

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2021
5PM



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

5pm

Dec. 24, 2021

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Away in a Manger

Jacob Weber

GATHERING HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful, vs. 1, 2 & 3 #283 ELW

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

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.**

The lyrics to our hymns are printed in this bulletin. However, for those who wish to sing harmony, we also have printed the hymn numbers. Most hymns are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal).

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CHRISTMAS PROPHECY | saiah 9:2-7

- ² [a] The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- ⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

WE SING THE CHRISTMAS STORY, LUKE 2:1-20

SETTING THE STAGE: FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM

CHRISTMAS CAROL Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs 1 & 2 #257 ELW

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh;
In strength and beauty come and stay;
Teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-4

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

CHRISTMAS CAROL O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs. 1&3 #279 ELW

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So god imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him., still the dear Christ enters in.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:5-7

⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Away in a Manger

277 ELW

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

SCENE CHANGE:

A HILLSIDE OUTSIDE OF BETHLEHEM

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:8-12

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

CHRISTMAS CAROL Angels We Have Heard on High, vs. 1-3 #289 ELW

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

SUDDENLY COUNTLESS ANGELS ENTER

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2: 13-15

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

CHRISTMAS CAROL Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #270 ELW

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

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Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, off-spring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteous-ness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain

SCENE CHANGE:

BACK AT THE MANGER

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:16-19

¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

What Child is This

#296 ELW

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding:
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the some of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

SCENE CHANGE:

SHEPHERDS RETURNING TO THE SHEEP

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:20

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CHRISTMAS CAROL Go Tell It On The Mountain #290 ELW

Refrain Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain.*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain.*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

WE RESPOND TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

SERMON

HYMN

Love Has Come

#292 ELW



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God.

Receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

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

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

We trust in Christ's love and that Christ is present in this meal. All are invited to the Table. Come as you wish. The ushers will guide you by row.

The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. Simply take a pre-poured glass and return it to the empty tray.

White grape juice is provided for those who do not prefer wine. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray.

Music during communion:

In the Bleak Midwinter

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Still, Still, Still

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

WE ARE SENT TO BRING LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

And the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,

And without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life,

And the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,

And the darkness did not overcome it.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Silent Night

281 ELW

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth. Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

SENDING BLESSING

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Joy to the World

#267 ELW



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

On Christmas Night

Jacob Weber



CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONORS



Chris & Georgia Backman	In memory of parents Roberta & Einar Backman and parents Mary Ann & Bob Robinson
Ken & Nina Graff	In memory of Chris Graff
Lance Grimsby	In memory of Mary B. Shelton Grimsby and Pastor Krag & Vi
Barbara Helde	In memory of June Helde
Ralph & Gail Hendrickson	In memory of our parents, the Blombergs and the Hendricksons
Kelly & Linda Kellenberger	In memory of our parents
Beverly Larson	To the Honor and Glory of God
Nick & Kimberly Milham	In memory of Colleen Brangwin
Lyle & Valinda Morse	To the Honor and Glory of God
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Thor & Amy Sigmar	In memory of Rev. Eric & Svava Sigmar and Cliff Malm
Yuri Sunbury	To the Honor and Glory of God
John Valiton & Donna Cowan Valiton	In memory of our parents and siblings

Thank you to those who made donations in memory of family and loved ones, and to the Honor and Glory of God. Thank you to Donna Bergeron & Jenny Ruegamer for decorating the sanctuary. It looks stunning! And thank you to Amy Sigmar for the outdoor decorations. They look stunning as well! Thank you to anyone I might have missed!



Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Dec 26 — Valinda Morse

Jan 2 — Mark Johnson

Lector

Dec 26 — Valinda Morse

Jan 2 — Mark Johnson

Altar Preparation

Dec 26 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Jan 2 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters

Dec 26 — TBD

Jan 2 — TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 26 — Congregation brings leftovers

Jan 2 — TBD

Ushers

Dec 26 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Jan 2 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

*Merry Christmas
from the MLC Staff!!*

Mara

Ann

*Pastor
Kevin*

Nancy



This Week at MLC

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5pm Worship Service
8pm AA Speakers Meeting
10:00pm Live Stream Greeting

Saturday, December 25, CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 26

8:15am Worship Service
10am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 28

10:30am In person bible study

Wednesday, December 29

9am Zoom bible study

Thursday, December 30

9am-5pm Tai Chi—Luther Hall

Friday, December 31

8pm AA Speakers Meeting

The Christmas Story

by Lesaree Guerther

Once upon a time,
A long, long time ago.
Begins the story of a baby,
That most of you should know.

