

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2023



There was a prophet, Anna... [when she saw the Christ-child] she began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

-Luke 2: 36-38

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Christmas 1

December 31, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

GATHERING HYMN

The Bells of Christmas, vs. 1-4 & 6

#298 ELW



1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



dwel - lings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.
lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
and keep your Christmas in our breast;
then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,
shall swell our jubilee of song.

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.**



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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.

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^{62:1} For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Hark the Herald Angels Sing, vs. 3 #270 ELW

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal-ing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Refrain
Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born king!"

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Love Has Come

#292 ELW



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Charles Callahan



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all - gra - cious king.”
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

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

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

#286 ELW

1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with
come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our
soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#288 ELW



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

SENDING BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Christopher Uehlein



Have a safe and happy

*New
Year's
eve!*



Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Jan 7 — TBD

Jan 14 — TBD

Lector

Jan 7 — TBD

Jan 14 — TBD

Altar Preparation

Jan 7 — Monica Scheiber

Jan 14 — Amy Sigmar

A new servant schedule
will be out shortly!

Counters

Jan 7 — John Valiton

Jan 14 — Ralph Hendrickson

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 7 — TBD

Jan 14 — TBD

WE NEED COFFEE
HOUR HOSTS!

Ushers

Jan 7 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Jan 14 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

This Week at MLC

Sunday, December 31, Happy New Year

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service



Tuesday, January 2

9am Bible Study

Wednesday, January 3

7pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 4

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, January

8pm AA Speakers Meeting,

Sunday, January 7

8:15am Worship Service

8:30am Atrium

10am Worship Service



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Magnolia Lutheran Church could not function without the time donated by volunteers. There are too many to mention by name, but you know who you are! Ushers, counters, altar guild, lectors, assisting ministers, sound and live stream. Not to mention the countless number of coffee hours that you all have contributed to! From the bottom of our hearts,

THANK YOU!!

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 a new tiny house village at the south end of the

Ballard 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!



LOOK!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MLC

There are many volunteer opportunities at Magnolia Lutheran. If you are interested in helping with any of the following, please contact Pastor Kevin or MLC's parish administrator, Nancy.

Usher—Hand out bulletins, direct people to the front for communion and pass the offering plate. Two weeks in a row, approximately every 4 weeks or so. It depends on how many volunteers we have as to how often you will be needed.

Counter—Work with the parish administrator to count and document the incoming cash and checks after the 10am service. Generally you would be needed one or two times a month.

Altar Guild—Prepare the altar for communion before and after the 8:15am services. Help with holiday decorations and help polish the brass once or twice a year.

Lector—Read the lessons on Sundays at the 10am service.

Assisting Minister—Assist Pastor Kevin with running the service. Help with communion, read the prayers of the people, etc. PK will guide you.

Sound—Running the sound board and getting the mics out for Pastor Kevin and the assisting minister. Monitor the sound during the 10am service.

Live Stream—MLC live streams the 10am service. This is probably the most pressing volunteer position to fill. **We currently only have one person to do the sound and the live stream so we really need volunteers for these two jobs.**



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
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

10am — 24
5pm — 51
7pm — 91

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FOOTBALL

TOMORROW! FUN!!!

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!

A FEW PICS FROM 2023



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:

TumbleRibs398

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 flowers today are given to the
Glory of God .

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Noah Wittner

Lector — Noah Wittner

Ushers — Cliff Kurtzweg and Mike Olden

Altar Guild — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Counter — TBD

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Congregation— bring your 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.

