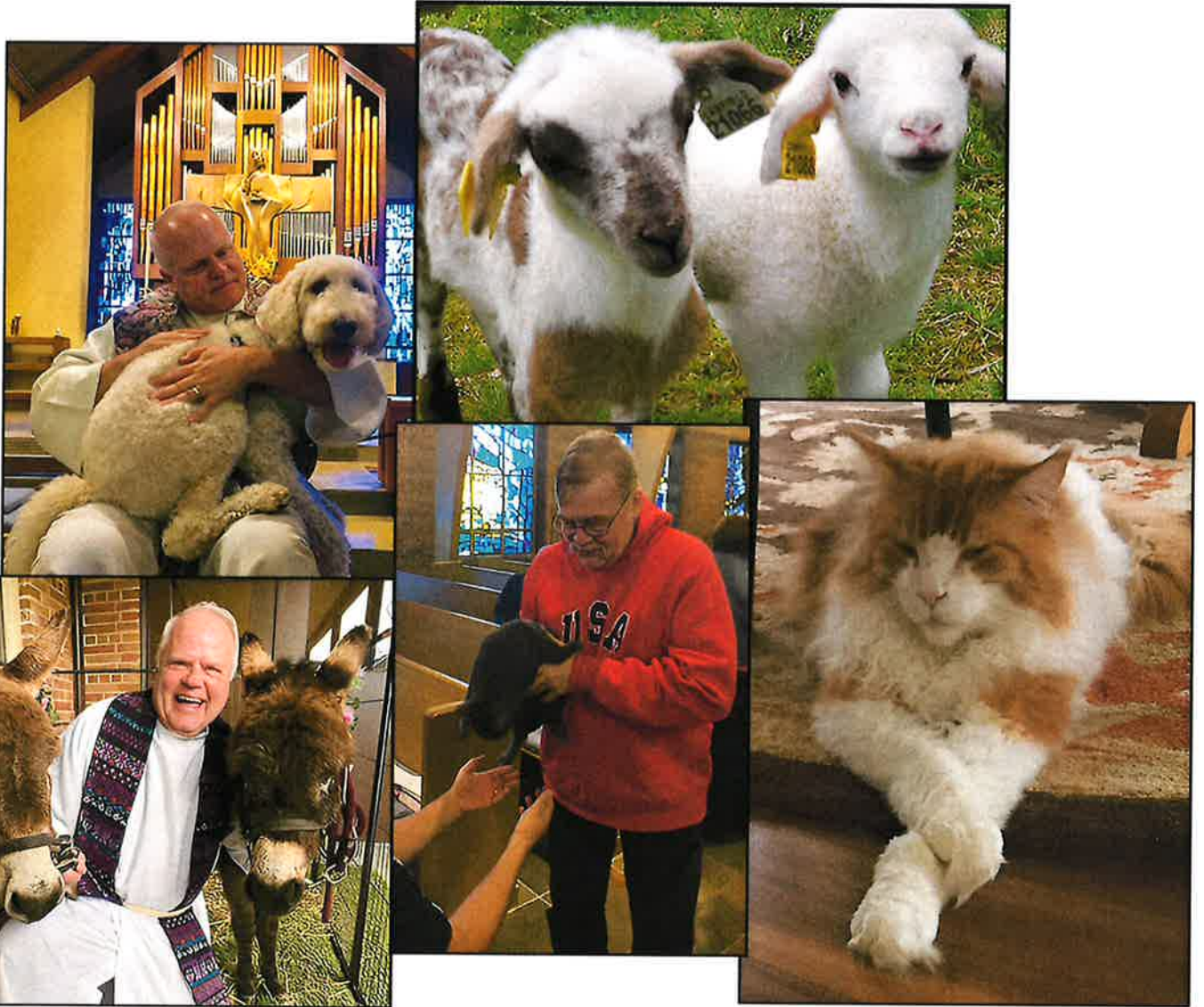


MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 17

September 24, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

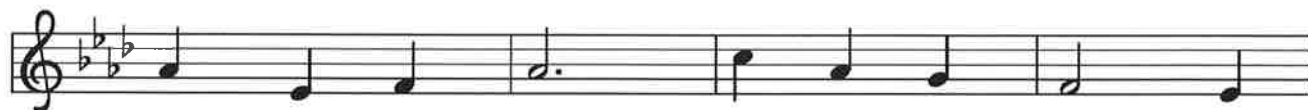
Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