His daddy's name was Joseph,
And Mary was His mom,
This babe was very special
He was God's only Son.

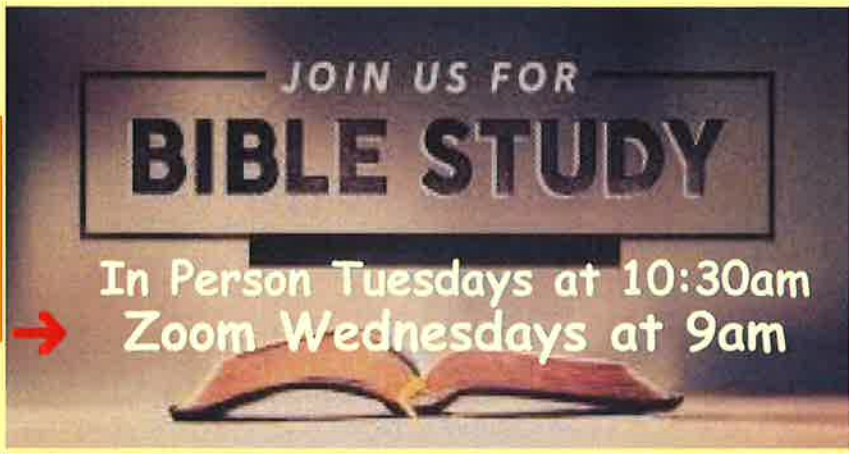
Some angels came from heaven,
And they began to sing.
To the shepherds in the fields below,
"Glad tidings do we bring!"

A bright star lit the heavens,
To light the magi's way,
To the baby in the manger
Who was born on Christmas day.

And all who gathered round Him,
Rejoiced and praised His birth.
For the babe, the King, named Jesus,
Is our Saviour here on earth!



NEW TIME!



Making Music At MLC

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir! The start date for choir is up in the air right now, however, if you are interested in joining speak with our awesome Music Director, Ann Simonson, or email her at ajsi-mo@comcast.net. Singing is fun and good for you!

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. **Bell choir practices on Wednesdays at 5:15pm unless otherwise noted!**



QUILTERS AND HAND WORK GROUPS

The handwork group began meeting again on December 2nd at Valinda Morse's house. **The next meeting will be on January 27th at 1pm at Ronnie Beckerleg's.**

Thank you for all of the donations for the quilting group but right now they are not accepting any more donations.

Crochet



Needlepoint



Knit



PLEASE NOTE!

Please Remember In Prayer

- Linda Kellenberger
- Dave Larson
- Don Goertzen
- Erika Simonson
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Pauline McIntosh
- Family of J.J. Rentel
- Family of William Olden
- Family of Barbara Munro
- Samantha Scheiber
- Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
- Liza & Bill Biscomb (parents of Victoria Watson)
- Joi and Todd Arnston (stepdaughter and son in law to Carol Hurlburt)
- Kathi Galletly (friend of the Torellis)
- Jonathan Drugge (son of friends of Kay Thoreson)
- Family of Don Westergaard (brother of Irene Long)
- Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)
- Family of Elsie Simon
- Karen Jones (friend of Lance Grimsby)

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

8:15 am — 10
10:00 am — 53

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

(Not for use during church of course)

Financial Update As of November, 2021

*Income — \$ 295,807

Expenses—\$ 296,112

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2020-2021

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron

Vice President -- Victoria Watson

Secretary -- Kimberly Milham

Treasurer -- Dwight Dively

Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at
council@magnolialutheran
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Council members:

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

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2023)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2023)

Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2022)

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Women of the ELCA

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Severance

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2021)

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 — Mark Johnson

Lector — Mark Johnson

Flute — Olivia Simonson

Ushers — Noah Wittner

Altar Guild — Nancy Searle

Coffee Hour Host(s) — No Coffee Hour Christmas Eve

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.

