

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2022



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Advent 2

December 4, 2022

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

Wilbur Held

GATHERING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

#264 ELW



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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

#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.

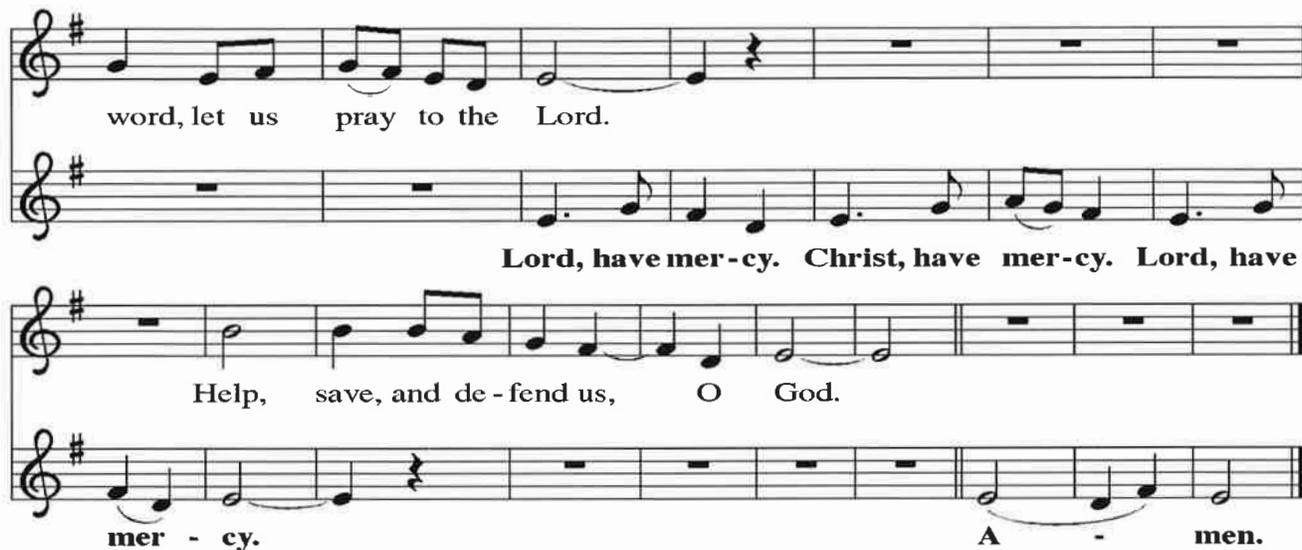
peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

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

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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.

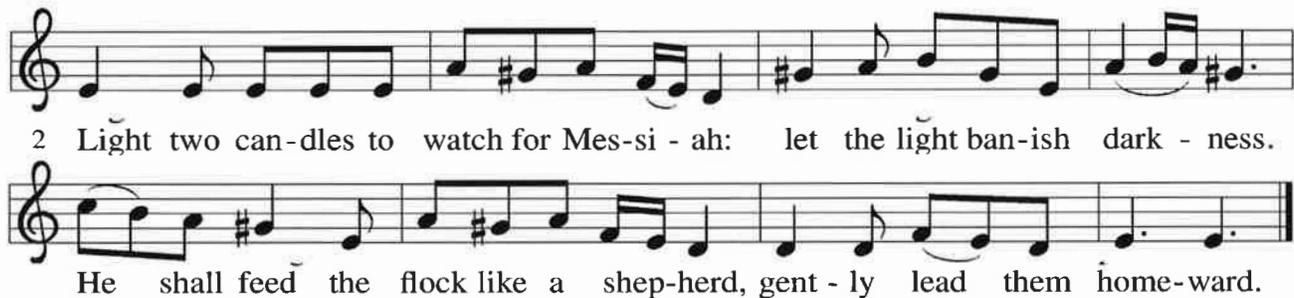
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH, vs. 2

ELW #240



2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7. 18-19

¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;

²**that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
 “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
 and sing praises to your name”;
¹⁰and again he says,
 “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;
¹¹and again,
 “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
 and let all the peoples praise him”;
¹²and again Isaiah says,
 “The root of Jesse shall come,
 the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
 in him the Gentiles shall hope.”
¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#172 ELW

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

#249 ELW



1 On Jor - dan’s bank the Bap - tist’s cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - ’ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

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for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music—Anthem Each Winter as the Year Grows Older Robert Hobby