John Behnke

GATHERING HYMN

God's Work, Our Hands

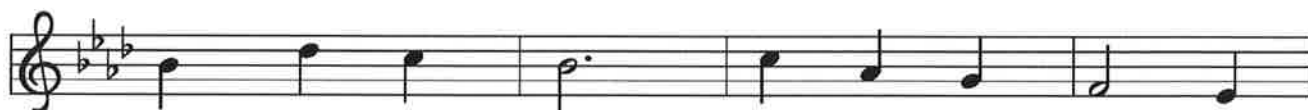
#1000 ACS



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

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.**

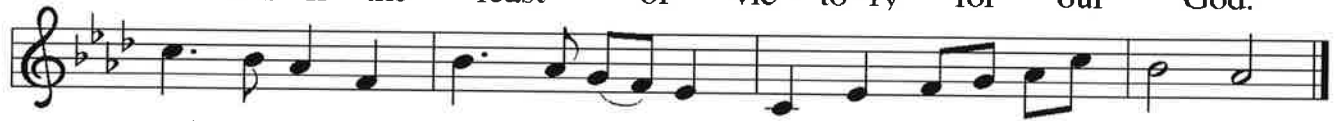
THIS IS THE FEAST

ELW Setting One



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Continued from previous page

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting One

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he

saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

All Creatures, Worship God Most High, vs. 1-4

#835 ELW



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row

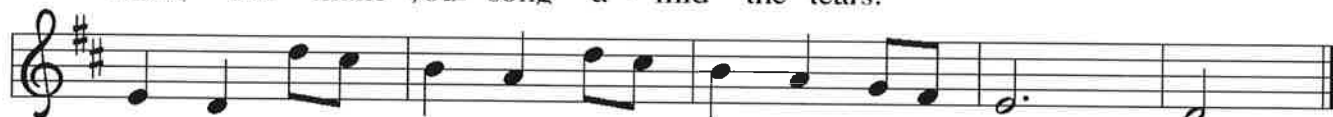


sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your

Continued on next page



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

Take My Life, That I May Be

Mark Sedio

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

#182 ELW



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW #190

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,
now and forever. 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

#199 ELW

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us." The third staff continues with the lyrics: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,". The fourth and final staff concludes with the lyrics: "grant us peace, grant us peace." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

#765 ELW



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

#733 ELW



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Robert Powell

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Oct 1 — Noah Wittner

Oct 8 — Mark Johnson

Lector

Oct 1 — Noah Wittner

Oct 8 — Mark Johnson

Altar Preparation

Oct 1 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Oct 8 — Amy Sigmar

Counters

Oct 1 — Ralph Hendrickson

Oct 8 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

Oct 1 — Georgia Backman & the 8:15 crew

Oct 8 — Kay Kurtzweg & Jeanne Moussette

Ushers

Oct 1 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Oct 8 — 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.

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...



This Week at MLC

Sunday, September 24, *Blessing of the Animals*

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

Tuesday, September 26

9am Bible Study—Zoom

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, September 27

7pm Choir

Thursday, September 28

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, September 29

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, October 1

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service



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.



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!



TODAY!

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 — 17
10am — 41

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 6th 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:

9/27 — 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.

This Wednesday!

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:

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

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

2414 31ST AVENUE WEST
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98199
206-284-0155

ParishAdmin@MagnoliaLutheranChurch.com
www.MagnoliaLutheranChurch.com

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 — Thom Eaton

Lector — Thom Eaton

Ushers — Mike Olden

Altar Guild — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters — John Valiton

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Kathleen & Rob Rowan

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.

