

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 1, 2023



CARING FOR CREATION

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 18

October 1, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Whate'er Our God Ordains

A.W. Leupold

GATHERING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

#876 ELW



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - jice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. Both are in the key of D major (two sharps). The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' with hyphens under 'mer' and 'cy'. The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with some melodic movement in the vocal line.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. Both are in the key of D major. The lyrics are 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' with hyphens under 'mer' and 'cy'. The musical structure is similar to the first system, with a vocal line and a supporting bass line.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. Both are in the key of D major. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' with hyphens under 'mer' and 'cy'. The music continues with the same harmonic and melodic patterns.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. Both are in the key of D major. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.' with hyphens under 'mer' and 'cy'. The music concludes with a final cadence in the bass line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.

³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 12:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work

out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting One



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: Matthew 21:23-32

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide my Ways

#772 ELW



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

Abba, Abba, Hear Us

#1072 ACS

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

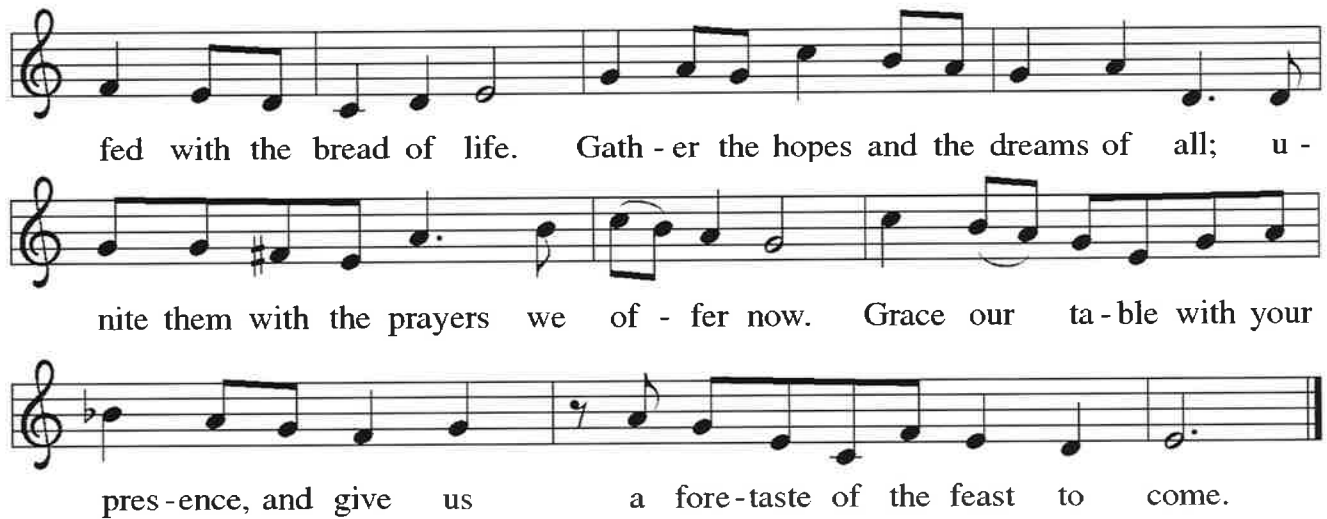
#182 ELW



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.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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

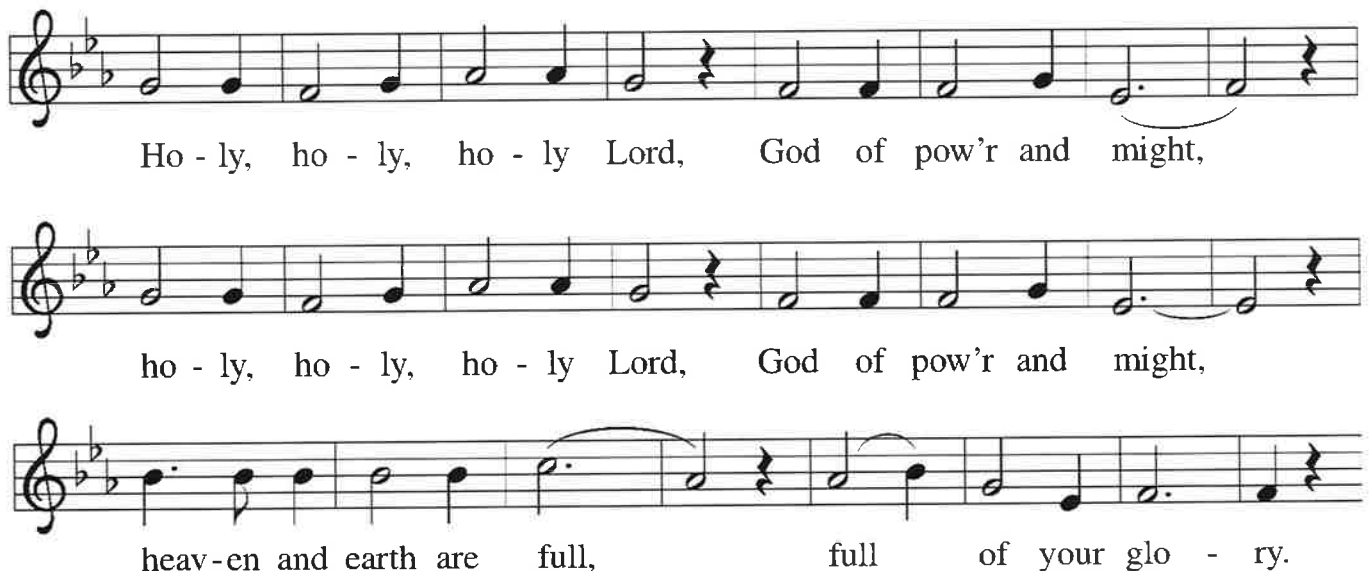
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

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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...)

