

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 6, 2020 Advent 2

10am



Prelude Comfort, Comfort Now My People

John Leavitt

Welcome and Introductions

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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

Children's Sermon - Topic: Annunciation

Scripture Readings

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

Homily

Hymn

On Jordan’s Banks

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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

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The 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.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Jonathan Reuss

Join us for a coffee hour via Zoom following this morning's service at 11:00am. Here is a link to the coffee hour:

<https://zoom.us/j/99133380725>

Meeting ID: 991 3338 0725

Dial in: 1-669-900-6833



NEW! Christmas Eve Choir: Singers Needed!

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS NEEDED!

Christmas Eve would not be the same without singing the familiar carols that we know and love! This year is no different! Except...

the carols will be recorded by you, the MLC congregation! If you haven't participated in any of the recorded hymns before, please give it a try! It's for Christmas Eve after all! Parish Administrator, Nancy, is more than happy to guide you through it step by step! Heck, she'll even mask up and come help you record! Just call her at the office, 206-284-0155 or email her

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com

ONLINE MEETINGS

How to be anti-racist: Every other Tuesday at 7pm.

Ask me Anything: Every Wednesday at 1pm.

Confirmation: Every Wednesday at 4 pm.

Bible Study: Every Thursday at 3pm.

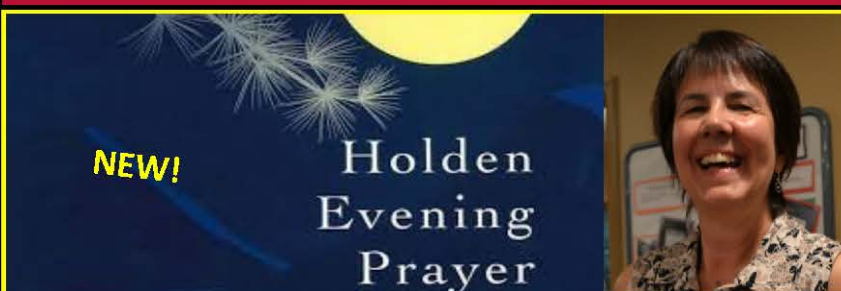
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NEW! HELP MLC BY LIGHTING A CANDLE!

Please take a picture of yourself holding a candle in your living room, or anywhere you'd like! The pictures will be used during the Christmas Eve Worship Service. We may not be able to stand next to each other in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, but we can sure see each other holding candles!

Please send your pictures or questions to parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com



HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER WITH ANN

(In place of Singing with Ann)

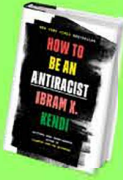
Please join us for Holden Evening Prayer during the season of Advent and sing the setting on Wednesday nights, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 7:00pm via Zoom. This contemplative setting of evening prayer is a wonderful way to enjoy the season of Advent and prepare our hearts for Christmas. If you'd like to join but don't know how, send Nancy an email at

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com.

ZOOM MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION

HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST

Come enter the conversation. Pastor Kevin is leading a discussion based upon the New York Times Bestseller written by Ibram Kendi. The ZOOM meetings are every other Tuesday at 7pm. Copies of the book are available online.



BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Kevin will be holding a bible study class by Zoom every Thursday at 3pm. The classes will begin on Thursday, October 22nd. If you used to attend bible study and miss it, join PK by ZOOM! You may see some of your former Bible Study friends there!

CONFIRMATION

Class meets by ZOOM every Wednesday at 4pm. Confirmation is for students in grades 5-8—and includes current 9th graders.

ASK ME ANYTHING

No, really. I insist. Pastor Kevin's weekly discussion began on Wednesday, September 23 at 1pm and will be held every Wednesday. We meet by ZOOM.



DO YOU NEED MASKS OR HAND SANITIZER?

King County has gifted MLC with lots of masks and hand sanitizer. If you are in need of any, please call the office to arrange for pick up. 206-284-0155

SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions on social gatherings, we will need to cancel the Swedish Pancake Breakfast this year. This is only the second time in 29 years that we have had to cancel. God willing, and with the vaccine coming, we should be able to hold one in 2021!



REIMAGINE MAGNOLIA VILLAGE

Help make Magnolia Village beautiful and welcoming! Below are links to the website where you can donate and a YouTube interview that explains the project underway to do just that!

Click or go here to donate:
magnoliabeautification.com

MAGNOLIA BETTER TOGETHER

Magnolia Better Together is a new non-profit organization which will allow donations given to Reimagine Magnolia Village to be tax deductible!

WOMAN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Come join for a virtual happy hour with the ladies from MLC! **The first and third Monday of the month at 7pm.** Cozy up to your laptop or iPad and join our Zoom meeting with your favorite beverage. Just a time for a casual chat and check in. You are encouraged to join with both video and audio to foster connection and camaraderie.

Questions? Email Serena
(shrenalee@gmail.com) Cheers!

**Please Remember
In Prayer**

Daniel Meloy
Linda Kellenberger
Dave Larson
Brian Rowse, DVM (cousin of the Backmans)
Don Goertzen
Erika Simonson
Josephine Wright (mother of LuAnn Mitchell)
Family of Kevin Beneke (brother-in-law of Barb Heinen)
Family of Bob McIntosh Pauline McIntosh
Vickie Edmondson
Family of Nina Steidl
Family of Helen Kack
Family of J.J. Rentel
Family of William Olden
Family of Barbara Munro
Samantha Scheiber
Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
Brian Reierison and Julia Christianson (recovering
from car accident)
Family of Julia Thorsness (sister of Celeste Stubbs)

*If you wish to add someone to the prayer
list, please contact the church office.*

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**Financial Update
Through November 2020**

*Income — \$284,104
Expenses—\$292,100

*Includes some prepaid pledges

**Congregation
Council 2020-2021**

Council Officers:

President -- Serena Severance
Vice President -- Dave Heinen
Secretary-- Bob Bergeron
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary-- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at
[council@magnolialutheran
church.com](mailto:council@magnolialutheran
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Council members:

*The year listed is when the
member's term ends, in June.*

Mike Olden (2022)
Property Committee
Robert Bergeron (2023)
Columbarium Committee
Serena Severance (2020)
Finance Committee
Women of the ELCA
Olivia Massimiano (2023)
Outreach
Stewardship Committee
Bob Bergeron (2022)
Stewardship Committee
Dave Heinen (2021)
Audit Committee
Nominating Committee
Bob Zierman (2023)
Social Action Committee
Kimberly Milham (2023)
Fellowship Committee
Women of the ELCA
Deborah Ramsey (2021)
Faith Formation
Fellowship Committee
Kay Thoreson (2021)
Personnel Committee
Worship & Music Committee

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Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

- Sunday Offering
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- Online banking through your financial institutions

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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-1

Additional Ways to Give

We are pleased to let you know that we have two additional ways to give! First, you will notice that there is a QR code printed on this page. A QR code is a quick-response bar code that can be scanned by your cell phone's QR reader or camera, and re-direct you to a website. Just open your camera and point it at the code, then open the link it gives you on your screen. Our QR code will take you directly to the MLC giving platform. Secondly, MLC now has a PayPal account!

The "PayPal" link is on our giving homepage, and will allow you to give directly to the church and other organizations that MLC sponsors, and is another option for setting up recurring payments. If you have any questions about these two giving options, please let us know!

You can send an email to Nancy at
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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.

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Nursery Attendant — Diana Frederich

Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Live Stream Production — Evan Kelly, Mark Kelly and Aaron Stevens