

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 20, 2020

10am



Prelude Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here John Behnke

Welcome and Introductions

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Scripture Readings

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.**

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 givethem

their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.”⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, “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.”¹³ But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?”¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

Homily

Hymn

There is Wideness in God’s Mercy

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1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth’s sor - rows are more felt than up in heav’n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth’s fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv’n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The 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.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

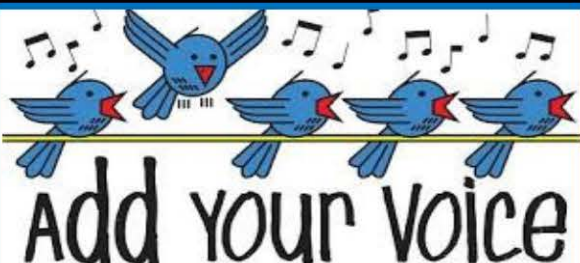
David Cherwien

Join us for a coffee hour via Zoom following this morning's service at 11:00am. Here is a link to the coffee hour:

<https://zoom.us/j/99133380725>

Meeting ID: 991 3338 0725

Dial in: 1-669-900-6833



We have been putting together recordings with as many voices from MLC as possible to play as the Hymn of the Day during the live stream Worship services on Sundays. You've probably heard some of them if you tune in to Sunday's service.

We would like to add your voice!

Thank you to all who participated in last Sunday's hymn of the day, "Where Charity and Love Prevail"! Keep an eye out for the next one!!



WOMAN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Come join for a virtual happy hour with the ladies from MLC! **The first and third Monday of the month at 7pm.** Cozy up to your laptop or iPad and join our Zoom meeting with your favorite beverage. Just a time for a casual chat and check in. You are encouraged to join with both video and audio to foster connection and camaraderie.

Questions? Email Serena (shrenalee@gmail.com)

Cheers!

DO YOU NEED MASKS OR HAND SANITIZER?

King County has gifted MLC with lots of masks and hand sanitizer. If you are in need of any, please call the office to arrange for pick up.
206-284-0155



SINGING WITH ANN

If you miss singing, but don't feel like doing the recording, you might try "Singing With Ann" on Wednesday nights. It happens on Zoom so you can see the others who are also participating but you can't hear them and they can't hear you!

ONLINE MEETINGS WILL BE STARTING NEXT WEEK!

How to be anti-racist: Beginning Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm.

Ask me Anything: Beginning Wednesday, September 23rd at 1pm.

Confirmation: Beginning Wednesday, September 23rd at 4pm.

See next page for more information!

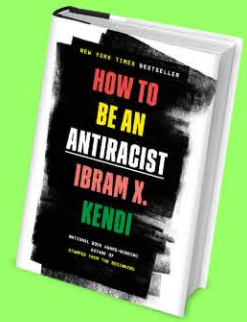
If you're not receiving emails for these important announcements, please contact MLC's parish administrator to be added to the email list.

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NEW ZOOM TOPICS AND OTHER EVENTS

HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST

Come enter the conversation. Pastor Kevin will be leading a discussion based upon the New York Times Bestseller written by Ibram Kendi. Copies of the book are available online, or at your favorite local bookstore. Our discussion begins on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm**. We will meet by ZOOM. Our first discussion will focus on his introduction. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm.



CONFIRMATION

Class meets by ZOOM on Wednesday, **October 23rd at 4pm**. Confirmation is for students in grades 5-8—and includes current 9th graders. Look for your email invite to the class.

ASK ME ANYTHING

No, really. I insist. Pastor Kevin's weekly discussion begins on Wednesday, **September 23 at 1pm**. We meet by ZOOM. This discussion will be directed by you!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Happens on Sunday, October 4th. This will happen in two separate ways. First, you are invited to bring your beloved pet to the Coffee Hour Conversation on Sunday, **October 4th at 11am**. A blessing will happen as we connect while staying apart. Second, you are invited to bring your pet and receive an in-person blessing. Pastor Kevin will be near the Magnolia Bookstore in the Magnolia Village from **12-1:30pm**. All critters welcome.

