

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023



## The Parable of the Talents

—Matthew 25

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 25

November 19, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Song

Alessandro Stradella

GATHERING HYMN

We Praise You, O God

#870 ELW



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be 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.**

# KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there

will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

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

<sup>14</sup>“For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents,[a] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your

master.’ 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

#674 ELW



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God, your mercy is great.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

Intermezzo

Pietro Mascagni

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

#182 ELW



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## 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.**

*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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW #190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

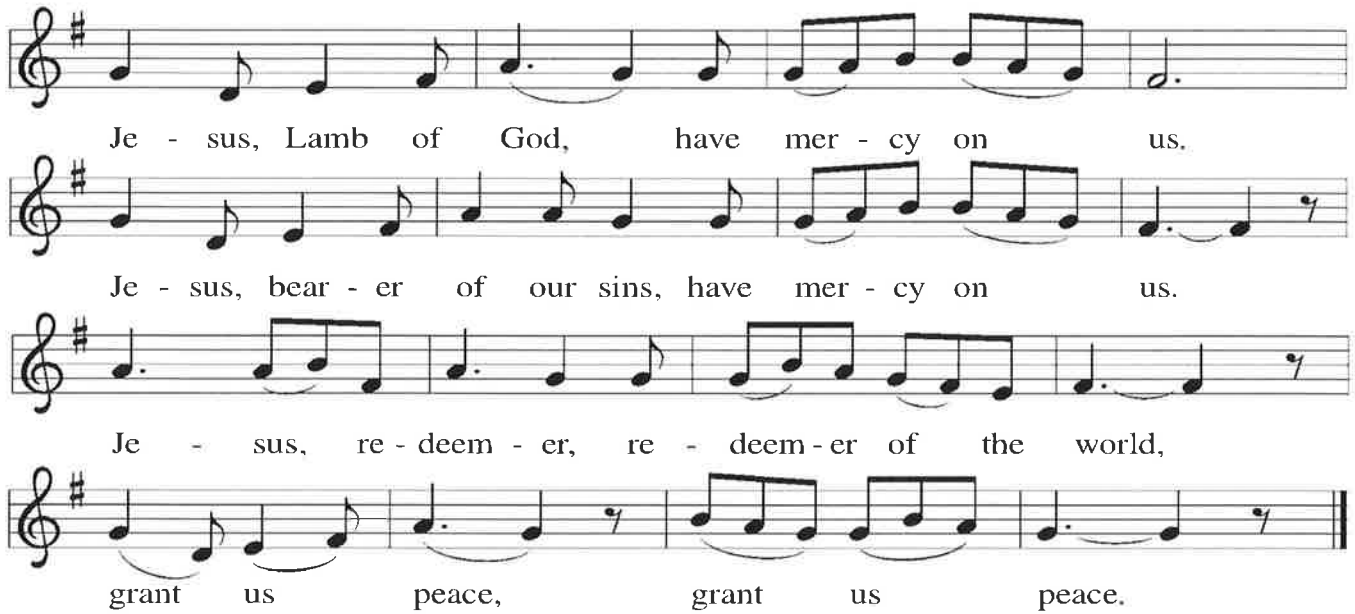
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



The Distribution, Singing during Communion: Lamb of God

#199 ELW



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

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

A Country Song

Ralph Vaughan Williams

# SENT OUT FOR MISSION

## SENDING BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

#679 ELW



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.

2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.

3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.

In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.

For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

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For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Now Thank We All Our God

Mark Sedio

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Nov 26 — Thom Eaton  
 Dec 3 — Serena Severance

### Lector

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 Dec 3 — Serena Severance

### Altar Preparation

Nov 26 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg  
 Dec 3 — Amy Sigmar

### Counters

Nov 26 — Ralph Hendrickson  
 Dec 3 — TBD

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Nov 26 — Valinda & Lyle Morse  
 Dec 3 — Fellowship

### Ushers

Nov 26 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner  
 Dec 3 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

LOOK!



### GUEST MUSICIAN TODAY!



Today we welcome Glen Danielson who will be playing the English horn. Glen is retired from the Seattle Symphony. This is his second visit to Magnolia Lutheran, Glen was here and played for the congregation years ago! He is very excited to play for us again and we are very excited to have him!

### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, November 19

8:15am      Worship Service  
 10am        Worship Service  
 12:30pm-6pm    Tai Chi

#### Tuesday, November 21

9am         Bible Study  
 7pm         Magnolia Big Band

#### Thursday, November 23

7-9pm      AA, Fireside Room

#### Friday, November 24

8pm         AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

#### Sunday, November 26

8:15am      Worship Service  
 10am        Worship Service



IMPORTANT!