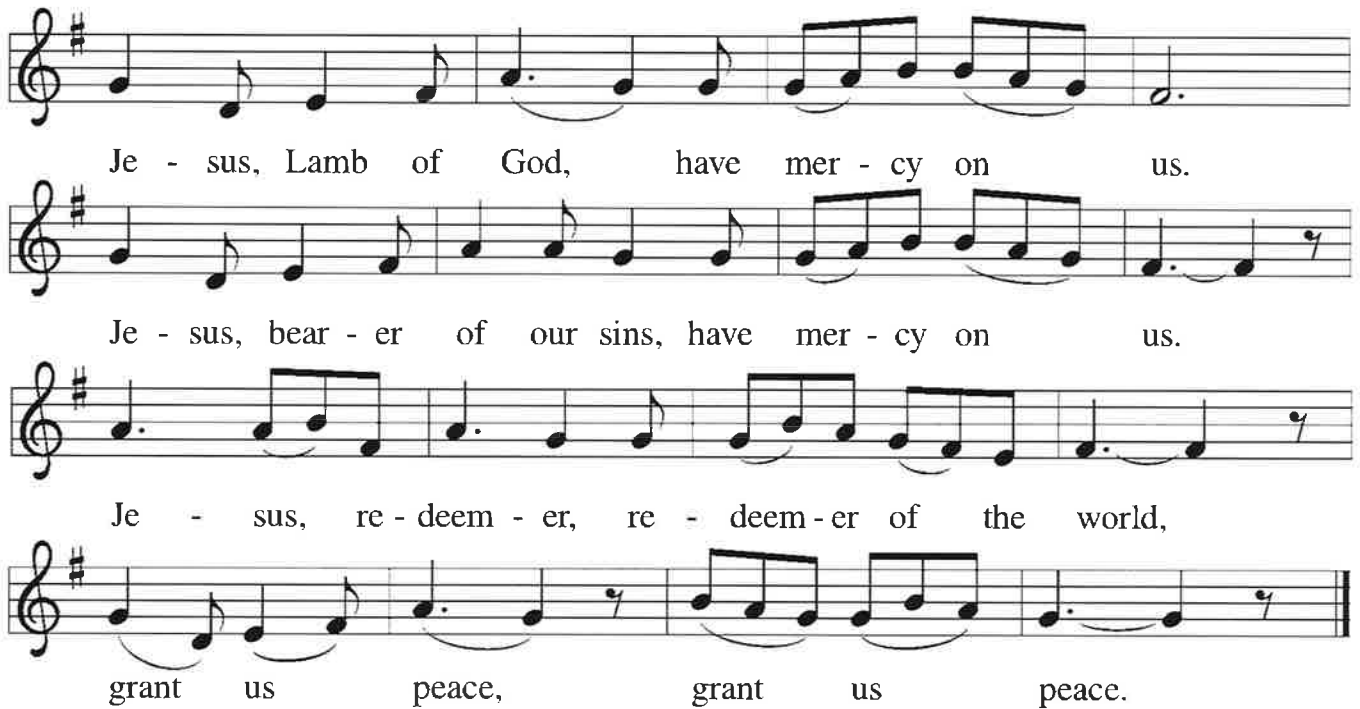
Lord's Prayer

**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.

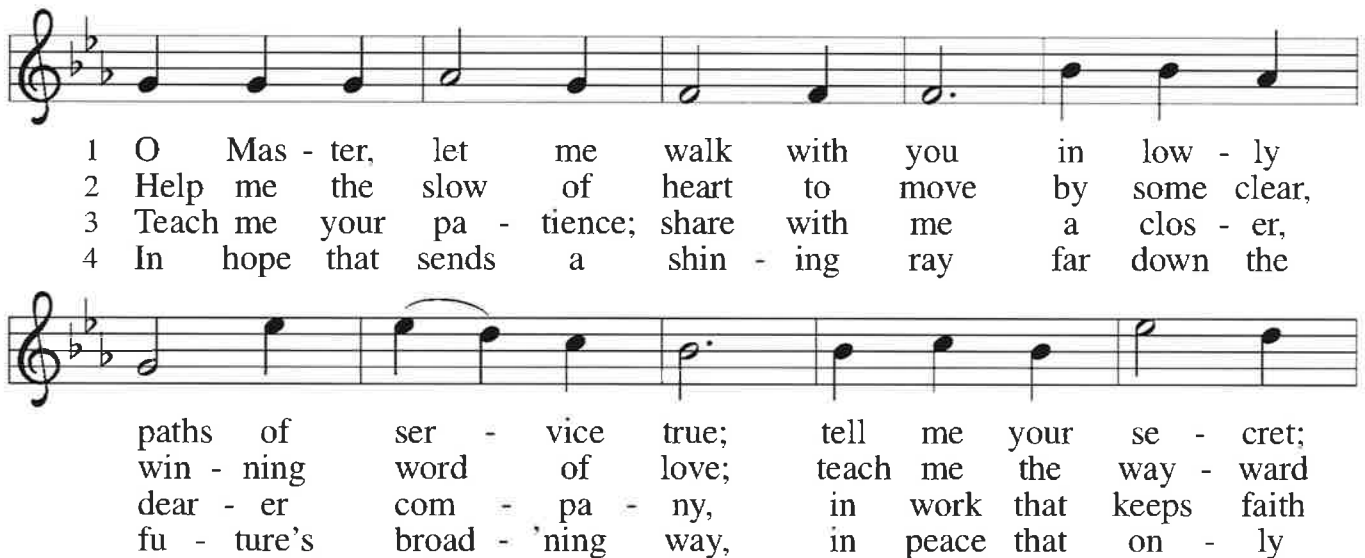
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk With You

#818 ELW



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the
paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

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help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas-ter, let me live.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve

#551 ELW



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Whate'er Our God Ordains

Johann Walther

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Oct 8 — Mark Johnson

Oct 15 — Thom Eaton

Lector

Oct 8 — Mark Johnson

Oct 15 — Thom Eaton

Altar Preparation

Oct 8 — Amy Sigmar

Oct 15 — Monica Scheiber

Counters

Oct 8 — Noah Wittner

Oct 15 — Ralph Hendrickson

Coffee Hour Hosts

Oct 8 — Kay Kurtzweg & Jeanne Moussette

Oct 15 — Kimberly & Nick Milham

Ushers

Oct 8 — Rob Rowan

Oct 15 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Making Music At MLC

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir!

Choir rehearsals happen every other Wednesday at 7:00pm. 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...



LOOK!



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.

This Week at MLC

Sunday, October 1

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

Tuesday, October 3

9am **NO Bible Study**

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, October 5

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, October 6

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, October 8

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

LOOK!

COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

The Tuesday morning **Bible Study and Discussion** started 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.

NEW!

GRAND OPENING OF OUR REMODEL!

After three months of work, we have circled a date for our Grand Opening!! This date is in pencil—as schedules can change with construction projects — but as of today, please circle next **Sunday, October 8** as the day we will cut the ribbon!!

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF OUR NEW SPACE!

Come to worship on Sunday, **November 5** as we officially dedicate our new space for our shared ministry. Our Bishop, Shelley Bryan Wee, will be present at each worship service.

On this day we will also give God thanks for the saints who have gone before us—and remember them by name.

Specific details to follow for each event!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



2
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2