Offertory Hymn: Come Now, O Prince of Peace, vs. 1&2 #247 ELW



1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

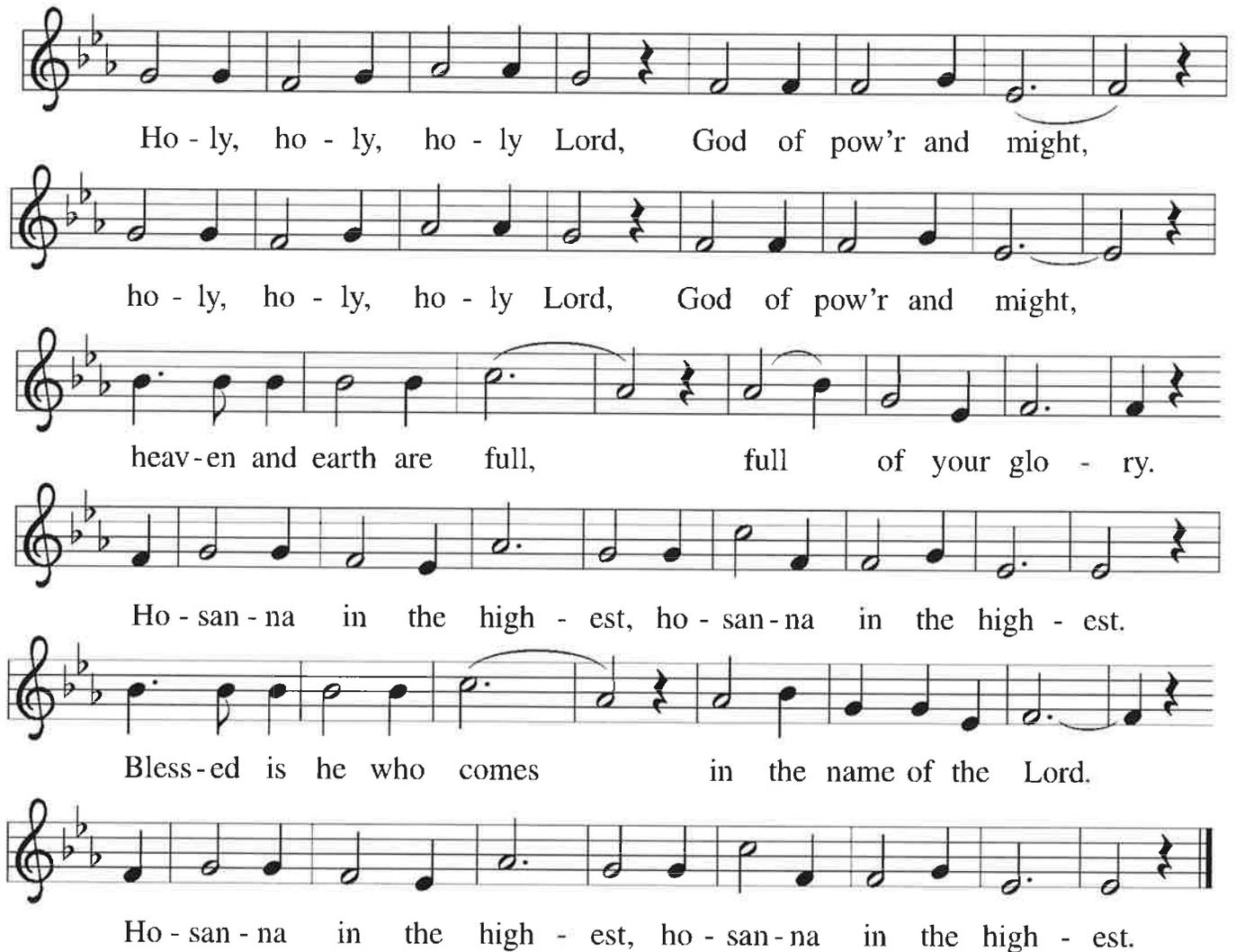
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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, 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.**

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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

#272 ELW



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

#256 ELW



1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve all creation! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Comfort, Comfort, Now my People

Jonathan Reuss

SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

Assisting Minister

Dec 11 — Thom Eaton
 Dec 18 — Kimberly Milham

Lector

Dec 11 — Thom Eaton
 Dec 18 — Caroline Alabach

Altar Preparation

Dec 11 — Amy Sigmar & Monica Scheiber
 Dec 18 — Caroline Alabach &
 Jeanne Moussette

Counters

Dec 11 — John Valtion
 Dec 18 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 11 — Fellowship
 Dec 18 — Fellowship

Ushers

Dec 11 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden
 Dec 18 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

This Week at MLC

Sunday, December 4

8:15am Worship
 8:30am Atrium
 10am Worship
 11:15am Sancta Lucia Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

9am Bible Study, Zoom
 7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, December 7

5:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

11am Bible Study, In Person
 7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, December 9

5pm-6:45pm Tai Chi, Luther Hall, Fireside
 8pm AA Speakers Mtg-sanctuary

Saturday, December 10

9am-4pm Tai Chi, Luther Hall, Fireside

Sunday, December 11

8:15am Worship
 8:30am Atrium
 10am Worship

Last Sunday's Attendance

8:15am — 18
 10:00 am — 57
 Online—7



INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN



Choir practice has begun and will meet every other Wednesday at 7pm.

Bell Choir will meet at 5:15pm every Wednesday for now.

If you like to make music but can't sing—give the bell choir a try! They play 4 or 5 times a year, practices happen a few weeks leading up to a performance. Interested? Please contact MLC's music director, Ann Simonson, at ajsimo@comcast.net.



WREATHS AND GARLANDS



UPDATE!

The wreaths and garlands are here and may be picked up in the breezeway if you haven't already done so!

