

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 12, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Advent 3

December 12, 2021

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nation, Come

J.S. Bach

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

People, Look East

#248 ELW



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



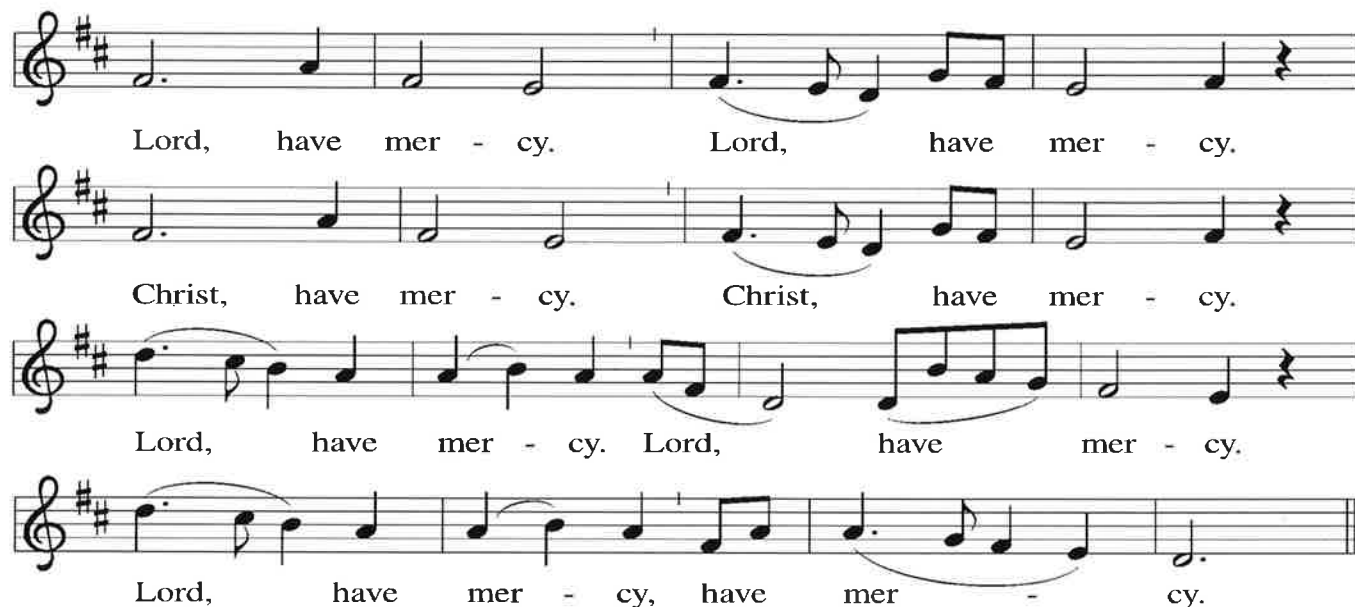
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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

#152 ELW



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

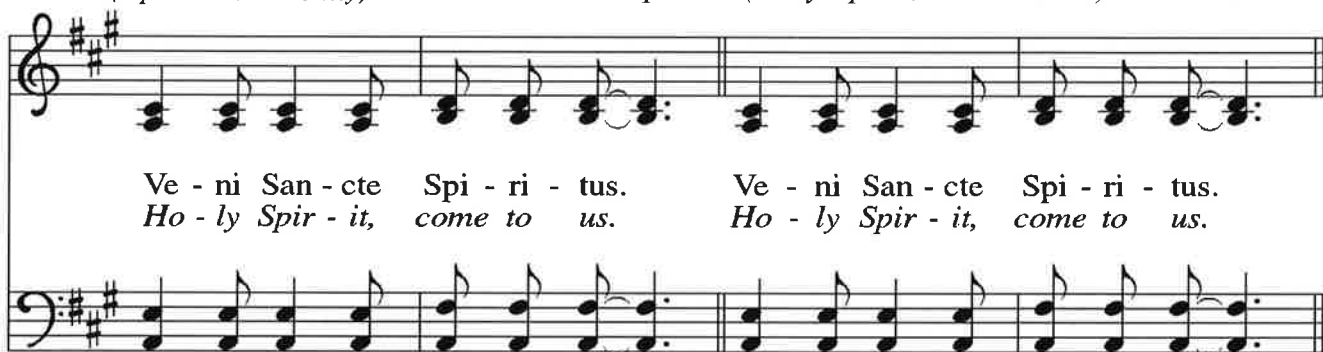
Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Ostinato (repeated continuously)

