

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 17, 2023



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Advent 4

December 17, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

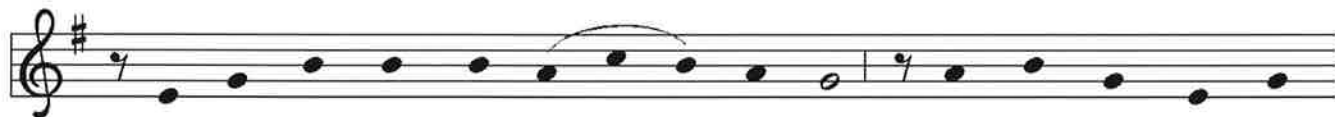
O Bethlehem

David Cherwien

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1,2,6,7&8

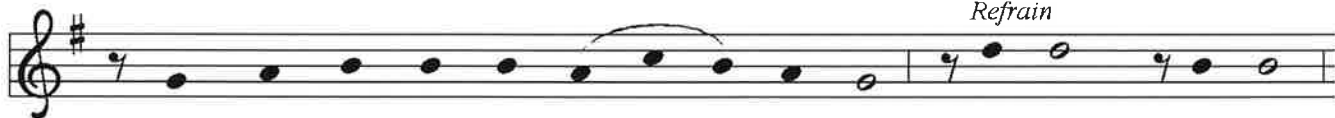
#257 ELW



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;



un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
teach us your will and guide our way.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



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



He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

#251 ELW



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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: Luke 1:26-38

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON: AN ORIGINAL PLAY

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

#276 ELW



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

Ave, Ave the Angel Sang

Robert Lau

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:

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...)

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.**



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

Blessed Be the King of Israel



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Once in Royal David's City

#269 ELW



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

#267 ELW

SENDING BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Michael Burkhardt

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Dec 24 — Mark Johnson

Dec 31 — Noah Wittner

Lector

Dec 24 — Mark Johnson

Dec 31 — Noah Wittner

Altar Preparation

Dec 24 — Nancy Searle

Dec 31 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Counters

Dec 24 — Ralph Hendrickson

Dec 31 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 24 — NO coffee hour after 10am service

Dec 31 — TBD

Ushers

Dec 24 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Dec 31 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

This Week at MLC

Sunday, December 17, Christmas Program

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 19

9am Bible Study

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, December 21

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, December 22

8pm AA Speakers Meeting,

Sunday, December 24,

10am Worship Service

5pm Christmas Eve Service

7pm Christmas Eve Service



LOOK!

“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!

NEW!

SANTA LUCIA

Thank you to Ava Christianson, Juliette and Natalie Kelly, Rosemary Ubilla and Colette Bergeron for participating in the Santa Lucia celebration last Sunday.

Well done ladies!!



LOOK!!



EXTRA WREATHS!



We have 4 extra wreaths and 1-35' garland available if anyone is feeling like they haven't decorated enough! See parish administrator if you're interested.

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!! DEC. 17TH!

TODAY!!

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
- Frank Edmondson

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 — 21
10am — 70

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 Services and the ALS NW Chapter. This year we are able to send each organization a check for \$1,885! 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!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who braved the weather and turned out for the Fall Cleanup party!

Johnny Searle, Amy and Maverick French, Bill Condon, David Moussette, Alexis Thurber, Lyle Gagnon, Amy Sigmar, Mara Meloy, Pastor Kevin and Mike Olden. A special thank you to Mike who also brought treats for everyone!



DECEMBER 2023 SCHEDULE

- Sunday, TODAY Christmas Play
- Sunday, TODAY 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



HUSKIES WATCH PARTY!!

On New Year's day, come watch the Huskies on MLC's big screen! Game starts at 5:45; come at 5:15 or so for hot dogs, potato salad, brownies, popcorn, soda, beer, and wine. If you can let us know how many in your party, we'll have enough food for everybody. Please email our parish administrator at: parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com to RSVP!

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 31st 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

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 November 30, 2023

*Income — \$ 324,102

Expenses—\$ 339,774

*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 — Valinda Morse

Lector — Valinda Morse

Ushers — Rob Rowan and Noah Wittner

Altar Guild — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counter — John Valiton

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Jeanne Moussette and Kay Kurtzweg

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.

