

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 27, 2022



HE CAME TO HIMSELF

—Luke 15:17

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 4

March 27, 2022

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

John Behnke

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.

Most Merciful God,

We confess that we are captive 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 heart; 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.

In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#807 ELW



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.



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

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

SECOND READING: Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☪ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and

began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Precious Lord

#773 ELW



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

There will be no passing of the plate. 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.

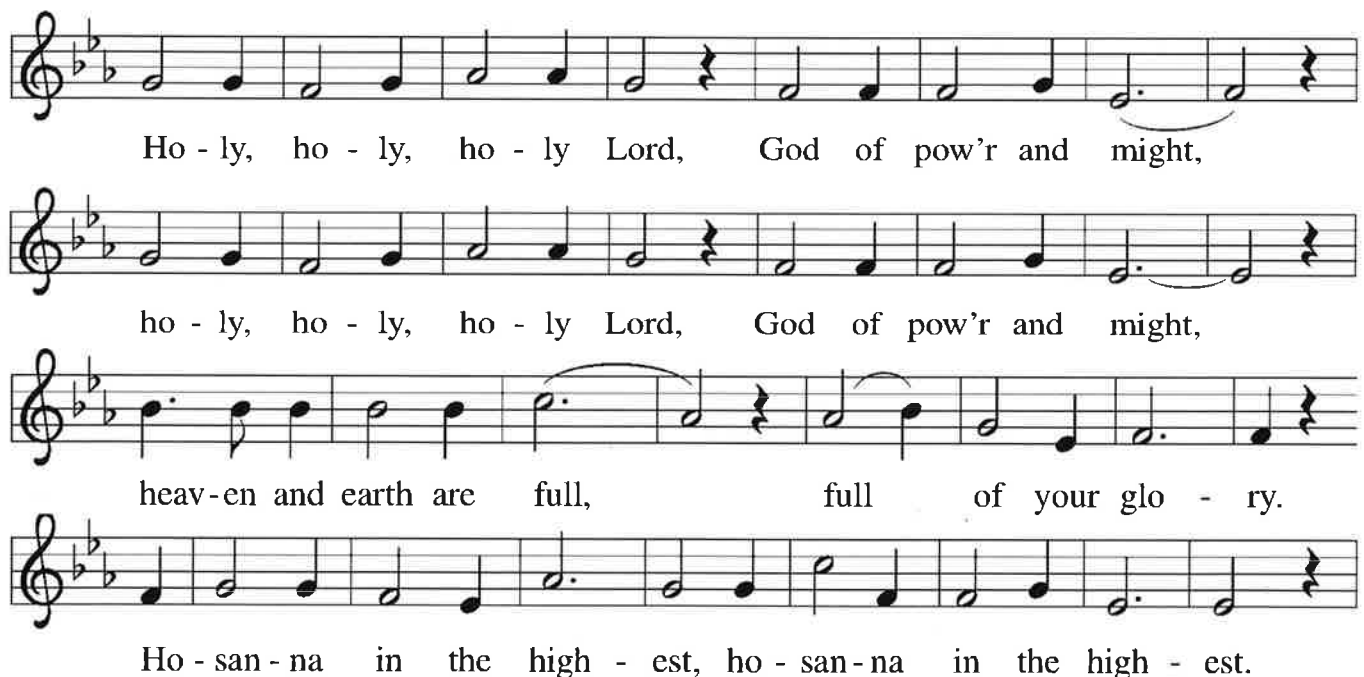
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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



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.
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, 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. We use White Grape Juice. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray. The people are welcome and 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.



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

#666 ELW



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

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won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

DIMISSIONAL

Go in peace. Jesus Meets You on the Way.

Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Minor

Samuel Long

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

Assisting Minister

April 3 — Mark Johnson
 April 10 — Serena Severance

Lector

April 3 — Mark Johnson
 April 10 — Serena Severance

Altar Preparation

April 3 — Amy Sigmar
 April 10 — Serena Severance &
 Tom McIntosh

Counters

April 3 — John Valiton
 April 10 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

April 3 — Georgia & Chris Backman
 April 10 — The Watson family

Ushers

April 3 — Amy & Thor Sigmar
 April 10 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 14
 GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15
 EASTER DAY APRIL 17

DETAILS AND TIMES TO FOLLOW!



