

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FORGIVE?

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 16

September 17, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Robert Hobby

GATHERING HYMN

Awake My Soul, and With the Sun

#557 ELW



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and  
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -  
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with  
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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



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

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a - tion sings for joy to the God of

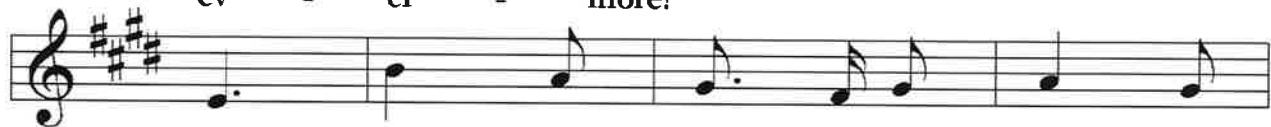


life and love and free-dom; praise and glo - ry for -

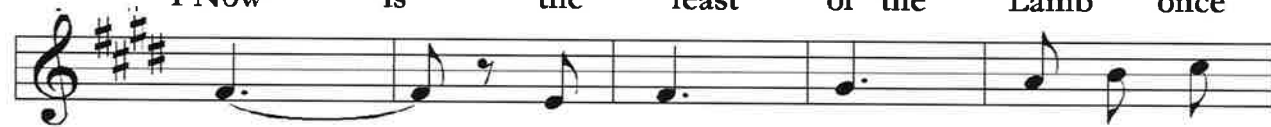


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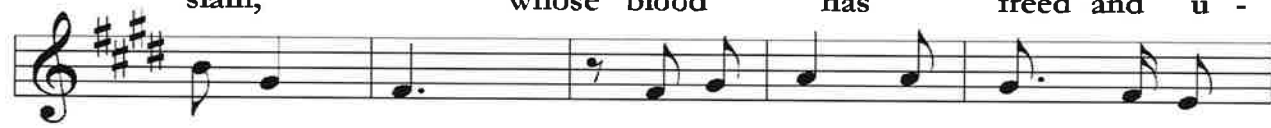
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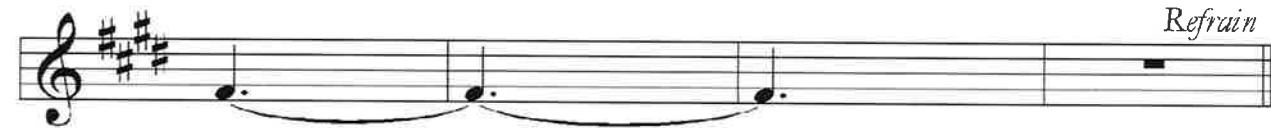
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us,

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to make us peo - ple of God; to make  
*Refrain*

all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

**SECOND READING:** Romans 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in

honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18:21-33

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

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what

had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

You Are Mine

#581 ELW



1 “I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 “I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 “I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom.



I will lift you from all your fear. I  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I  
*To stanzas 3 and 4*  
 love you and you are mine.”  
 4 “I