3



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 — 14

10am — 47

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!

Interested? Call Valinda at 360-250-2103

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY NEWS!

October 21- Octoberfest in Luther Hall. This is an event for our neighbors, our neighborhood and our friends. Come along and help out with the party. Come along and invite others to the fun. See Bob Bergeron for details.

October 29 - The Phinney Ridge Gospel Choir will be joining us at the 10am worship service! This is Reformation Sunday, which is also a day to celebrate our relationship with Christians of other denominations. Come and join the fun!

December 2—Swedish Pancake Breakfast! With all the fixings!! Some of our neighbors call our pancake breakfast the official kick-off of the Christmas season. Lots of hands make for good community work. Stay tuned for de-

CONFIRMATION CLASSES KICKED OFF IN SEPTEMBER!

Confirmation Classes started 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:

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

Questions: Call PK at 206-284-0155 or

YOUTH NEWS: FALL RETREAT

Come along to a Retreat at Camp Lutherwood! This retreat is led by our synod. It is for youth grades 6-12. It begins on Friday November 10 at 7pm. It ends on Sunday, November 12 at 1pm. Cost is \$150. See Pastor Kevin for registration and information or fill out this [Registration Form](#) or check out the website at <https://www.camplutherwood.org/>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING: SUMMER 2024

Imagine: 8,000 High School youth from Lutheran congregations all around our country gathering in New Orleans. It is going to happen from July 16-20. Early registration is \$375 (excluding food and transportation).

Adult chaperones are needed to accompany our youth. If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime adventure contact Pastor Kevin. Also check out the youth gathering website: <https://bit.ly/3QMM79g> Stay tuned for a planning meeting for more information.

Look—No class!

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

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- 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 August 31, 2023

*Income — \$ 226,140

Expenses—\$ 243,848

*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

Guest Pastor—Rev. Pam Russell

Assisting Minister — Noah Wittner

Lector — Noah Wittner

Ushers — Rob Rowan

Altar Guild — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters — Ralph Hendrickson

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Georgia Backman & the 8:15 Crew

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.

