MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 15

September 10, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Charles Callahan

GATHERING HYMN

Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven

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- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav en; joy ful ly your trib-ute bring.
- 2 God be praised for grace and fa vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.

 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more God's prais-es sing. praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless. God but. mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang-ing on. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



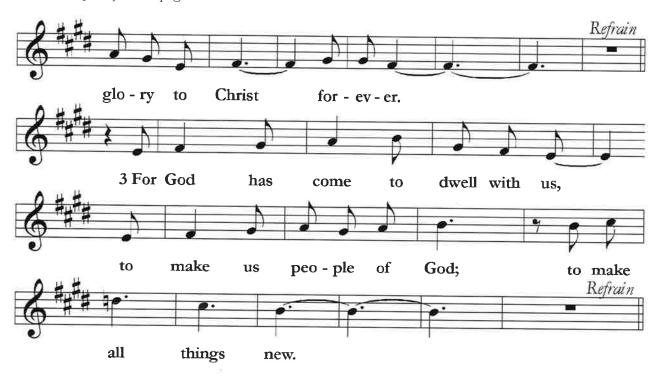
GREETING

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.

Now the Feast

Marty Haugen





PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

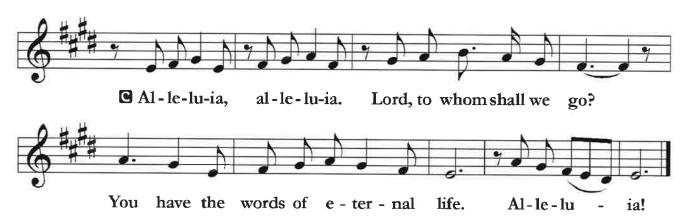
SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Marty Haugen



GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁶ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON





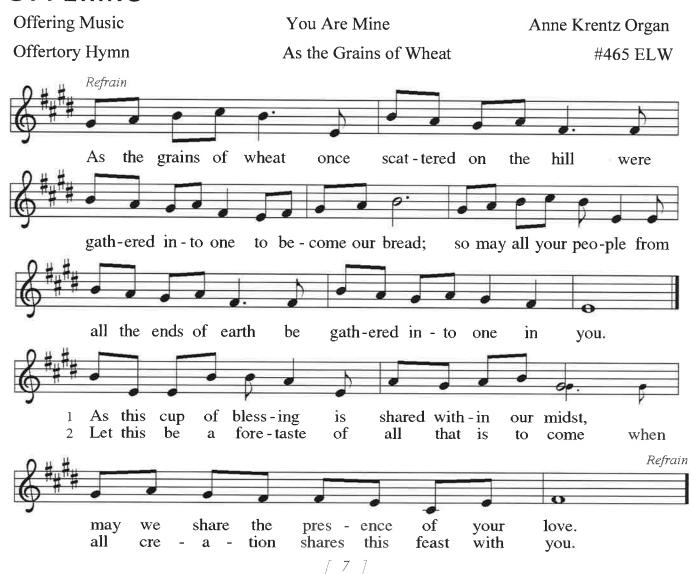
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

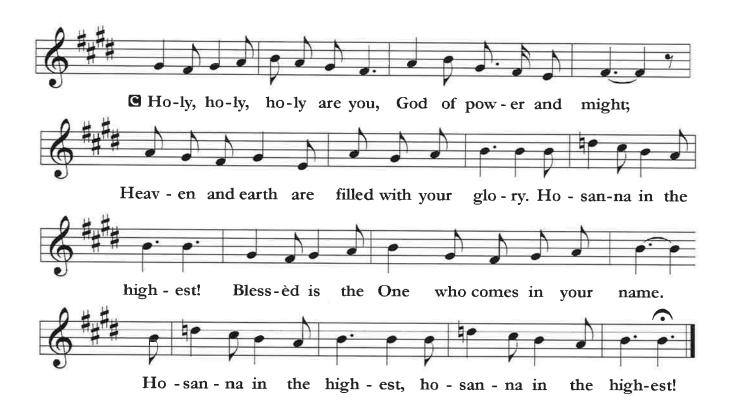
OFFERING



CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION



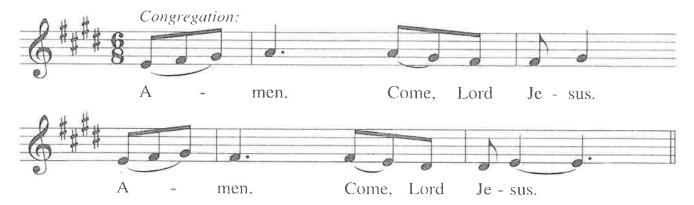
Preface: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, Creator of heaven and earth...

Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

... Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death and glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry:



Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.



Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

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.

The Distribution, Singing during Communion: Lamb of God



Lord for is you and for me, and al - so all of God's for Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -Lord kept with - in can - not live, SO o - pen your - selves now



SENDING BLESSING



Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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- I Joy ful, joy ful we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, praising thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day. flow-ing foun-tain call us chant-ing bird, and to re - joice in thee. teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the iov di-vine!

