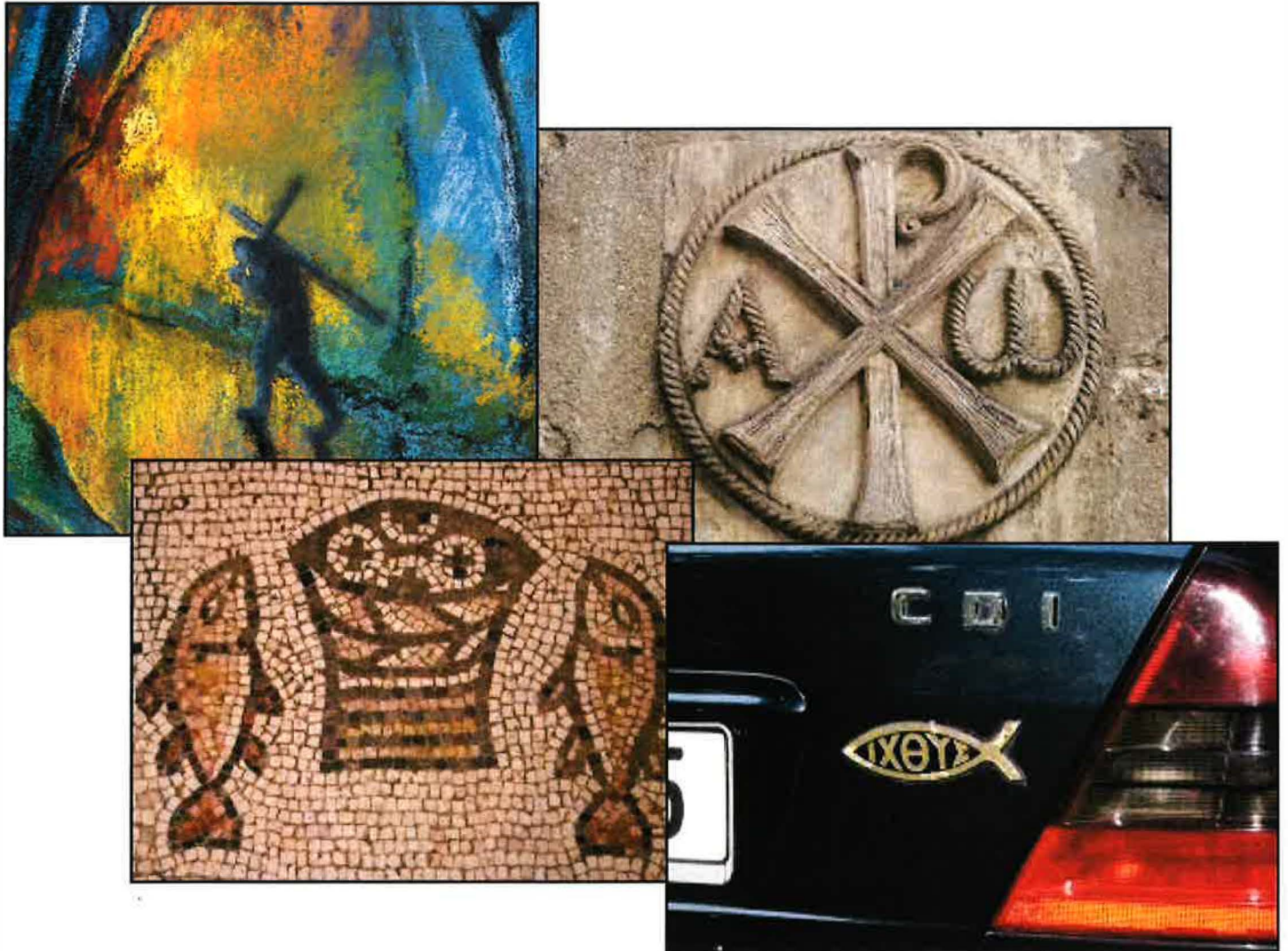


MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



if anyone shall follow me...

