

**MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 26, 2021**



**MERRY AND BLESSED**  
**CHRISTMAS**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Christmas 1

December 26, 2021

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### CHRISTMAS CAROL

### 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.**

### HYMN 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the

LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD<sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God<sup>1</sup> in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you<sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.**  
<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD,<sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you<sup>1</sup> shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav-<sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a-<sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they<sup>1</sup> were created,  
<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev-<sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not<sup>1</sup> pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD<sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters<sup>1</sup> and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail,<sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do-<sup>1</sup> ing God's will;**  
<sup>9</sup>mountains<sup>1</sup> and all hills,  
fruit trees<sup>1</sup> and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts<sup>1</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and<sup>1</sup> flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth<sup>1</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers<sup>1</sup> of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**young<sup>1</sup> men and maidens,  
old and<sup>1</sup> young together.**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over<sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all<sup>1</sup> faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

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

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

CHRISTMAS CAROL

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

There will be no passing of the plate. Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.

## 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.**

...on 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**

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.

We use White Grape Juice. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray.

The people are welcome and invited to sing during communion.

# **WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE**

**SENDING BLESSING**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be wise. Be Kind. Let Love Abound.  
**Thanks Be to God!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

### Assisting Minister

Jan 2 — Mark Johnson  
 Jan 9 — Valinda Morse

### Lector

Jan 2 — Mark Johnson  
 Jan 9 — Valinda Morse

### Altar Preparation

Jan 2 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg  
 Jan 9 — Ronnie & Kay

### Counters

Jan 2 — TBD  
 Jan 9 — TBD

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 2 — TBD  
 Jan 9 — Maggie Qian (Baptism of Maggie)

### Ushers

Jan 2 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner  
 Jan 9 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

## THANK YOU FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE!!

A big thank you to Barbara Helde for heading up the Fellowship Committee in providing the Congregation with all of the coffee hour goodies for all of the Sundays in Advent! Barbara headed it up but she couldn't have done it by herself. So a big thank you also goes out to Linda Johnson, Kay Kurtzweg, Jeanne Moussette, Georgia Backman, Susan Swenson, Kimberly Milham, Ronnie Beckerleg and anybody else that I might have overlooked! My apologies if I did!

NEW!

## LEFTOVERS SUNDAY! TODAY!

Following MLC tradition, today, Sunday, December 26th will be "Leftovers Sunday". Please bring your leftover calories (goodies that you don't want hanging around the house to tempt you) to church on Sunday to share with everyone during the coffee hour.



## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, December 26

8:15am Worship Service  
 10am Worship Service

### Tuesday, December 28

10:30am Bible Study, in person

### Wednesday, December 29

9am Bible Study, Zoom

### Thursday, December 30

9am-5pm Tai Chi—Luther Hall

### Friday, December 31

8pm-1am AA Speakers Meeting

### Sunday, January 2

8:15am Worship Service  
 10am Worship Service

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR— POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR

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. Stay tuned for new days & times!





# Navajo Lutheran Mission

If you were in church recently, you probably received a handout pertaining to a trip that MLC is planning to the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona next Summer. If you didn't receive one last Sunday, hopefully you got one today! If not, please see Parish Administrator, Nancy, and she will make sure you get a copy! The trip is open to everyone and will be a great opportunity to see how your donations are being used. The goal is to make sure everyone who wishes to go, can, regardless of financial situations that might otherwise keep you from going. Stay tuned for more information!

## NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ?

Over the summer months we have received many quality reads for our Free Library. Please peruse the offering and feel free to take any book for your pleasure. We also ask that you donate used books when you have gleaned from them insights into your life. There is no cost... just an opportunity to read excellent books. You are encouraged to return them after you have finished reading.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Advent is upon us, a time of longing and waiting, a time of darkness and light. Your Social Action Committee has chosen this season to focus on those at the Compass Housing Alliance who have little or nothing. There will be a **Giving Tree in the Narthex** after Thanksgiving. The tree is an opportunity for you to give to those less fortunate. Envelopes hanging from the Giving Tree designate shoes, socks and underwear. In addition there are envelopes for gift cards to give to parents for their children's Christmas wishes. Please consider taking an envelope from the tree. Write a check for the amount on the front of the envelope and place it in the offering plate. That way we can continue to provide for those who have so little. Your Social Action Committee thanks you for your continued generosity!

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy in order to keep MLC running smoothly in 2021! There are too many to mention by name but **you** know who you are and **we** know who you are! New schedules will be out shortly for the Sunday servants.

NEW!

## HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED!

Compass Housing Alliance is in need of hygiene items for homeless adults. WestSide Baby needs the same, except their need is for babies. In the past we have asked that you bring in kits, however, they would rather have the loose items so that they can assemble the kits themselves. Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste (small), deodorant (small), soap, bags (zipper ); baby shampoo, diapers/pull-ups, wipes, diaper cream, bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, etc. Please drop the items off in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity!



**WestSide Baby**  
*basics for children in need*

COMPASS  
HOUSING  
ALLIANCE

NEW TIME!

JOIN US FOR  
**BIBLE STUDY**

In Person Tuesdays at 10:30am  
 Zoom Wednesdays at 9am

**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)

MAKE NOTE!



**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 [ajsimo@comcast.net](mailto:ajsimo@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 is over now until further notice.**

MAKE NOTE!



**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.

Needlepoint



Knit



Crochet



**Last Week's Attendance**

8:15 am — 10  
 10:00 am — 53

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](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**

(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@magnolialutheranchurch.com](mailto:council@magnolialutheranchurch.com)

### 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)

#### Nominating Committee

Robert Zierman (2022)

#### Outreach Committee

Olivia Massiamano (2023)

#### Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2023)

#### Property Committee

Mike Olden (2022)

#### Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2023)

#### Stewardship Committee

Robert Bergeron, Olivia Massiamano, Serena Severance

#### Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham, Serena 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 greens today are given to the Glory of God by  
Yuri Sunbury.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Valinda Morse

**Lector** — Valinda Morse

**Ushers** - Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Evan Kelly

**Counters** — TBD

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Leftovers!

**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.