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

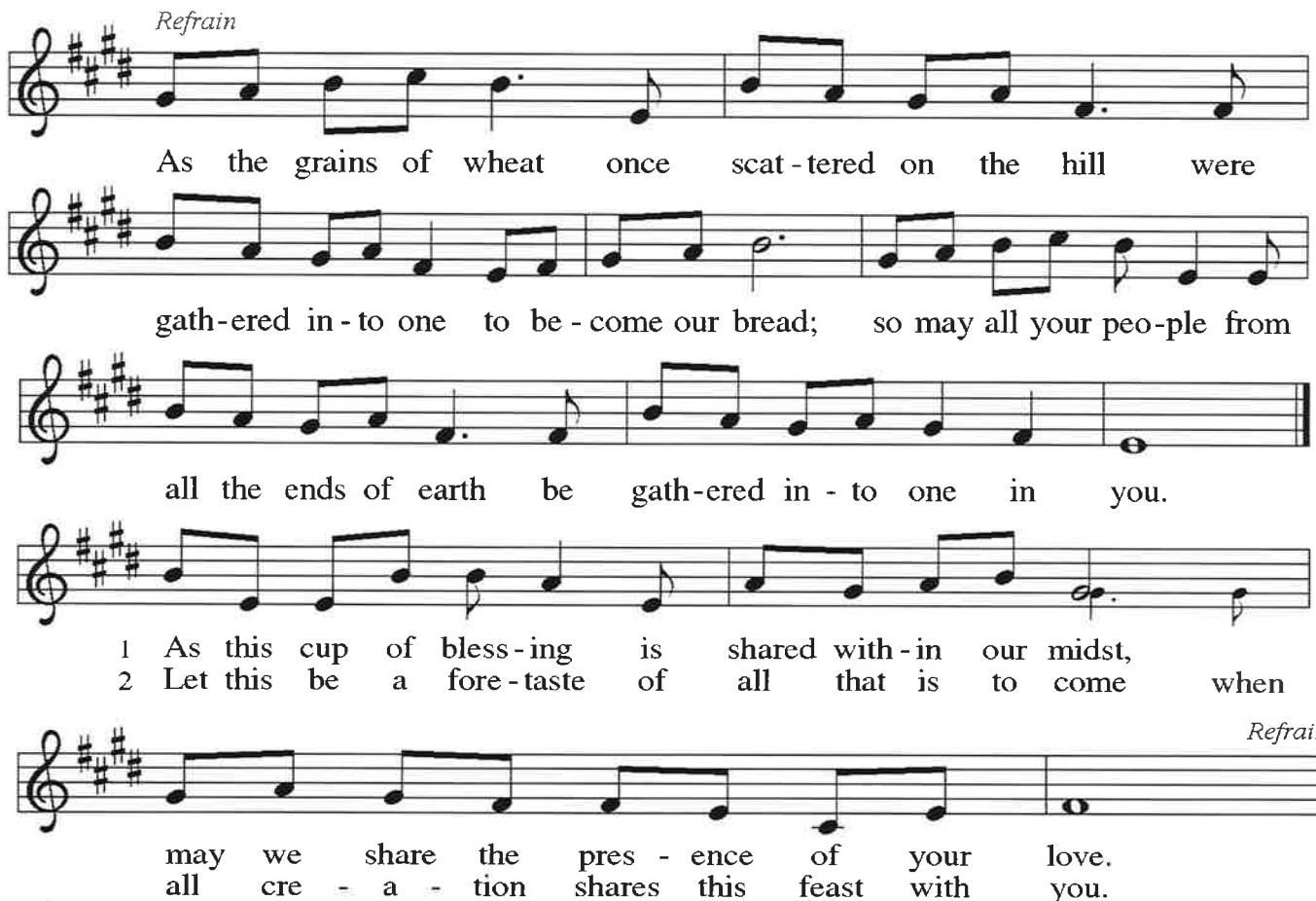
**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

Offering Music	In Heavenly Love Abiding	David Cherwien
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!



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

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

... 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

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

#656 ELW



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

#452 ELW



- 1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Sept 24 — Thom Eaton  
 Oct 1 — Noah Wittner

### Lector

Sept 24 — Thom Eaton  
 Oct 1 — Noah Wittner

### Altar Preparation

Sept 24 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg  
 Oct 1 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

### Counters

Sept 24 — John Valiton  
 Oct 1 — Ralph Hendrickson

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Sept 24 — Kathleen & Rob Rowan  
 Oct 1 — Georgia Backman & the 8:15 crew

### Ushers

Sept 24 — Mike Olden  
 Oct 1 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

## Making Music At MLC

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir!  
 Choir rehearsals happen every other Wednesday at 7:00pm. Are you interested in joining us? Singing is good for you! Speak with to our awesome Music Director, Ann Simonson, or email her at [ajsimo@comcast.net](mailto: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.



OR...



LOOK!



## THE ATRIUM

The Atrium is our Montessori-based faith formation program for children, located upstairs in the big education room. We welcome children starting at age 3. Sessions resume in October, with 2 short introductory sessions for new students at 8:30am on October 8 and 15.

All Level 1 students (age 3-6) meet on Sunday, October 29.

All students, Level 1 and 2 (age 3-10), meet starting November 5. We have a flexible start time, beginning at 8:30am.

For more information or to register, please call Marcia Bates at 206-604-7888.

## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, September 17

8:15am Worship Service  
 10am Worship Service

### Tuesday, September 19

**NO Bible Study**

7pm Magnolia Big Band

### Thursday, September 21

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

### Friday, September 22

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

### Sunday, September 24

8:15am Worship Service  
 10am Worship Service

LOOK!

## COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

The Tuesday morning Bible Study and Discussion starts up again on Tuesday, September 26 at 9am. We meet by zoom. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82169366579>. This class is for all people—those who are new to faith, and those with theology degrees. We ask questions, contemplate the ancient texts and apply it to our daily life. This class is for everyone, members of Magnolia Lutheran and friends of our faith community. As always, all are welcome.

