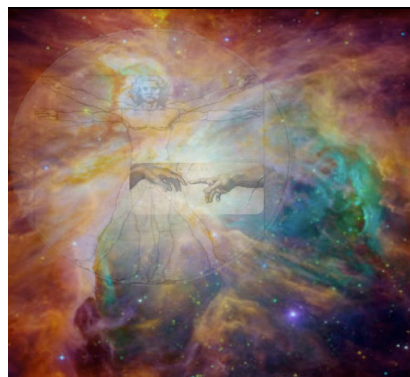


MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 3, 2021 Christmas 2

10am



Prelude

What Child is This

Christopher Uehlein

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

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your
incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that
we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Gospel: John 1:10-18

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

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Homily

Hymn

The First Noel

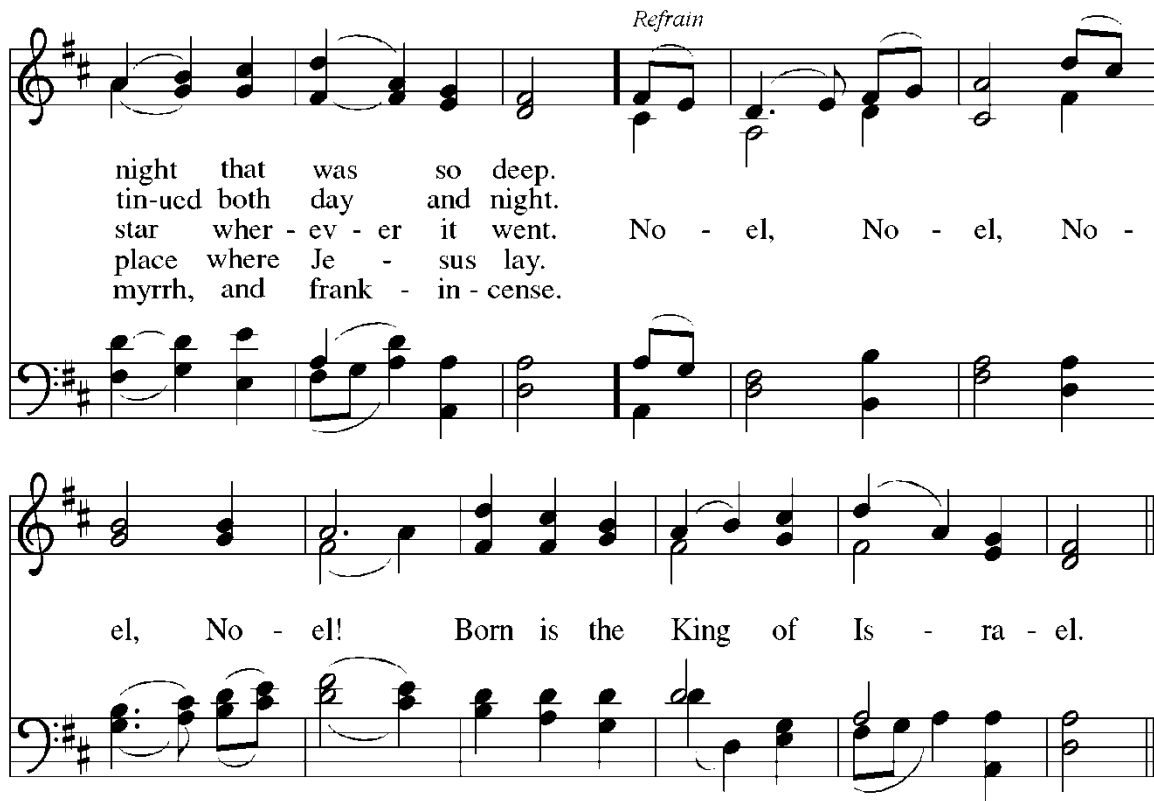
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1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, and

Refrain



night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Christopher Uehlein

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



We have been putting together recordings with as many voices from MLC as possible to play as the Hymn of the Day during the live stream Worship services on Sundays. You've probably heard some of them if you tune in to Sunday's service.

We would like to add your voice!

Watch your inboxes for your next recording opportunity and give it a try! You don't even have to sing on



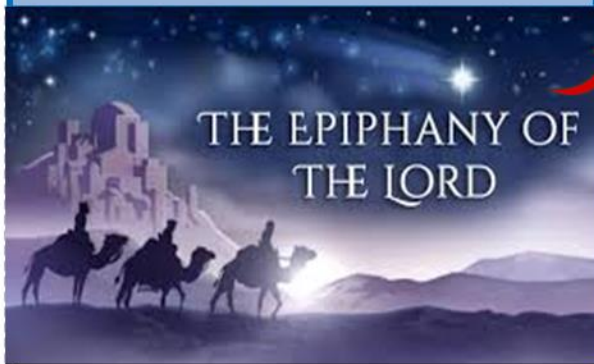
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MLC's semi annual congregational meeting will take place via zoom on January 31st after the 10am worship service. More information will be out soon!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Join Pastor Kevin and other MLC friends on Wednesday, **January 6th at 7pm** for a special service for the Epiphany. The service will take place via Zoom. Please RSVP if you would like a link to the service:

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com



ONLINE MEETINGS

Bible Study: Tuesday at 11am

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

Mediation & Prayer: Every Wednesday at 11am

Topical Discussions: Thursday at 11am & 7pm

See next page for details!



SINGING WITH ANN

If you miss singing, but don't feel like doing the recording, you might try "Singing With Ann" on **Wednesday nights at 7pm**. It happens on Zoom so you can see the others who are participating, however, you can't hear them and they can't hear you!

Watch your inboxes for a link to the sing-along or to get your requests in!

Singing with Ann will resume on January 13th!

NEW SCHEDULE!

LOOK!

NEW ZOOM SCHEDULE AND OTHER INFORMATION

HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST

Come enter the conversation. Pastor Kevin will continue the 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.



NEW DAY AND TIME!

JOIN US FOR
BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 11am, beginning Jan 6th



Wednesdays at 11am via zoom
Beginning on January 6, 2021
Prayer and Meditation
With Pastor Kevin



TOPICAL DISCUSSION

Pastor Kevin will be hosting this new discussion of varying topics. Tune in on Thursdays at 11am and 7pm.

Mary's Place

no one's child should sleep outside

Mary's Place provides safe, inclusive shelter and services that support women, children and families on their journey out of homelessness.

MLC's Social Action Committee has chosen Mary's Place to help during these trying times; by providing donations of anything and everything that someone may need to care for their baby.

Diapers, baby wipes, formula, non-perishable baby food, baby clothes, etc.

Please drop donations off to the breezeway on the East side of the church.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



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

you're invited

TO A VIRTUAL
HAPPY HOUR!



WOMAN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

The Women's Happy Hour will resume on Monday, January 4th!

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.

(shrenalee@gmail.com) Cheers!

LOOK!



2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**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 Reiersen and Julia Christianson (recovering from car accident)
Kay Thoreson

*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@magnolialutheranchurch.com

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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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-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
parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com.





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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