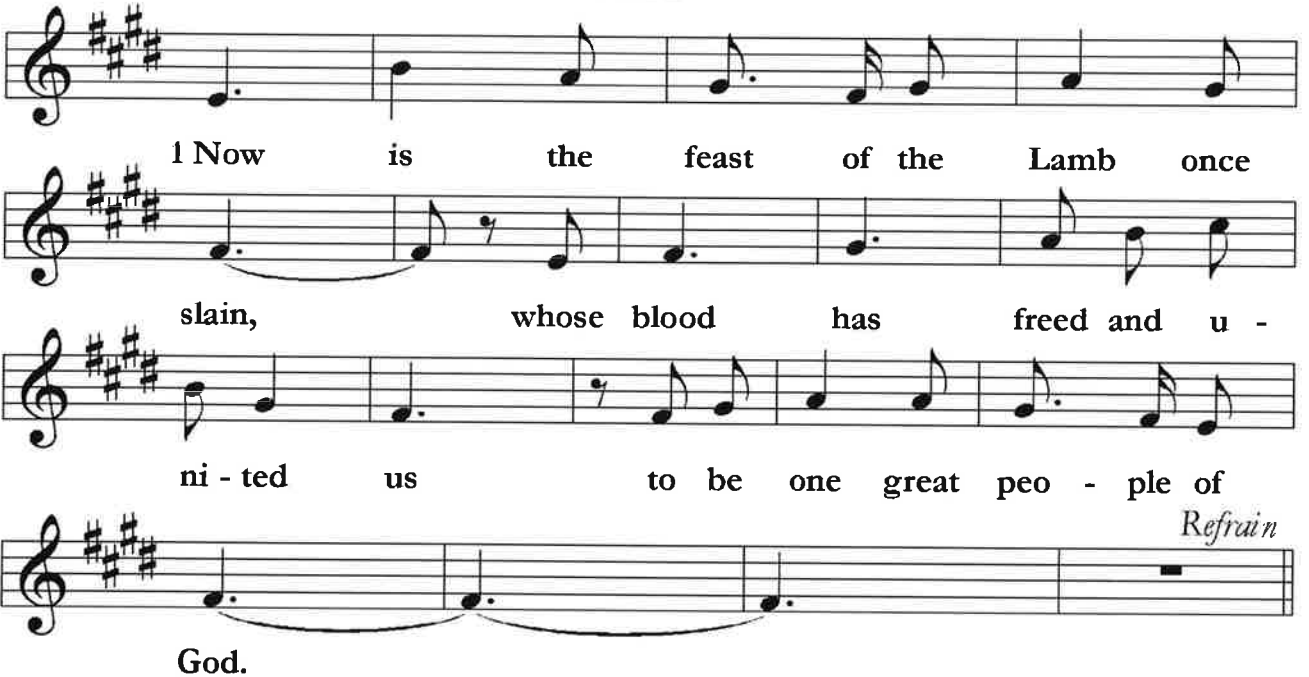
Marty Haugen

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

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

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 13:24-30

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

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an

enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!


WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

God the Sculptor of the Mountains


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God the sculp tor of the moun - tains, God the mill - er of the
 God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh, God the cleav - er of the
 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant - er of the
 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de - ter - mined



sand, God the jewel - er of the heavn - ens,
 sea, God the pil - lar of the dark - ness,
 wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,
 youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,



God the pot - ter of the land: you are womb of all cre -
 God the bea - con of the free: you are fount of all de -
 God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev - 'ry
 God the re - sur - rect - ed truth: you are pres - ent ev - 'ry

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a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.
 liv - 'rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.
 ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

Prelude in F Minor

J.S. Bach

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.



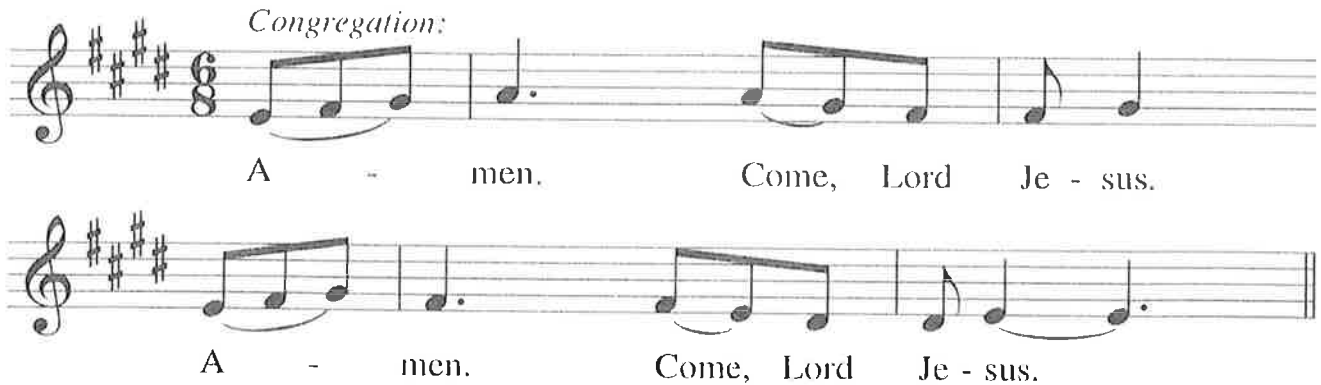
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