## treehouse

### EMERGENCY POP-UP DONA- TION CENTER

**On Tuesday, November 21st from 2-5 pm, Treehouse for Kids will be on site with a pop up donation center in the parking lot at Magnolia Presbyterian Church.** (One of their staff members lives in Magnolia and she's hoping to gather donations from as many neighbors as possible.)

While they will accept nearly all kinds of new or gently used items for ages 0-21 to benefit youth facing foster care and extended foster care, their most critical needs this winter are:

**For Teen boys:** Sweatpants (all sizes), Hoodies (all sizes), Denim (all sizes), Winter Coats (all sizes)

**For Child boys:** Denim (all sizes), Sweatpants (all sizes)

**For Toddlers:** Sweatpants (all sizes), Hoodies (all sizes)

**Plus toys** (new only for toys, please): Legos, Squish mallows, Nerf Guns

Thank you in advance for contributing what you can and helping spread the word around the neighborhood!

**CHECK IT OUT!**

## WINTERFEST MARKETPLACE

On December 2nd, after the Swedish Pancake Breakfast, MLC will be hosting an event called the Winterfest Marketplace from 3pm to 8pm, which promises to be a great time! All proceeds go directly to Children's Hospital Uncompensated Care Fund. If someone goes to Children's Hospital and can't pay their bill, this fund covers it, so it's an extremely worthy cause.

There will be a dozen very talented local artists participating. You can undoubtedly get some Christmas gifts out of the way here! There will be everything from a Beekeeper selling items made from honey, old fashioned Christmas ornaments, scarves and other clothing made from cashmere, delicious home baked goods, a woodworker, etc. That's just a few!

There will be a children's craft table, a silent auction and more! Homemade refreshments will also be on hand. Adults are \$10 at the door and children under 15 are free!

## 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  
Russ Long  
Family of Carolyn Simonson (Ann Simonson's  
mother-in-law)  
Vern Lindquist  
Frank Edmondson  
Karla Lefferson  
Lon Pilichowski (cousin of the Searles)  
Beth Harwood  
Kathleen Rowan  
Roger Taber  
Andrew Tucker

*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 — 16  
10am — 64

**HAPPENING AT MLC!**

MAGNOLIA CHORALE PRESENTS

# DARK AND LUMINOUS NIGHT

JOSEPH TO, MUSIC DIRECTOR

**SATURDAY**  
DECEMBER 9, 2023 • 7:30PM

**SUNDAY**  
DECEMBER 10, 2023 • 2:00PM

Magnolia Lutheran Church  
2414 31st Ave W | Seattle, WA 98199  
Tickets available at [magnoliamchorale.org](http://magnoliamchorale.org) and at the door

We deeply appreciate support for this concert from:



Magnolia's Family Holiday Celebration

# Winterfest

**Saturday Dec. 2**  
AFTERNOON TO EVENING



Scan QR Code for Event Details



**Eat, Drink, Shop, Sing, Play, Decorate & Discover Something For Everyone!**



**HAPPENING AT MLC!**

# WINTERFEST MARKETPLACE

Lloyd W. Nordstrom Guild  
Seattle Childrens

Proceeds benefit uncompensated care  
In partnership with Magnolia Chamber Winterfest

**DECEMBER 2ND**  
**3PM - 8PM**

Magnolia Lutheran Church  
2414 31st Avenue West, Seattle 98199

- HOMEMADE REFRESHMENTS
- 12 LOCAL VENDORS
- CHILDREN'S CRAFT TABLE
- SILENT AUCTION
- RAFFLE \$500 CANLIS GIFTCARD
- \$10 PER ADULT @ THE DOOR, CHILDREN FREE
- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!



**CHECK IT OUT!**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**  
**9AM TO 1PM**

Magnolia Lutheran Church will hold their annual Fall Clean Up party! The leaves should hopefully have all fallen by then!

MLC strives to make the outside of the church look as welcoming as the inside! So **please come help!** Even if you can only stay for an hour! Many hands make light work!

Rumor has it there may be coffee and donuts on hand! Questions, please call the office.

# 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**

## Financial Update

As of October 31, 2023

\*Income — \$ 287,098

Expenses—\$ 306,431

\*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  
Barbara Helde.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Asisting Minister** — Noah Wittner  
**Lector** — Noah Wittner  
**English Horn** — Glen Danielson  
**Ushers** — Rob Rowan  
**Altar Guild** — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg  
**Counter** — Noah Wittner  
**Audio** — Johnny Searle  
**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens  
**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Mike Olden  
  
**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.