REIMAGINE MAGNOLIA VILLAGE

As you have most likely noticed, Magnolia Village is getting spruced up with flower baskets, bistro tables & chairs, umbrellas and benches. This is phase one of five phases taking place by the Magnolia Beautification project called "Reimagine Magnolia Village". Cheryl McQuiston is the chairperson and driving force. Many of you have undoubtedly seen these noticeable changes on McGraw street between 32nd & 33rd. Phases two and three will be backed **only** by donations from the community. Below are links to the website where you can donate and a YouTube interview that explains the project.

Click or go here to donate:
magnoliabeautification.com

Here is a link to a video explaining the project:
<https://youtu.be/-zC2DH2dzAoto>

LORD OF THE SEASONS

We gather to pause and pray on the first day of Autumn. Come meet with us by ZOOM on **Tuesday, September 22nd at noon**. Our gathering will be brief. No more than 15 minutes. Look for an invite in your email inbox. In this gathering we will give thanks to God for what has been, and call upon our Creator to be present with us in this season of change.



**Please Remember
In Prayer**

Daniel Meloy
Linda Kellenberger
Dave Larson
Brian Rowse, DVM (cousin of the Backmans)
Don Goertzen
Erika Simonson
Josephine Wright (mother of LuAnn Mitchell)
Family of Kevin Beneke (brother-in-law of Barb Heinen)
Family of Bob McIntosh Pauline McIntosh
Vickie Edmondson
Nina Steidl
Family of Helen Kack
Family of J.J. Rentel
Russ Long
Family of William Olden
Samantha Scheiber
Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
Brian Reiersen and Julia Christianson (recovering
from car accident)
Family of Julia Thorsness (sister of Celeste Stubbs)

*If you wish to add someone to the prayer
list, please contact the church office.*

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**Financial Update
Through August 2020**

*Income — \$210,477
Expenses—\$210,011

*Includes some prepaid pledges

**Congregation
Council 2020-2021**

Council Officers:

President -- Serena Severance
Vice President -- Dave Heinen
Secretary-- Bob Bergeron
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary-- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at
[council@magnolialutheran
church.com](mailto:council@magnolialutheran
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Council members:

*The year listed is when the
member's term ends, in June.*

Mike Olden (2022)
Property Committee
Robert Bergeron (2023)
Columbarium Committee
Serena Severance (2020)
Finance Committee
Women of the ELCA
Olivia Massimiano (2023)
Outreach
Stewardship Committee
Bob Bergeron (2022)
Stewardship Committee
Dave Heinen (2021)
Audit Committee
Nominating Committee
Bob Zierman (2023)
Social Action Committee
Kimberly Milham (2023)
Fellowship Committee
Women of the ELCA
Deborah Ramsey (2021)
Faith Formation
Fellowship Committee
Kay Thoreson (2021)
Personnel Committee
Worship & Music Committee

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- 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-1

Additional Ways to Give

We are pleased to let you know that we have two additional ways to give! First, you will notice that there is a QR code printed on this page. A QR code is a quick-response bar code that can be scanned by your cell phone's QR reader or camera, and re-direct you to a website. Just open your camera and point it at the code, then open the link it gives you on your screen. Our QR code will take you directly to the MLC giving platform. Secondly, MLC now has a PayPal account!

The "PayPal" link is on our giving homepage, and will allow you to give directly to the church and other organizations that MLC sponsors, and is another option for setting up recurring payments. If you have any questions about these two giving options, please let us know!

You can send an email to Nancy at
parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com.





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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.

Pastor — Kevin Bates
Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson
Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle
Caretaker — Mara Meloy
Nursery Attendant — Diana Frederich
Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Live Stream Production — Evan Kelly, Mark Kelly and Aaron Stevens