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:

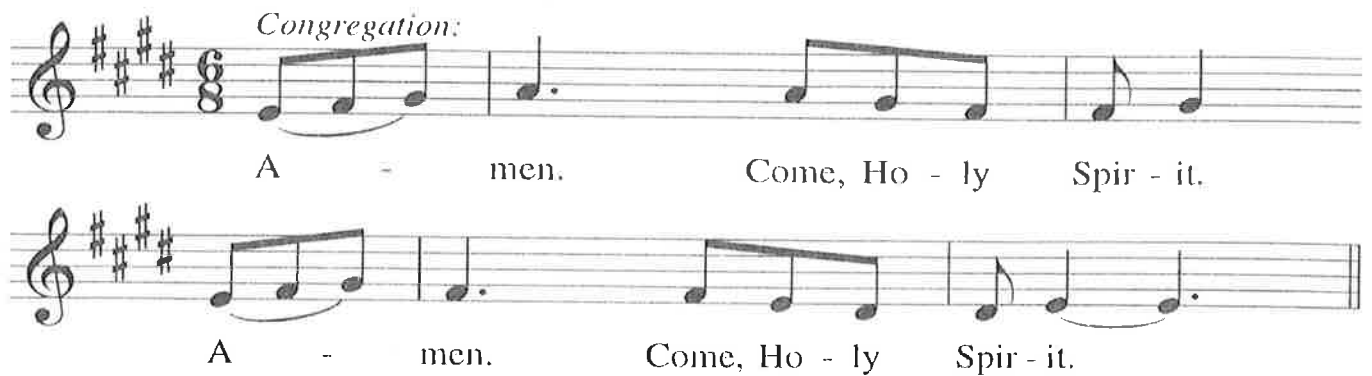


A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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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.

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.

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

Praise and Thanksgiving

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1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

#694 ELW



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good - ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
 and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Max Drischner

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

July 30 — Thom Eaton

Aug 6 — Kimberly Milham

Lector

July 30 — Thom Eaton

Aug 6 — Jeanne Moussette

Altar Preparation

July 30 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Aug 6 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters

July 30 — Noah Wittner

Aug 6 — Ralph Hendrickson

Coffee Hour Hosts

July 30 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Aug 6 — Kimberly & Nick Milham

Ushers

July 30 — Amy and Thor Sigmar

Aug 6 — 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.

**LOOK
NEW!!**

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for coffee hour in July and August!! There are still a few spots left for August so if you haven't signed up, please consider doing so. Grab a friend from church and do it together! It doesn't have to be anything elaborate. Some people like to do it up big and that's great, but that doesn't mean YOU have to! Store bought or homemade cookies and coffee is just fine! Trust me, anything is greatly appreciated!!

This Week at MLC

Sunday, July 23, *What is PK doing in Chicago?*
9 and 11:15am.

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

Tuesday, July 25,
NO Bible Study

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, July 26

6pm Social Action Committee
Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, July 27

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, July 28

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, July 30, *No education series today.*

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service



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!

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

NEW TOPICS & DATES!

TODAY! 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.



August 13 *My Journey through the Presidents.* My Journey through the Presidents. In a 10-year odyssey, Pastor Kevin read at least two biographies of every US president. In this presentation our Pastor will share some of the surprises and discoveries of our common story. Ample time for Q and A. Class gathers 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 — 14
10am — 34

REMODELING UPDATE!

Every day we get a little closer. The demolition work is completed. The electrician has installed wiring. The framing is complete and the header beam is up!

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 for details and questions.



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 — Serena Severance

Lector — Serena Severance

Ushers — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Altar Guild — Caroline Alabach

Counters — John Valitron

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Johnny & Nancy Searle

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.

