

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 30, 2023



What is the Kingdom of God like?
A dragnet cast into the sea...

— Matthew 13

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 9

July 30, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness

Donald Busarow

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

#532 ELW



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own: gath-er us in. all peo-ples to-geth-er.



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to

your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

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

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Be Thou my Vision

#793 ELW



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music
 Offertory Hymn

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
 As the Grains of Wheat

Anne Krentz Organ
 #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.



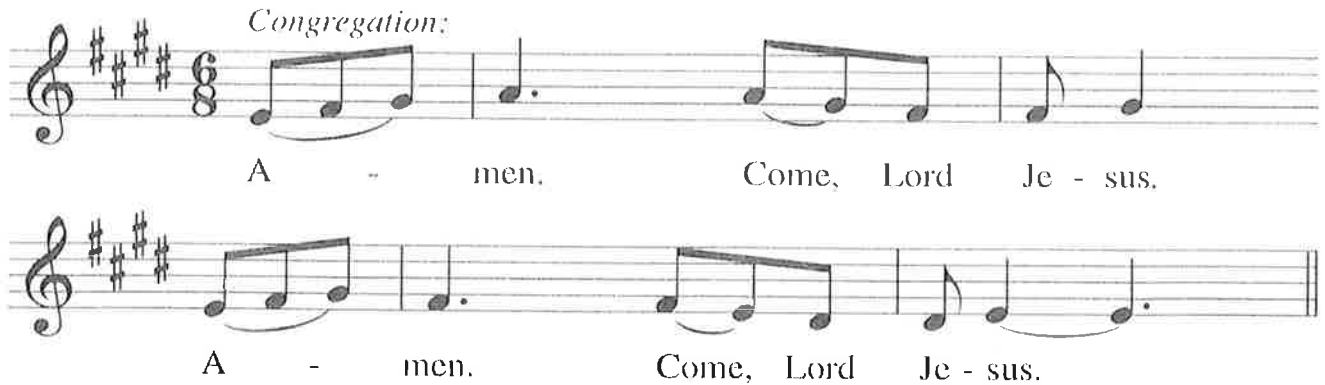
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.

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.

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

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,



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

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

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

#771 ELW

- 1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
- 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
- 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:

flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.

we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;

great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Charles Callahan

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Aug 6 — Kimberly Milham
 Aug 13 — Valinda Morse

Lector

Aug 6 — Jeanne Moussette
 Aug 13 — Valinda Morse

Altar Preparation

Aug 6 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg
 Aug 13 — Amy Sigmar

Counters

Aug 6 — Ralph Hendrickson
 Aug 13 — John Valiton

Coffee Hour Hosts

Aug 6 — Kimberly & Nick Milham
 Aug 13 — Donna Cowan & John Valiton

Ushers

Aug 6 — Amy and Thor Sigmar
 Aug 13 — Mike Olden

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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for coffee hour!! 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 30 *No education series today*

8:15am Worship Service
 10am Worship Service

Tuesday, August 1

NO Bible Study

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, August 3

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, August 4

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, August 6, *The story in our windows*

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 **6pm, eat at 6:45.**

***** 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!

July 30 *No Education Series Today*

August 6 *The Story in 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
Frank Edmondson

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 — 10
10am — 31**

REMODELING UPDATE!

Every day we get a little closer. The demolition work is completed. The electrician has installed wires. 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

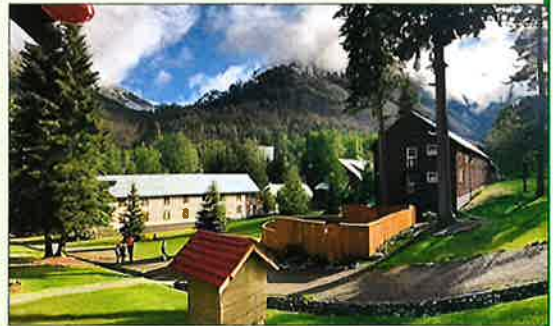
Lake passenger ferry; depart up-lake at Lu-

cerne; 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@magnoliachurch.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

UPDATED 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 by Yuri Sunbury in memory of Russ Sunbury.

SERVANTS TODAY

Presiding—Reverend Valinda Morse

Assisting Minister — Thom Eaton

Lector — Thom Eaton

Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmaar

Altar Guild — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters — Noah Wittner

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Amy & Thor Sigmar

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.