There are instructions posted on the card table. Please let the Parish Administrator, Nancy, know if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION INSERTS

Inside your bulletin you will find an insert for Christmas Decoration donations. Donna Bergeron and Jenny Ruegamer have volunteered once again to decorate for Christmas! Thank you Donna and Jenny! Suggested donations are \$12 but any amount is appreciated! Please have your donation in by December 16th in order to have your name printed in the Christmas bulletins.

NEW!

SPEAKING OF DECORATIONS...

In addition to Donna and Jenny working their magic decorating the altar for Christmas, the Worship and Music committee will be putting up the final touches with the pew candles, adding banners, etc. on December 18th after the 10am service.

Please stay and help if you are able. A few sets of hands will make for really quick work!

Thank you in advance for your help!

QUILTING AND HAND WORK GROUPS HAVE UNITED! AND IT'S BACK!!

The invitation for quilting and hand work is open! So come when you can and leave when you must. The decision was made to continue on the second Thursday of the month from 10am—2pm. Don't forget to bring a lunch! Coffee will be provided.

No need to RSVP—just show up!

There will be no quilting or handwork group work in December! Next meeting is TBD.

Questions? Contact the office at 206-284-0155.



ATRIUM HAS BEGUN!

The Atrium is Magnolia's Montessori-based faith formation program for children, located upstairs in the big education room. We welcome children starting at age 3.

Sessions for **all children** have started with a flexible start time beginning at 8:30am.

For more information or to register, please contact Marcia Bates at 206-604-7888.



Please Remember In Prayer

Paul Jersild (father of Ann Simonson)

Kathleen Rowan

Dave Larson

Family of Don Goertzen

Family of Bob McIntosh

Pauline McIntosh

Gail Hendrickson

Kathi Galletly (friend of the Torellis)

Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)

Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)

Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)

Family of Dennis Branstetter (friend of the Nagys)

Long Pham (friend of the Nagys)

Family of Susan Engquist (sister of

Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).

Sandy Bennis

Family of Liz Roach

Family of Joybelle Eriks (cousin to Russ Long)

If you wish to add or remove someone to the prayer list, please contact the office.

IMPORTANT!

PLEASE READ!

Magnolia Chorale

directed by Joseph To

NEW!!

Good Tidings A Global Celebration

Songs for the season
of peace and joy



Friday
December 9, 2022
at 7:30 pm

Sunday
December 11, 2022
at 2:00 pm

Magnolia United Church of Christ

3555 W McGraw St
Seattle, WA 98199

This event is free and open to the public.

Good-will offerings to support the Chorale are most welcome and appreciated

Masks are required

www.magnoliachorale.org

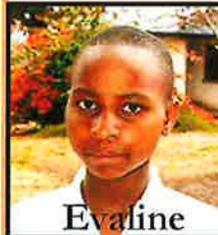


CULTURE

SPECIAL OFFERING ON DECEMBER 18TH MAASAE GIRLS SCHOOL

On Sunday, December 18th, MLC will be collecting donations for the MaaSae Girls School in Tanzania. As some of you know, we have been sponsoring three girls from Tanzania through Operation Bootstrap, Africa. The sponsorships allow them to get an education which will enable them to reach beyond the poverty that plagues their country.

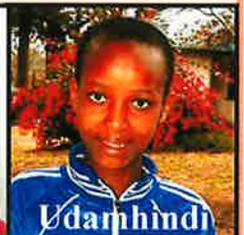
Udamhindi and Evaline have graduated from Form 4. If they pass their Form 5 entry exams, they will move on to Form 5 which is \$1200 each. Paulina is in her second year of university and is earning her degree in Mechanical and Marine Engineering. Her tuition is \$2,200. If you are able, please put a little extra in the offering plate on the 18th and designate it for MaaSae Girls School.



Evaline



Paulina



Udamhindi

The Giving Tree

LOOK!



Helping Those
in Need

You may have noticed that there is a Giving Tree set up in the Narthex. There are (or will be) envelopes hanging on the tree with different dollar amounts on them.

We invite you to take an envelope and place cash or a check made out to MLC in it to go towards the purchase of shoes, socks, underwear and gift cards for our less fortunate neighbors. You don't have to purchase the gift card, the SAC will take care of that.

Please place your envelope in the offering plate or drop it off in 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 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

(Not for use during church of course)

Financial Update

(YTD through October 31, 2022)

*Actual income — 283,447

Actual expenses — 293,848

***Includes some prepaid pledges.**

The adopted budget, YTD P&L and current balance sheet are posted in the coffee hour room and are available upon request.

Congregation Council 2021-2022

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron
Vice President -- Victoria Watson
Secretary -- Serena Severance
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

Serena Severance (2023)

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Nominating Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Outreach Committee

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

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

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Serena Severance (2023)

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

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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.

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Mark Johnson

Lector — Mark Johnson

Canter—David Moussette

Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Altar Guild — Amy Sigmar & Monica Scheiber

Counters — Noah Wittner

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Evan Kelly

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Fellowship

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

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.

—January 2015.

All are loved as they are.

All are welcome here.