This Week at MLC

Sunday, March 27

8:15am Worship Service
 10am Worship Service

Tuesday, March 29

9am **NO** Bible Study, Zoom
 11am **NO** Bible Study, in person
 7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, March 30

8am Prayer & Guided Meditation
 Via Zoom
 5:15pm Bell Choir Practice
 7pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 31

7pm Class on our Native American
 Neighbors, Zoom

Friday, April 1

6:30pm AA Meeting
 8pm AA Speakers Meeting

Sunday, April 3

8:15am Worship Service
 10am Worship Service

FROM ASHES TO ALLELUIA! OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2022

Learning Their Story: Our Native American Neighbors in the PNW. Online classes happen on Wednesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom. Also, field trips to area sites have been planned. Please see the opposite page for a schedule of Zoom meetings and field trips! A link to the Zoom meetings will be sent out via email.

A Lenten Devotional Book—for you. Pick up your copy of *Grace Unbounded*, a devotional book to accompany you on your journey to Easter on the counter opposite the office door.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

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. The first meeting back was such a success, the group has decided on every two weeks! The first and third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. **Next meeting is this Tuesday, April 5th!**

LOOK!



OUR NATIVE AMERICAN NEIGHBORS, CLASSES AND FIELD TRIP!

MLC's focus for Lent in 2022 is on learning more about our Native American Neighbors. The following is a schedule of Zoom meetings and field trips that will be happening during Lent. Only one field trip is listed but there are several more in the works!

Zoom classes:

Thursday March 31 at 7pm
Thursday April 7 at 7pm



Field Trip:

The next field trip is on Friday, April 8th to the Suquamish Museum and Chief Seattle's grave. Meet at MLC at 8:45am to carpool or caravan!

SPONSORS FOR EASTER FLOWERS NEEDED

Inside your bulletin you will find a form to sign up for Easter flowers. The suggested donation is \$12 and may be given in memory or honor of loved ones, or to the honor and glory of God. These memorials will be printed in the Easter bulletin if returned by Sunday, April 10th.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the bake sale for Ukraine!! It was a HUGE success! We raised over \$10,000, and the donations are still coming in! The generosity of this congregation and the community of Magnolia is amazing!

SINGING WITH ANN

Due to the Bell Choir getting ready for their Easter performance, and some other things, Singing with Ann will take a break from March 23rd until May 11th.

Singing With Ann will return May 18th!

FORTY DAYS OF GIVING—HAPPENING NOW!

Forty Days of Giving! During Lent you are encouraged to participate in the "40 days of giving". All donated items will benefit Compass Housing Alliance and our homeless neighbors. The goal is to collect 40 bundles of 40 of each of the following items: **Socks, Toothbrushes, small sizes of Toothpaste, Bar Soap and Deodorant.** Amazon is a great place to buy these items in bulk! Goodwill also has very reasonable prices on new socks! If you can't manage 40, no problem, we will add whatever comes in together to make 40. You will be kept informed weekly as to how many of each item has been donated and how many more are needed to reach our goal. Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity!



WestSide Baby
basics for children in need

**COMPASS
HOUSING
ALLIANCE**



**Please Remember
In Prayer**

- Linda Kellenberger
- Dave Larson
- Don Goertzen
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Pauline McIntosh
- Gail Hendrickson
- Family of J.J. Rentel
- 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 David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)
- Family of Elsie Simon
- Yuri Sunbury
- Washington Correction Center for Women
- Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)

LOOK! **Important Information** **NEW!**
About Choir Practice!

Choir practice will be held on Wednesdays at 7pm beginning immediately, and will go through Easter Sunday for now. **MLC needs singers!!** Please consider joining—it's a lot of fun!!

The Bell Choir is getting organized to ring on Easter — new members are welcome! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:15pm and take place in the choir room at Magnolia Lutheran.

Please contact MLC's awesome music director, Ann Simonson at ajsimo@comcast.net if you're interested in joining the fun!



QUILTERS AND HAND WORK GROUPS

The handwork group began meeting again in December at Valinda Morse's house. **The next meeting will be one day in April, place and date TBD.**

An email went out recently inviting people to join the quilters group here at MLC. Since that email, two members have expressed interest in joining. If there were just two more people willing to join, that would be enough to keep the group going with this very important work. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please call the office; 206-284-0155.

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 — 18
10:00 am — 42

LOOK!

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 February 28th, 2022

*Income — \$ 54,838

Expenses—\$ 61,009

*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 (2024)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2022)

Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Nominating Committee

Robert Zierman (2022)

Outreach Committee

Olivia Massiamano (2023)

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Property Committee

Mike Olden (2022)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Stewardship Committee

Robert Bergeron, Olivia Massiamano, Serena Severance

Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham, Serena Severance

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.

There will be no flowers placed in the chancel during the season of Lent. However, you may still sign up for future dates!

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Valinda Morse

Lector — Valinda Morse

Ushers - Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Altar Guild — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Evan Kelly

Counter — Ralph Hendrickson

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Valinda & Lyle Morse

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.