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 14

September 3, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Let us Ever Walk With Jesus

Paul Manz

GATHERING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

#879 ELW



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.


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

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

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

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter

took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798 ELW



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

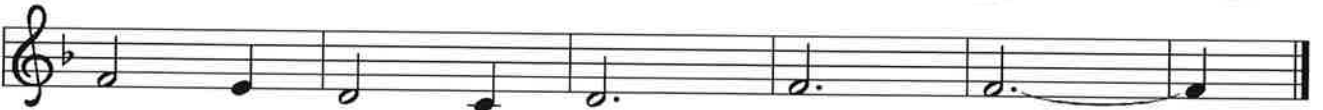
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Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

For the Beauty of the Earth

Michael Burkhardt

Offertory Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

#465 ELW



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

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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:



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.

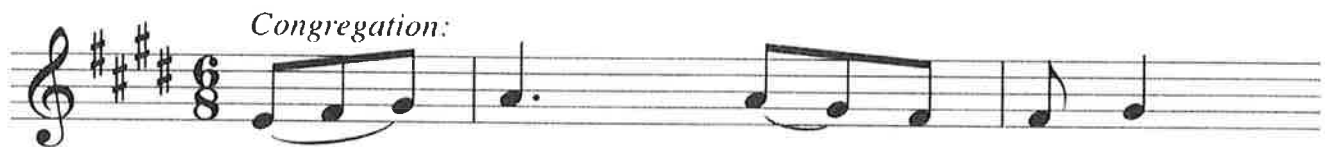


Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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:



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.



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.

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:

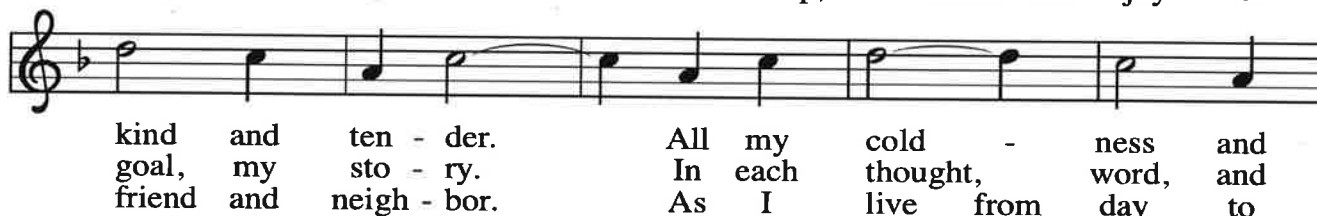
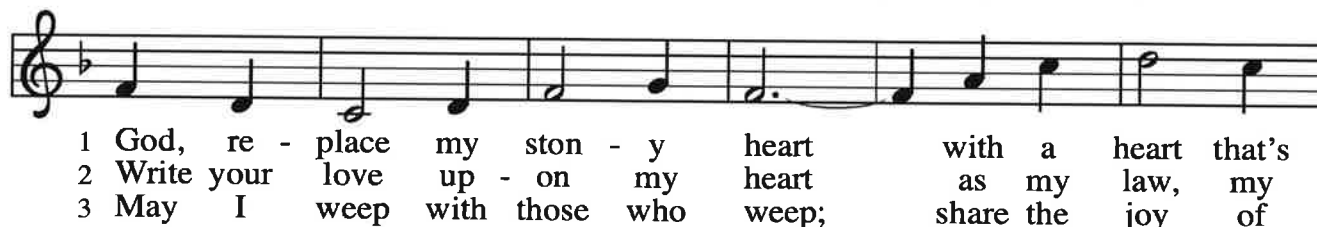
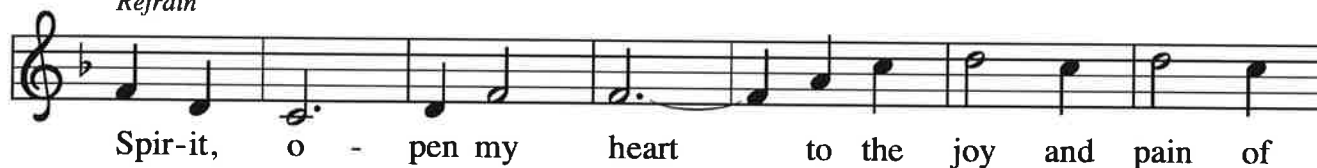
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart

#1043 ACS

Refrain



Refrain



SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice

#710 ELW

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Let Streams of Living Justice

David Cherwien

Let Streams of Living Justice #710 ELW



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Sept 10 — Serena Severance

Sept 17 — Kimberly Milham

Lector

Sept 10 — Megan Hamshar

Sept 17 — Jeanne Moussette

Altar Preparation

Sept 10 — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Sept 17 — Nancy Searle

Counters

Sept 10 — Ralph Hendrickson

Sept 17 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

Sept 10 — TBD

Sept 17 — Linda & Mark Johnson

Ushers

Sept 10 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Sept 17 — Mike Olden

Making Music At MLC

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir!

Choir rehearsals happen every other Wednesday at 7:00pm and will commence on September 13th. 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...



Add your voice

This Week at MLC

Sunday, September 3, *The Blessing of Labor*

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

Tuesday, September 5

NO Bible Study

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, September 7

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, September 8

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, September 10, *Twenty-two Years Later*

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.

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

TOPICS & DATES!

Today *The Blessing of Labor*

We are much more than the work we do.

And, at the same time, the work we do takes up most of our daylight hours. The workplace can be the setting for friendships... and conflict. It can be the locus of both trust and trauma.

We proclaim that God is in all places. Including the workplace. We will explore the question of how God is at work shaping us while we are at work.

September 10 *Twenty-Two Years Later: Lessons Learned after September 11*

Where were you on 9/11? Come and remember. Come and tell your story. Come and seek out where was the presence of God when there was darkness in the daytime. **Classes happen at 9am and 11:15 in the sanctuary.**



September 17 TBD

September 24 *The Dirt on Garbage.* What happens to the trash after it is placed at our curbs. What is the truth about recycling? Why is it called a transfer station? What is not allowed in our garbage, and why? This class will be led by members of our own faith community.



**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 — 13

10am — 27

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!

Hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES KICK-OFF IN SEPTEMBER!

Confirmation Classes restart 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:

9/13	— 4pm	— Class for Older Students
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

THERE'S STILL TIME TO VISIT HOLDEN VILLAGE!

Did you read Pastor Kevin's reflection in the Weekly Update? He wrote about Holden Village, and how it is good for the soul.

You still can visit Holden this month!

Holden Village is an old copper-mining town high in the Cascade Mountains. The village is now owned and operated as a retreat center by the Lutheran Church.

There are only two ways to get to the village. The most common way is to drive to Lake Chelan; buy a ticket to ride on a passenger ferry; depart at Lucerne; and then ride one of Holden's famous school buses up to the switchbacks to the village. The other way to get there is by foot. Hiking in usually takes 2-3 days.

At Holden, meals are served family style. The Village also offers learning opportunities, hiking, pottery, weaving and plenty of time to rest and renew. Evening worship is life giving part of each day.

Our next trip begins on Sept 10. 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. Participants attending this week will accompany Pastor Kristy Daniels and our friends from the Church of Steadfast Love in Pioneer Square. Should you have any questions about Holden Vil-

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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

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 July 31, 2023

*Income — \$ 207,522

Expenses—\$ 216,708

*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.

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Serena Severance

Lector — Megan Hamshar

Ushers — Rob Rowan

Altar Guild — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Counters — John Valiton

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Jeanne & David Moussette

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.

