

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 29, 2023



STILL REFORMING  
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Reformation Day

October 29, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP      Let Everything that Has Breath      Jeffrey Ames

GATHERING HYMN      Come, All You People      #819 ELW



1 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Spir - it;



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come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

## 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.**

# KYRIE ELEISON

#157 ELW

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your  
word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have  
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.  
mer - cy. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PUPPET SHOW: A Children's Sermon

## HEARING THE WORD OF LIFE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

ANTHEM:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Gary Oliver

## PSALM 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref-<sup>1</sup>uge and strength,  
a very present<sup>1</sup> help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the<sup>1</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths<sup>1</sup> of the sea;**  
<sup>3</sup>though its waters<sup>1</sup> rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble<sup>1</sup> with its tumult.  
<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-<sup>1</sup>y of God,  
the holy habitation of<sup>1</sup> the Most High.**  
<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall<sup>1</sup> not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the<sup>1</sup> break of day.  
<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the<sup>1</sup> kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth<sup>1</sup> melts away. R**  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD of<sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.  
<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up-<sup>1</sup> on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in <sup>1</sup> all the world;  
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the <sup>1</sup> shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that <sup>1</sup> I am God;  
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted <sup>1</sup> in the earth.”**  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD of <sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
 the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> is our stronghold. **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Romans 3:19-28

<sup>10</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.  
<sup>20</sup> For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Joyful, Joyful, vs. 1

#836 ELW

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee. prais - ing thee. their sun a - bove.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:34-40

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

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? <sup>37</sup>He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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

## RESPONDING TO SCRIPTURE

### SERMON

### HYMN

Blessed Assurance

#638 ELW



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY

Order My Steps

Burleigh/Schrader

# CELEBRATION OF 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 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



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

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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.

Here is Bread

#483 ELW



1	Here is bread,	here is wine,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.
2	Here is grace,	here is peace,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.
3	Here we are,	joined in one,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.



Break the bread,	taste the wine,	Christ is with us	here.
Know his grace,	find his peace,	feast on Je - sus	here.
We'll pro - claim	till he comes	Je - sus cru - ci -	fied.

*Refrain*



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.



By Your Hand You Feed Your People

#469 ELW



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

## SENT OUT FOR MISSION

### SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God

#866 ELW



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

we are march-ing in the light of God.

We are march-ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

we are march-ing in the light of God.

We are march-ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*  
We are dancing ...  
We are praying ...  
We are singing ...

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace! Love your neighbor! Serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE TO DISMISSAL**

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Nov 5 — Luc Bergeron

Nov 12 — Mark Johnson

### Lector

Nov 5 — Luc Bergeron

Nov 12 — Mark Johnson

### Altar Preparation

Nov 5 — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Nov 12 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

### Counters

Nov 5 — TBD

Nov 12 — Ralph Hendrickson

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Nov 5 — Mahsa/Fellowship

Nov 12 — **NEED HOST!**

### Ushers

Nov 5 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Nov 12 — 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](mailto: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, October 29, Reformation Day

8:15am          Worship Service

10am            Worship Service

### Tuesday, October 31

9am             Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 1

7pm             Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 2

7-9pm          AA, Fireside Room

### Friday, November 3

8pm             AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

### Sunday, November 5, Visit from Bishop Wee

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.

**All Level 1 students (age 3-6) meet on Sunday, November 5th.**

**All students, Level 1 and 2 (age 3-10), meet starting November 12.** 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!

**Bible Study and Discussion** happens on Tuesday 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.**

**ORDER NOW!**

## DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER!

Believe it or not, it's time to think about how many wreaths and garlands you would like for this Christmas! They won't be delivered late until November but our supplier would like our order in on November 13th which is only three weeks away!! There is an order form in your bulletin. Please fill it out and turn it into the office ASAP! You may drop your form in the collection plate or you can drop it off in the office or mail it in. Due to the increase in pricing to us over the last three years, we will have to raise the prices this year. The pricing is as follows:

12" Wreath	\$25.00
35' Garland	\$50.00
75' Garland	\$80.00

Don't wait until the last minute and find yourself without any greens for Christmas!! **All proceeds go the Queen Anne Helpline for the 98199 zip code!**

## GINGERBREAD HOUSES AT MLC!!

**HOW FUN!!**

What is more fun than making a gingerbread house with your kids, or just to have as a decoration for the holidays!? Come make one at Magnolia Lutheran Church!! You don't need to have kids!

Georgia Backman will be heading up this fun event and is looking for volunteers! Please see the insert included in your bulletin!



## 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
- Frank Edmondson
- Karla Lefferson
- Lon Pilichowski (cousin of the Searles)
- John Valiton

*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 — 24  
10am — 50



## REFORMATION PUPPET PLAY

**TODAY!**

Thank you to Rev. Valinda Morse (Vicki) for writing a puppet play for Reformation Sunday which is **TODAY!!**

Thank you to all of the kids and parents who helped pull this together!



## OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY NEWS!

**TODAY!**

**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.

**ONLY FIVE WEEKS AWAY!**

**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 details and ways you can help!

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES KICKED 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

11/1 — 4pm — Class for Every Grade

Questions: Call PK at 206-284-0155



## 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.



# 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  
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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](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**

## Financial Update

As of September 30, 2023

\*Income — \$ 245,218  
Expenses — \$ 274,601

\*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 by  
Valinda and Lyle Morse.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Asisting Minister** — Kimberly Milham

**Lector** — Jeanne Moussette

**Ushers** — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

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

**Counter** — Noah Wittner

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Valinda & Lyle Morse and Addie  
Birkhardt & Jon Shanklin

**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.