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Holy Spirit, Come to Us)

#406 ELW



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."^[a] ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"^[b] ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born ^[c]will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

All Earth is Hopeful

#266 ELW



1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

There will be no offering plate passed. Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

...on 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

All are invited to the Table. Come as you wish. The ushers will guide you by row.

The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. Simply take a pre-poured glass and return it to the empty tray.

White grape juice is provided for those who do not prefer wine. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray.

The people are invited to sing during communion.

Singing during Communion

Lamb of God



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

He Came Down

#253 ELW



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

SANKTA LUCIA

The Procession: The Lucia Song

Hark, Through the dark'ning night, sounds come a-winged;
Lo! 'Tis the Queen of Light, joyfully singing.
Clad in her garments white, wearing her crown of light,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

Deep in the Northern sky, bright stars are beaming;
Christmas is drawing nigh, candles are gleaming.
Welcome, you vision rare, lights glowing in your hair,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

The Reading

Prayer

The Recessional (*repeating the second verse*)

Deep in the Northern sky, bright stars are beaming;
Christmas is drawing nigh, candles are gleaming.
Welcome, you vision rare, lights glowing in your hair,
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

Night soon shall flee away with its dark dreaming,
Radiant shall be the day with sunlight streaming.
This is your promise bright, maiden with crown of light:
Sankta Lucia! Sankta Lucia!

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Be wise. Be Kind. Let Love Abound. **Thanks Be to God!**

POSTLUDE

People, Look East

J. Wayne Kerr

SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

Assisting Minister

Dec 19 — Kimberly Milham

Dec 26 — Serena Severance

Lector

Dec 19 — Caroline Alabach

Dec 26 — Serena Severance

Altar Preparation

Dec 19 — Caroline Alabach &
Jeanne Moussette

Dec 26 — Caroline & Jeanne

Counters

Dec 19 — TBD (working on new schedule)

Dec 26 — TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dec 19 — Fellowship Committee

Dec 26 — Congregation brings leftovers!

Ushers

Dec 19 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Dec 26 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

LAST SUNDAY!

CHRISTMAS DECORATION INSERTS

Inside your bulletin you will find an insert for Christmas Decoration donations. Donna Bergeron and Jenny Ruegamer 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 Christmas Eve's bulletin.

LOOK!

SPEAKING OF DECORATIONS...

You are invited to join in the holiday spirit by helping to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas on December 19th, right after the 10am service.

LEFTOVERS SUNDAY! DECEMBER 26TH!

NEW!

Following MLC tradition, Sunday, December 26th will be "Leftovers Sunday". Please bring all of your leftover calories (goodies that you don't want hanging around the house to tempt you) to church on Sunday to share with everyone during the coffee hour.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR— POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR

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. Stay tuned for new days & times!



This Week at MLC

Sunday, December 12, Sankta Lucia @10

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 14

10:30am Bible Study, in person

7pm Magnolia Big Band

7pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 15

9am Bible Study, Zoom

5:15pm Bell Choir

Friday, December 17

8pm AA Meeting

NEW!

Navajo Lutheran Mission

If you were in church last Sunday, you probably received a handout pertaining to a trip that MLC is planning to the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona next Summer. If you didn't receive one last Sunday, hopefully you got one today! If not, please see Parish Administrator, Nancy, and she will make sure you get a copy! The trip is open to everyone and will be a great opportunity to see how your donations are being used. The goal is to make sure everyone who wishes to go, can, regardless of financial situations that might otherwise keep you from going. Stay tuned for more information!

NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ?

