

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 18, 2022



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Advent 4

December 18, 2022

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Love Has Come

David Cherwien

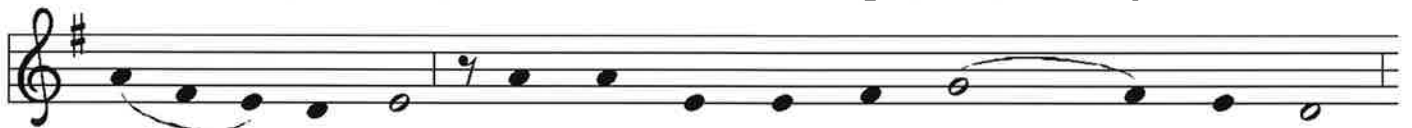
GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 1-3, 7&8

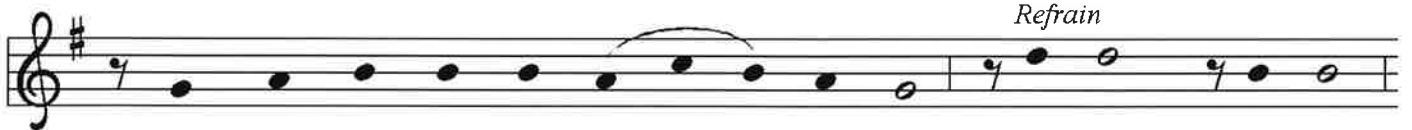
#257 ELW



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  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.



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

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.**

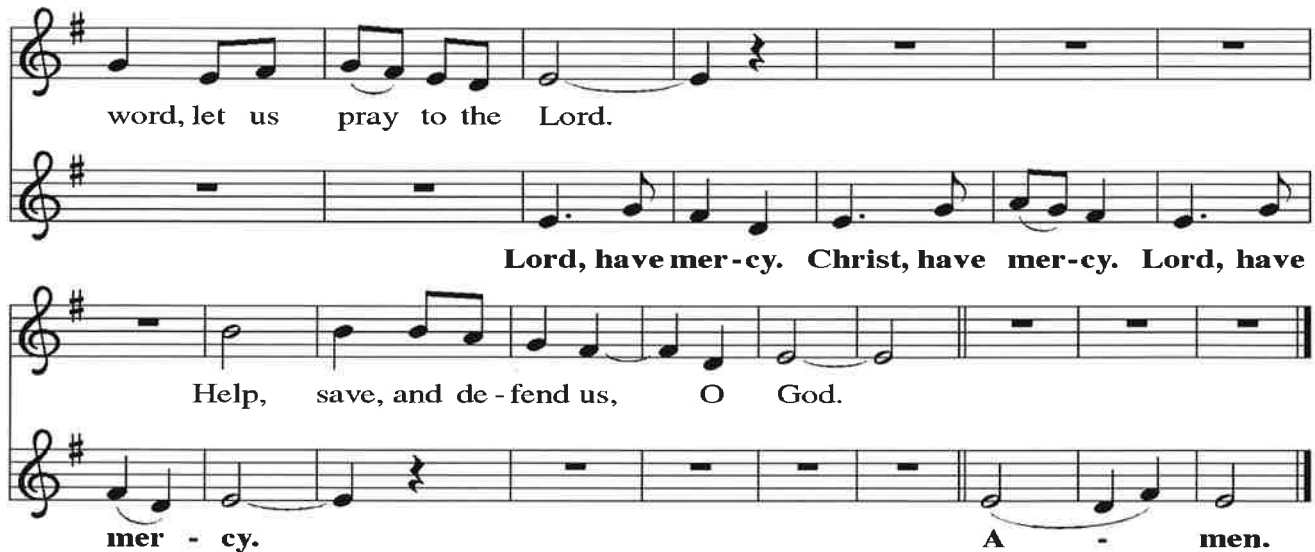
## KYRIE

#157 ELW

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, 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, vs. 4