**NEW!**

## GRAND OPENING OF OUR REMODEL!

After three months of work, we have circled a date for our Grand Opening!! This date is in pencil—as schedules can change with construction projects — but as of today, please circle **Sunday, October 8** as the day we will cut the ribbon!!

## BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF OUR NEW SPACE!

Come to worship on Sunday, **November 5** as we officially dedicate our new space for our shared ministry. Our Bishop, Shelley Bryan Wee, will be present at each worship service.

On this day we will also give God thanks for the saints who have gone before us—and remember them by name.

**Specific details to follow for each event!**



**NEW!**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Come bring your kitty. Come bring your pooch. Bring your lizards, gold fish and gerbils, too. The Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, September 24. Blessings happen from 9am-9:45am and from 11:15-12:30pm. We will gather in the sanctuary. Paper towels will be handy for emergencies. Please keep your loved ones safe with leash or carrying case.

**All creatures, great and small, are welcome!**



## 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
- Family of Carolyn Simonson (Ann Simonson's mother-in-law)
- Vern Lindquist
- Cliff Kurtzweg
- Chris Backman
- Frank Edmondson
- Karla Lefferson (in Columbia Lutheran Home)

*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 — 19**  
**10am — 34**

## REFORMATION PUPPET PLAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29!

Rev. Valinda Morse (Vicki) is writing a puppet play for Reformation Sunday! All children are invited to participate!

Rehearsals will be at 9:30am, between services, on the following Sundays:

October 8th  
October 15th  
October 22nd  
October 29th



Scripts will be handed out at the first rehearsal. Parents are invited and welcome to help, just come to the first rehearsal on October 8th!

Interested? Call Valinda at 360-250-2103

## OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY NEWS!

**October 21- Octoberfest in Luther Hall.** This is an event for our neighbors, our neighborhood and our friends. Come along and help out with the party. Come along and invite others to the fun. See Bob Bergeron for details.

**October 29 - The Phinney Ridge Gospel Choir** will be joining us at the 10am worship service! This is Reformation Sunday, which is also a day to celebrate our relationship with Christians of other denominations. Come and join the fun!

**December 2—Swedish Pancake Breakfast!** With all the fixings!! Some of our neighbors call our pancake breakfast the official kick-off of the Christmas season. Lots of hands make for good community work. Stay tuned for de-

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES KICK-OFF IN SEPTEMBER!

Confirmation Classes started on Wednesday, Sept 13. Initial classes will only be for those who will be confirmed this Fall. Classes are for students beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, will be a scan of the entire biblical story. Confirmation Day will be Sunday, November 12. We meet at 4pm. We meet by zoom. The schedule is below:

9/20 — 4pm — No Class  
9/27 — 4pm — Class for Older Students  
10/4 — 4pm — No Class  
10/11 — 4pm — Class for Older Students  
10/18 — 4pm — No Class  
10/25 — 4pm — Class for Every Grade  
11/1 — 4pm — Class for Every Grade

Questions: Call PK at 206-284-0155 or

## YOUTH NEWS: FALL RETREAT

Come along to a Retreat at Camp Lutherwood! This retreat is led by our synod. It is for youth grades 6-12. It begins on Friday November 10 at 7pm. It ends on Sunday, November 12 at 1pm. Cost is \$150. See Pastor Kevin for registration and information or fill out this [Registration Form](#) or check out the website at <https://www.camplutherwood.org/>

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING: SUMMER 2024

Imagine: 8,000 High School youth from Lutheran congregations all around our country gathering in New Orleans. It is going to happen from July 16-20. Early registration is \$375 (excluding food and transportation).

Adult chaperones are needed to accompany our youth. If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime adventure contact Pastor Kevin. Also check out the youth gathering website: <https://bit.ly/3QMM79g> Stay tuned for a planning meeting for more information.

# 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

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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](http://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**

## Financial Update

As of August 31, 2023

\*Income — \$ 226,140

Expenses—\$ 243,848

\*Includes some prepaid pledges

## Congregation Council 2022-2023

### Council Officers:

President -- Lyle Morse  
Vice President -- Megan Hamshar  
Secretary -- Robert Bergeron  
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively  
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

### 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

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

#### Nominating Committee

TBD

#### Outreach Committee

TBD

#### 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

TBD

#### Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### 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 by Dwight and Susan Dively in honor of Dwight's  
65th Birthday! Happy Birthday Dwight!

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Noah Wittner

**Lector** — Noah Wittner

**Ushers** — Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Nancy Searle

**Counters** — Noah Wittner

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Linda & Mark Johnson

**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.