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee

Michael Costello

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister Counters

Sept 17 — Noah Wittner
Sept 24 — TBD
Sept 24 — John Valiton

Lector Coffee Hour Hosts

Sept 17 — Jeanne Moussette Sept 17 — Linda & Mark Johnson Sept 24 — TBD Sept 24 — Kathleen & Rob Rowan

Altar Preparation Ushers

Sept 17 — Nancy Searle Sept 17 — Mike Olden Sept 24 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg Sept 24 — Mike Olden

Making Music At MLC

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir! Choir rehearsals happen every other Wednesday at 7:00pm and will commence on September 13th. Are you interested in joining us? Singing is good for you! Speak with to our awesome Music Director, Ann Simonson, or email her at ajsimo@comcast.net.

Can't sing but want to be a part of the music scene at MLC? Then the Bell Choir might be for you! No need to read music! If you're interested in joining please talk to, or email Ann Simonson.



OR...



This Week at MLC

Sunday, September 10, 22 Years Later

8:15am Worship Service 10am Worship Service

Tuesday, September 12

NO Bible Study

7pm Magnolia Big Band7pm Council Meeting—Zoom

Wednesday, September 13

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, September 15

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

THE ATRIUM

The Atrium is our Montessori-based faith formation program for children, located upstairs in the big education room. We welcome children starting at age 3. Sessions resume in October, with 2 short introductory sessions for new students at 8:30am on October 8 and 15.

All Level 1 students (age 3-6) meet on Sunday, October 29.

All students, Level 1 and 2 (age 3-10), meet starting November 5. We have a flexible start time, beginning at 8:30am.

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



COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

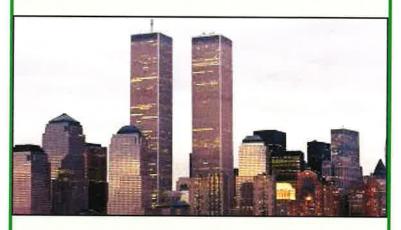
The Tuesday morning **Bible Study and Discussion** starts up again on Tuesday, September 26 at 9am. We meet by zoom. The link is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82169366579
This class is for all people—those who are new to faith, and those with theology degrees. We ask questions, contemplate the ancient texts 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.

SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES SUNDAYS AT 9AM IN LUTHER HALL OR 11:15AM IN THE COLUMBARIUM

TOPICS & DATES!

Today Twenty-Two Years Later: Lessons Learned after September 11

Where were you on 9/11? Come and remember. Come and tell your story. Come and seek out where was the presence of God when there was darkness in the daytime. Classes happen at 9am and 11:15 in the sanctuary.



September 17 TBD

September 24 The Dirt on Garbage. What happens to the trash after is placed at our curbs. What is the truth about recycling? Why is it called a transfer station? What is not allowed in our garbage, and why? This class will be led by members of our own faith community.





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

Matt Becker (friend of Lance Grimsby)

Russ Long

Family of Carolyn Simonson (Ann Simonson's mother-in-law)

Vern Lindquist

Cliff Kurtzweg

Chris Backman

Frank Edmondson

Karla Lefferson (in Columbia Lutheran Home)

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 — 10 10am — 40

REFORMATION PUPPET PLAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29!

Rev. Valinda Morse (Vicki) is writing a puppet play for Reformation Sunday! All children are invited to participate!

Rehearsals will be at 9:30am, between services, on the following Sundays:

October 8th October 15th October 22nd October 29th



Scripts will be handed out at the first rehearsal. Parents are invited and welcome to help, just come to the first rehearsal on October 8th!

Hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES KICK-OFF IN SEPTEMBER!

Confirmation Classes restart on Wednesday, Sept 13. Initial classes will only be for those who will be confirmed this Fall. Classes are for students beginning in the 6th grade. This year, will be a scan of the entire biblical story. Confirmation Day will be Sunday, November 12. We meet at 4pm. We meet by zoom. The schedule is below:

9/13 — 4pm — Class for Older Students

9/20 — 4pm — No Class

9/27 — 4pm — Class for Older Students

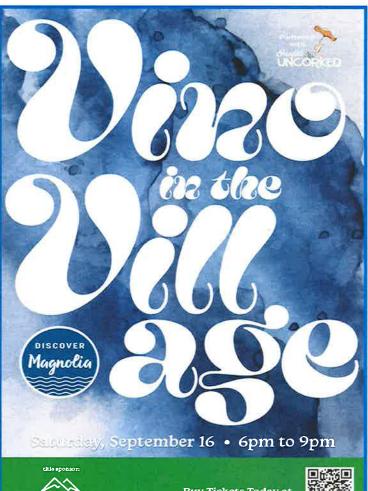
10/4 — 4pm — No Class

10/11 — 4pm — Class for Older Students

10/18 — 4pm — No Class

10/25 — 4pm — Class for Every Grade

11/1 — 4pm — Class for Every Grade





Buy Tickets Today at DiscoverMagnolia.org





Vino in the Village

r.Cup is helping us reduce single-use waste.



- Pick up your r.Cup at check in. Use the same cup at all locations.
- Return r.Cups to our bins before leaving the event.
- r.Cups are collected, sanitized, and used again and again.

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 July 31, 2023

*Income — \$ 207,522 Expenses—\$ 216,708

*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

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 by Russ and Irene Long for their 51st wedding anniversary.

Happy Anniversary Russ & Irene!!

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Megan Hamshar
Lector — Serena Severance
Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmar
Altar Guild — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh
Counters — Ralph Hendrickson
Audio— Johnny Searle
Live Stream—Aaron Stevens
Coffee Hour Host(s) — Amy & Thor Sigmar

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.