ELW #240



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: Isaiah 7:10-16

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him

Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph <sup>1</sup>like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- <sup>1</sup>on the cherubim.  
<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, <sup>1</sup>and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and <sup>1</sup>come to help us.**  
<sup>3</sup>Restore <sup>1</sup>us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup>shall be saved.  
<sup>4</sup>**O LORD <sup>1</sup>God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your <sup>1</sup>people pray? R**  
<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the <sup>1</sup>bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of <sup>1</sup>tears to drink.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision <sup>1</sup>of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh <sup>1</sup>us to scorn.**  
<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O <sup>1</sup>God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup>shall be saved.  
<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at <sup>1</sup>your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong <sup>1</sup>for yourself.**  
<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- <sup>1</sup>way from you;  
give us life, that we may call up- <sup>1</sup>on your name.  
<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD <sup>1</sup>God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup>shall be saved. R**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,  
<sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

## 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 1:18-25

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

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”  
which means, “God is with us.”<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*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

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

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

Offering Music

In the Bleak Midwinter

G. Alan Smith

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
 and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
 So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
 God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.

## 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.

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Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION— Bell Choir

Away in a Manger

Anna Laura Page

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

### SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

#267 ELW

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in Peace! Live with hope! **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

People, Look East!

J. Wayne Kerr

## SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

Please see below for Christmas Eve. We need an assistant minister for Christmas Day if anyone is available.

### Assisting Minister

Dec 25 — TBD  
Jan 1 — Mark Johnson

### Lector

Dec 25 — TBD  
Jan 1 — Mark Johnson

### Altar Preparation

Dec 25 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette  
Jan 1 — Caroline & Jeanne

### Counters

Dec 25 — John Valiton  
Jan 1 — Noah Wittner

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 25 — No coffee hour due to Christmas  
Jan 1 — Leftovers, bring your leftover

**Christmas & New Year's Eve goodies!**

### Ushers

Dec 25 — Mike Olden  
Jan 1 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, December 18, Christmas Pageant

8:15am Worship  
8:30am Atrium  
10am Worship, Christmas Pageant  
1pm-4pm Jane Austen Society, Fireside Room, Private Event

### Tuesday, December 20

9am Bible Study, Zoom  
7pm Magnolia Big Band

### Wednesday, December 21

4pm Confirmation, Zoom

### Thursday, December 22

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

### Friday, December 23

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

### Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5pm Worship Service

### Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10am Worship Service



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVANTS SCHEDULE



**Assisting/Lector** — Thom Eaton  
**Counter**—John Valiton (with 12.25)  
**Usher(s)**— Rob Rowan  
**Altar Guild**—Nancy Searle

## 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](mailto:ajsimo@comcast.net).

## Last Sunday's Attendance

8:15am — 14  
10:00 am — 60

## CHRISTMAS DECORATION INSERTS

Inside your bulletin insert for decoration do-Bergeron 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.

**Last Day to get your name in the bulletin-**

## 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.



## LIKE TO DECORATE?

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. **TODAY** 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!

## Please Remember In Prayer

Kathleen Rowan

Donna Hegstrom

Dave Larson

Family of Don Goertzen

Family of Bob McIntosh

Pauline McIntosh

Gail Hendrickson

Lon Pilichowski (cousin of Nancy & Johnny Searle)

Heidi Carpine

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.

## 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.



## EVENTS: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

**TODAY!**

### A FEW PICS FROM SANKTA LUCIA AND THE SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2022



### SPECIAL OFFERING ON DECEMBER 18TH MAASAE GIRLS SCHOOL

TODAY, 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 today and designate it for MaaSae Girls School.



## 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 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  
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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](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**

(Not for use during church of course)

## Financial Update

(YTD through November 30, 2022)

\*Actual income — 310,689

Actual expenses — 323,823

**\*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** — Kimberly Milham

**Lector** — Caroline Alabach

**Cantor**—David Moussette

**Ushers** — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

**Counters** — Noah Wittner

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Aaron Stevens

**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.