Over the summer months we have received many quality reads for our Free Library. Please peruse the offering and feel free to take any book for your pleasure. We also ask that you donate used books when you have gleaned from them insights into your life. There is no cost... just an opportunity to read excellent books. You are encouraged to return them after you have completed reading.

NEW!

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Advent is upon us, a time of longing and waiting, a time of darkness and light. Your Social Action Committee has chosen this season to focus on those at the Compass Housing Alliance who have little or nothing. There is a **Giving Tree in the Narthex**. The tree is an opportunity for you to give to those less fortunate. Envelopes hanging from the Giving Tree designate shoes, socks and underwear. In addition there are envelopes for gift cards to give to parents for their children's Christmas wishes. Please consider taking an envelope from the tree. Write a check for the amount on the front of the envelope and place it in the offering plate. That way we can continue to provide for those who have so little. Your Social Action Committee thanks you for your continued generosity! SAC

EXTRA WREATHS & GARLANDS

MLC ended up with a few extra wreaths and a couple of 35' and one 75' garland. The cost for the wreaths is \$20, 35' garland is \$45 and the 75' is \$75. The wreaths make good gifts for your friends and/or neighbors! Call the office or stop in if you are interested!

MORE WREATHS!

HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED!

Compass Housing Alliance is in need of hygiene items for homeless adults. WestSide Baby needs the same, except their need is for babies. In the past we have asked that you bring in kits, however, they would rather have the loose items so that they can assemble the kits themselves. Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste (small), deodorant (small), soap, bags (zipper), baby shampoo, diapers/pull-ups, wipes, diaper cream, bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, etc. Please drop the items off in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your ongoing



WestSide Baby

basics for children in need

COMPASS
HOUSING
ALLIANCE

NEW TIME!



Making Music At MLC

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir! The start date for choir is up in the air right now, however, if you are interested in joining speak with our awesome Music Director, Ann Simonson, or email her at ajsimo@comcast.net. Singing is fun and good for you!

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. **Bell choir practices on Wednesdays at 5:15pm unless otherwise noted!**

MAKE NOTE!



QUILTERS AND HAND WORK GROUPS

The handwork group began meeting again on December 2nd. **The next meeting will be on January 27th at 1pm at Ronnie Beckerleg's.**

Thank you for all of the donations for the quilting group but right now they are not accepting any more donations.



MAKE NOTE!

Crochet



Needlepoint



Knit



Please Remember In Prayer

- Linda Kellenberger
- Dave Larson
- Brian Rowse, DVM (cousin of the Backmans)
- Don Goertzen
- Erika Simonson
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Pauline McIntosh
- Family of J.J. Rentel
- Family of William Olden
- Family of Barbara Munro
- Samantha Scheiber
- Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
- Liza & Bill Biscomb (Parents of Victoria Watson)
- Joi and Todd Arnston (stepdaughter and son in law to Carol Hurlburt)
- Kathi Galletly (friend of the Torellis)
- Jonathan Drugge (son of friends of Kay Thoreson)
- Family of Don Westergaard (brother of Irene Long)
- Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)
- Family of Elsie Simon
- Karen Jones (friend of Lance Grimsby)

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

8:15 am — 17
10:00 am — 40

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:

TumbleRibs398

(Not for use during church of course)

Financial Update As of November, 2021

*Income — \$ 295,807

Expenses—\$ 296,112

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2020-2021

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron

Vice President -- Victoria Watson

Secretary -- Kimberly Milham

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.

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2023)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2023)

Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2022)

Nominating Committee

Robert Zierman (2022)

Outreach Committee

Olivia Massiamano (2023)

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2023)

Property Committee

Mike Olden (2022)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2023)

Stewardship Committee

Robert Bergeron, Olivia

Massiamano, Serena Severance

Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham, Serena
Severance

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2021)

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 greens today are given to the Glory of God.

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Thom Eaton

Lector — Thom Eaton

Ushers - Amy and Thor Sigmar

Altar Guild — Amy Sigmar

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Evan Kelly

Counters — Ralph Hendrickson & Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Fellowship Committee

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.

