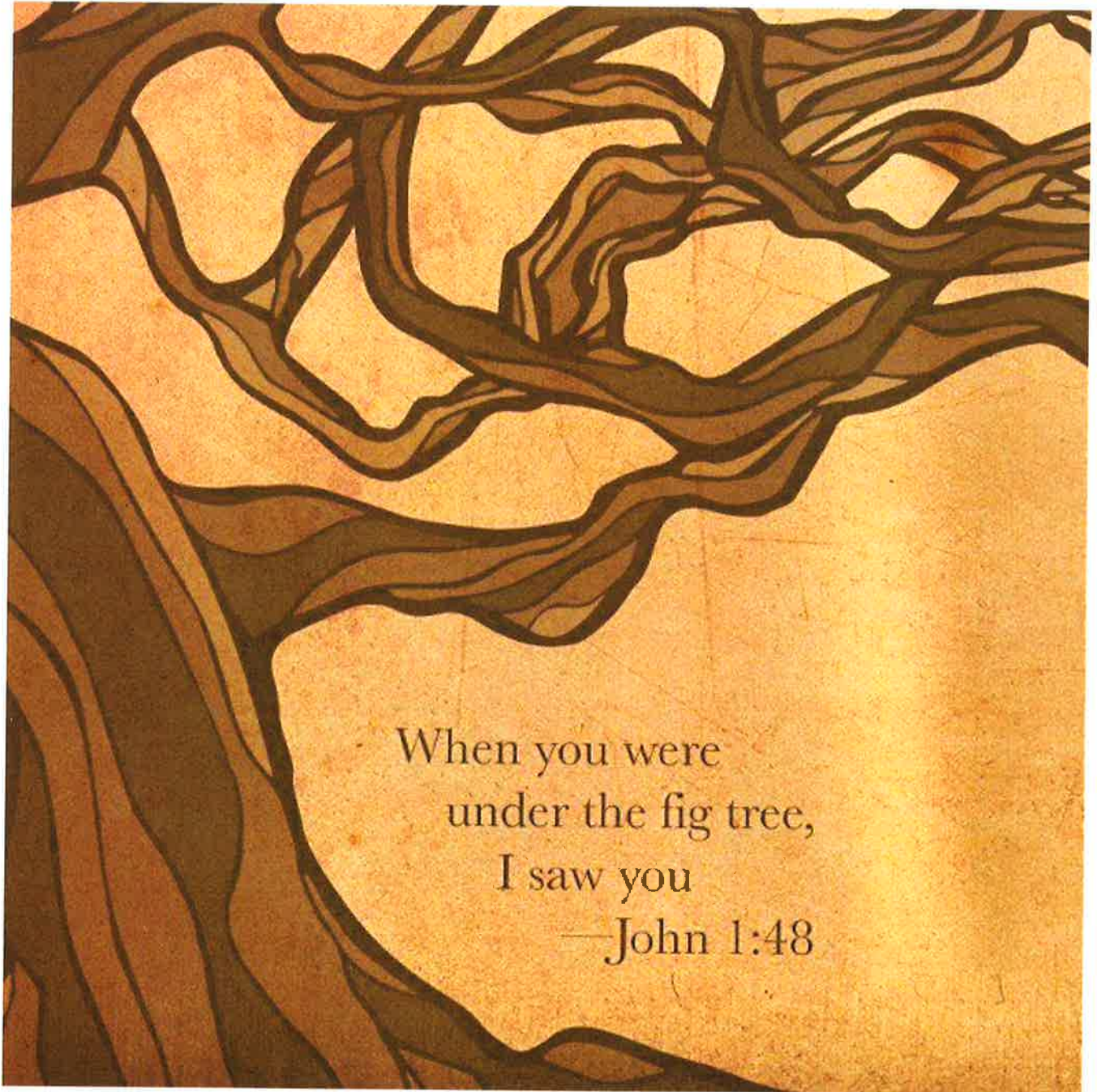


# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Epiphany 2

January 14, 2024

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

A.W. Leupold

GATHERING HYMN

O Day Full of Grace

#627 ELW



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 How blest was that gra - cious mid - night hour, when God in our  
3 Yea, were ev - 'ry tree en - dowed with speech, and were ev - 'ry  
4 As birds in the morn - ing sing their praise, God's fa - ther - ly



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
flesh was giv - en; then brigh - tened the dawn with light and  
leaf - let sing - ing, they nev - er with praise God's worth could  
love we cher - ish, for giv - ing to us this day of



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
pow'r that spread o'er the dark - ened heav - en; then rose o'er the  
reach, though earth with their praise were ring - ing. Who ful - ly could  
grace, for life that shall nev - er per - ish. The church God has



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
world that Sun div - ine, which gloom from our hearts has driv - en.  
praise the Light of life who light to our souls is bring - ing?  
kept two thou - sand years, and hun - ger - ing souls did nour - ish.

