

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 10, 2023



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Advent 3

December 10, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

GATHERING HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound

#239 ELW



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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.

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

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

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

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." (first system); "Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." (second system); "Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy." (third system); "Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord," (fourth system); "Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord," (fifth system); "Lord, have mercy, have mercy." (sixth system); "Lord, have mercy, have mercy." (seventh system). The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
 and their offspring among the peoples;
 all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

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

PSALM: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion,
 then were we like¹ those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with¹ shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great¹ things for them.”
³The LORD has done great¹ things for us,
 and we are¹ glad indeed.
⁴**Restore our for-¹ tunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses¹ of the Negeb.
⁵Those who¹ sowed with tears
 will reap with¹ songs of joy.
⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry-¹ ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder-¹ ing their sheaves. R

SECOND READING: 21 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will
 of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of
 prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.
²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and
 body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who
 calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²²Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said,

“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’”

as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

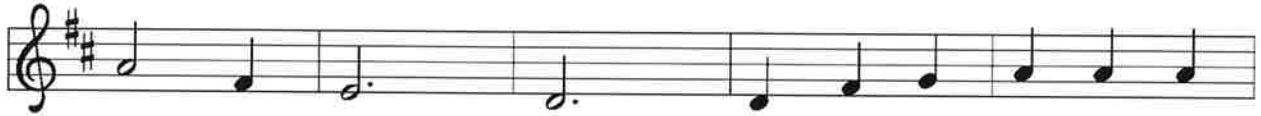
HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#815 ELW



1 I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Mitchell Eithun

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



bless - ing. 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:



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...)

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

#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 HYMN

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

#901 ACS



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
 Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
 come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
 Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
 In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
 Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
 Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SANKTA LUCIA

The Procession: The Lucia Song

Hark, Through the dark'ning night, sounds come a-winging;
Lo! 'Tis the Queen of Light, joyfully singing.
Clad in her garments white, wearing her crown of light,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

Deep in the Northern sky, bright stars are beaming;
Christmas is drawing nigh, candles are gleaming.
Welcome, you vision rare, lights glowing in your hair,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

A Sankta Lucia Reading

Prayer

The Recessional (*repeating the second verse*)

Deep in the Northern sky, bright stars are beaming;
Christmas is drawing nigh, candles are gleaming.
Welcome, you vision rare, lights glowing in your hair,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

Night soon shall flee away with its dark dreaming,
Radiant shall be the day with sunlight streaming.
This is your promise bright, maiden with crown of light:
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

SENDING BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

People Look East, the Time is Near!

J. Wayne Kerr

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Dec 17 — Valinda Morse

Dec 24 — Mark Johnson

Lector

Dec 17 — Valinda Morse

Dec 24 — Mark Johnson

Altar Preparation

Dec 17 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Dec 24 — Nancy Searle

Counters

Dec 17 — John Valiton

Dec 24 — TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 17 — Jeanne & David Moussette and
Kay & Cliff Kurtzweg

Dec 24 — NO coffee hour after 10am service

Ushers

Dec 17 — Rob Rowan and Noah Wittner

This Week at MLC

Sunday, December 10, Santa Lucia

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

2pm Magnolia Chorale Concert

Tuesday, December 11

9am Bible Study

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, December 13

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, December 15

4pm Dress Rehearsal Christmas Program

8pm AA Speakers Meeting,

Sunday, December 17, Christmas Program

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

11:15am Gingerbread Houses!

3pm-7pm Private Function—Fireside Room



“GIVING TREE” 2023

The Giving Tree will be a little different this year. There will be some large baskets under the tree for you to fill with new or **gently used** scarves, coats, socks, mittens, hats, etc. Think warmth!! These generous gifts will be distributed to the tiny houses at the bottom



of the Magnolia Bridge. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out those closets of your old winter coats and warm gear. Emphasis here is on gently used. They do not need to be new! Our neighbors living in the tiny houses just need clothes to stay warm!! The tree and baskets will be out starting December 17th. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

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.**



WREATHS AND GARLANDS ARE HERE!



If you haven't picked up your wreath(s) and/or garland(s), you may do so anytime! They are in the breezeway, on the east side of the church.

CHRISTMAS EVE 2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. There will only be one service on the morning of December 24th. That service will be at 10am and will be a service of the word.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES CAROLS, CANDLES AND COMMUNION

5PM AND 7PM

AS ALWAYS, ALL ARE WELCOME!!



GINGERBREAD HOUSES AT MLC!!



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
- Vern Lindquist
- Frank Edmondson
- Karla Lefferson
- Merlin Cavander
- 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 — 14
10am — 51

A VERY SUCCESSFUL SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!



A good time was had by all at the 2023 Swedish Pancake Breakfast! It was held on Saturday, December 2nd. Thanks to your generous donations, all of the supplies for the breakfast were paid for. Every penny will be split between the Lutheran Community Ser-

vices and the ALS NW Chapter. This year we are able to send each organization a check for \$1,885.83! This was the 30th year that the breakfast has been held! Chris Backman and family have spearheaded the event forever! In at 4am and not out until after 3pm! A heartfelt Thank You to Chris, and to everyone else involved making this 30th year a very successful one!



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHOWED UP SATURDAY FOR THE FALL CLEANUP!

This is being written two days before the Fall Cleanup party so there aren't any names mentioned, however, a BIG thank you goes out to everyone who braved the good ole Seattle weather and turned out to beautify the grounds of MLC. It isn't anybody's favorite job, but when it's done with friends, it's not so bad!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



DECEMBER 2023 SCHEDULE



- Sunday, December 10 10am Santa Lucia Festival with Scandinavian Coffee Hour
- Sunday, December 10 2pm Magnolia Chorale at Magnolia Lutheran Church
- Saturday, December 16 Time TBD Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play
- Sunday, December 17 Christmas Play
- Sunday, December 17 11:30am Gingerbread House Party
- Sunday, December 24 10am Last Sunday in Advent—Morning Worship
- Sunday, December 24 5pm & 7pm Christmas Eve Worship
Carols, Communion and Candlelight

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

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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 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 greens today are given to the
Glory of God in honor of Advent

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Kimberly Milham
Lector — Jeanne Moussette
Ushers — Rob Rowan and Noah Wittner
Altar Guild — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh
Counter — Noah Wittner
Audio— Johnny Searle
Live Stream—Aaron Stevens
Coffee Hour Host(s) — Ronnie Beckerleg
Pastor — Kevin Bates
Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson
Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle
Caretaker — Mara Meloy
Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God
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.