## 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.**

## THIS IS THE FEAST

*I: Women II: Men*

Setting 4, WOV



**I** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**I** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. **II** Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



**I** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**I** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: **II** Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

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☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I  
II For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

**FIRST READING:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again,

Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.<sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.<sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

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

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup> “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup> But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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: John 1:43-51

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."  
<sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."  
<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."  
<sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"  
<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."  
<sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"  
<sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."  
<sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

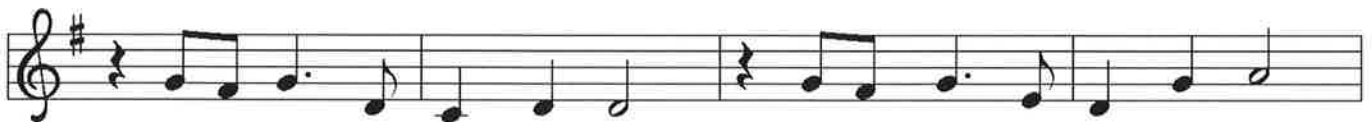
## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

#574 ELW



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

We Would Serve the Lord

Daniel Pederson

Offertory singing

Let the Vineyards

Setting 4, WOV



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our



cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,



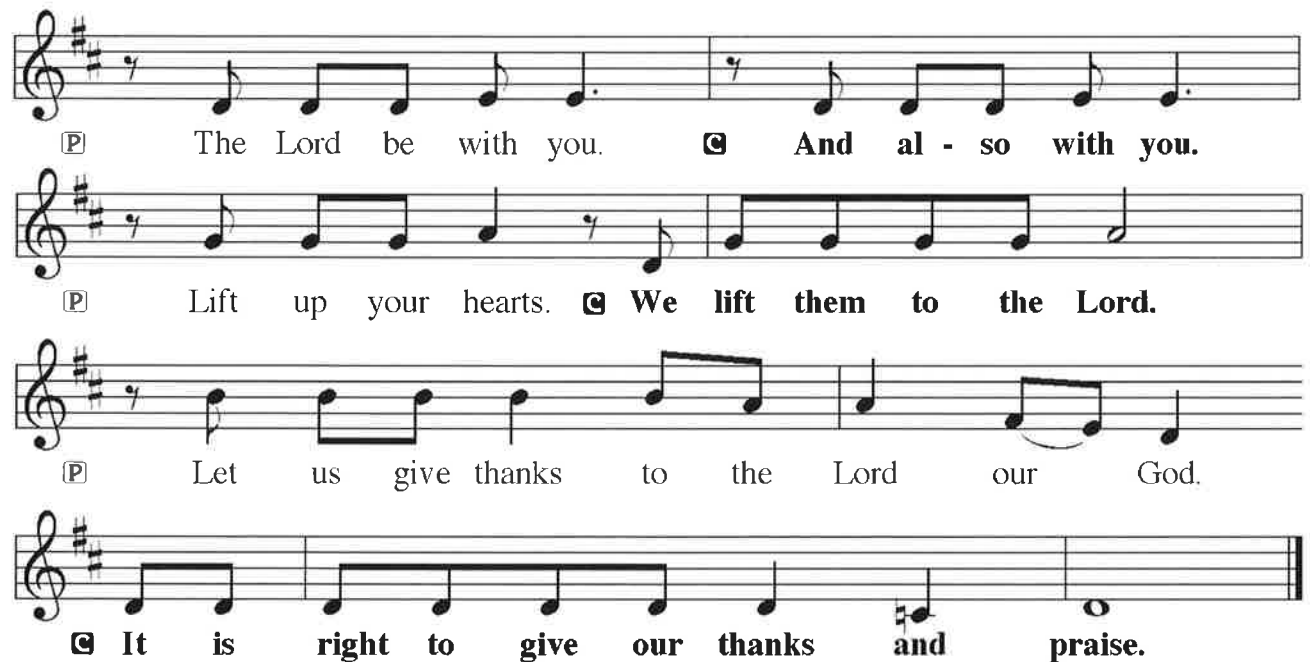
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.



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.


## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al-also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** 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:



**C** Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak

#676 ELW



1	Lord,	speak	to	us,	that	we	may	speak	in	
2	Oh,	lead	us,	Lord,	that	we	may	lead	the	
3	Oh,	teach	us,	Lord,	that	we	may	teach	the	
4	Oh,	fill	us	with	your	full	-	ness,	Lord,	un



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

# WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

## BLESSING OF THE BLANKETS

## SENDING BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

#310 ELW



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve your neighbor! **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Songs of thankfulness and Praise

Robert Hobby

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Jan 21 — Mark Johnson

Jan 28 — TBD

### Lector

Jan 21 — Mark Johnson

Jan 28 — TBD

### Altar Preparation

Jan 21 — Amy Sigmar

Jan 28 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

### Counters

Jan 21 — Ralph Hendrickson

Jan 28 — Noah Wittner

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 21 — Linda Johnson

Jan 28 — Barbara Helde

### Ushers

Jan 21 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Jan 28 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

A new servant schedule will be out shortly!

### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, January 14, Blessing of the Blankets

8:15am          Worship Service

8:30am          Atrium

10am            Worship Service

#### Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Day

*Office will be closed the 15th and 16th*

#### Tuesday, January 16

9am             Bible Study, Zoom

7pm             Council Meeting, Zoom

#### Thursday, January 18

7-9pm          AA, Fireside Room

#### Friday, January 19

8pm             AA Speakers Meeting,

#### Sunday, January 21

8:15am          Worship Service

8:30am          Atrium

10am            Worship Service

### SAVE THE DATE!

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2024

A Retirement Brunch honoring Ann Simonson for 27-1/2 years as music and choir director at Magnolia Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 28th immediately following the 10am service. More info to follow! There will be no 8:15am service on the 28th.



### FROM THE MAGNOLIA BEAUTIFICATION TASK FORCE:

#### TO THE MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY:

On behalf of the Magnolia Beautification Committee and the Magnolia Chamber, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for allowing us to use a space in your church for the past month for the setup of architectural plans as we worked with our contractor on finishing up Phases IV & V of the Reimagine Magnolia Village project. As has been said, "It takes a Village," and in our case...our Village took a community of amazing donors, like your church, to finally complete this 5-year project. We can all be proud of what we have accomplished. We can all enjoy the tables, chairs, umbrellas, benches, banners, new trees, new sidewalks, and our flower poles with baskets full of flowers from May through September. Again, our thanks...we all made this happen in one way or another.

Warmly,

Cheryl McQuiston, Chair Magnolia Beautification

Jason Thibeaux, Executive Director Magnolia Chamber of Commerce

**LOOK!!**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MLC

There are many volunteer opportunities at Magnolia Lutheran. If you are interested in helping with any of the following, please contact Pastor Kevin or MLC's parish administrator, Nancy.

**Usher**—Hand out bulletins, direct people to the front for communion and pass the offering plate. Two weeks in a row, approximately every 4 weeks or so. It depends on how many volunteers we have as to how often you will be needed.

**Counter**—Work with the parish administrator to count and document the incoming cash and checks after the 10am service. Generally you would be needed one or two times a month.

**Altar Guild**—Prepare the altar for communion before and after the 8:15am services. Help with holiday decorations and help polish the brass once or twice a year.

**Lector**—Read the lessons on Sundays at the 10am service.

**Assisting Minister**—Assist Pastor Kevin with running the service. Help with communion, read the prayers of the people, etc. PK will guide you.

**Sound**—Running the sound board and getting the mics out for Pastor Kevin and the assisting minister. Monitor the sound during the 10am service.

**Live Stream**—MLC live streams the 10am service. This is probably the most pressing volunteer position to fill. **We currently only have one person to do the sound and the live stream so we really need volunteers for these two jobs.**



### **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  
Russ Long  
Vern Lindquist  
Frank Edmondson  
Karla Lefferson  
Merlin Cavander  
Kathleen Rowan  
Roger Taber  
Andrew Tucker  
Frank Edmondson

*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 — 15  
10:00AM — 46

## SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN

### INNER CALM

- A Christian Meditation for Health and Well-Being
- An online experience of prayer
- Tuesdays at 7pm
- Weekly meetings beginning on January 23rd.

A Zoom link will be sent out before the first weekly meeting.

### LIFE IN THE HOLY LAND

- The Complex Backstory of our Jewish, Muslim and Christian Neighbors in Israel and Palestine
- A Six Week Class and Discussion beginning on Sunday, February 11.
- We will gather on Sunday at 11:45am in the new church library.



### ASHES ALL DAY:



#### Ash Wednesday at Magnolia Lutheran Church

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. Ashes will be available all day at MLC. Simply step inside the doors at your convenience to receive the reminder of mortality and hope.

**Brief worship services will be held on Ash Wednesday at 12noon and at 7pm.**

### ART AND FAITH: OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**Come along and let your faith encounter art** – and let art encounter your faith. Discussions will happen online on Wednesday evenings. Field Trips will happen in person at local art museums. Be sure to catch the class: The Art at Magnolia Lutheran Church. Zoom link and time of the discussions will out shortly!

### OUR PLAN FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

First, we honor and thank our musician, Ann Simonson, for 27 years of music and for sharing her gracious spirit. Come to the retirement celebration in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, January 28. Beginning in February, our congregation will host different musicians on different Sundays. This pattern will continue until a new music director is hired.

Second, your Congregation Council is working hard on the 2024 budget. The Council is also working on defining the scope of the job description for the new musician. As of this writing, we do not have a date for when the job description will be posted. Much will be determined by the budget that the congregation adopts at the congregational meeting in February.

Third, once the job description is approved, it will be posted and circulated. A task force from our church will interview musicians and make a recommendation to the Council. The Council will then extend an offer letter to the identified candidate.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this season.

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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**

## Financial Update

As of December 31, 2023

\*Income — \$ 358,773

Expenses—\$ 371,465

\*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

TBD

#### Finance Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

#### Nominating 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

#### Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Faith Formation

Cynthia Ubilla

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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

**Assisting Minister** — Serena Severance

**Lector** — Serena Severance

**Ushers** — Amy and Thor Sigmar

**Altar Guild** — Amy Sigmar

**Counter** — Ralph Hendrickson

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Aaron Stevens

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Barbara Helde

**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.

