

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 4, 2024



*The Healing of the Mother-in-Law of Saint Peter" by Rembrandt*

**Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever...**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Epiphany 5

February 4, 2024

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Deck Thyself, O My Soul, With Joy

J.S. Bach

GATHERING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

#843 ELW



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## 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



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



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



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



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



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



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



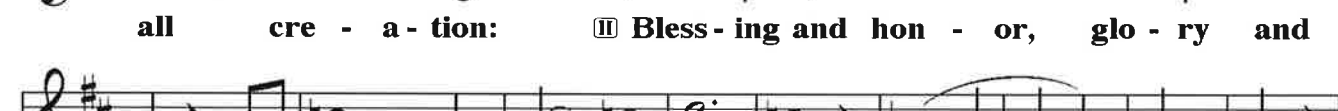
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



all cre - a - tion: **☐** 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

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.  
<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

**PSALM:** Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises <sup>1</sup>to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor <sup>1</sup>God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- <sup>1</sup>builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- <sup>1</sup>iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the <sup>1</sup>brokenhearted  
and binds <sup>1</sup>up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number <sup>1</sup>of the stars  
and calls them all <sup>1</sup>by their names. R**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- <sup>1</sup>y in power;  
there is no limit <sup>1</sup>to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts <sup>1</sup>up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked <sup>1</sup>to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup>with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp <sup>1</sup>to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- <sup>1</sup>ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- <sup>1</sup> on the mountains. R**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food <sup>1</sup>for the cattle  
and for the young ravens <sup>1</sup>when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might <sup>1</sup>of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed <sup>1</sup>of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c1</sup> Hallelujah! **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a

reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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: Mark 1:29-39

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## SERMON

## HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#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

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus

J.S. Bach

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

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

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

On Eagles Wings

#787 ELW

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come

#314 ELW

- 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
- 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
- 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
- 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

**POSTLUDE**                            Toccata In Seven                            John Rutter

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Feb 11 — Serena Severance  
 Feb 18 — Mark Johnson

### Lector

Feb 11 — Serena Severance  
 Feb 18 — Mark Johnson

### Altar Preparation

Feb 11 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette  
 Feb 18 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

### Counters

Feb 11 — Noah Wittner  
 Feb 18 — John Valiton

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Feb 11 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Jeanne Moussette  
 Feb 18 — Children's Orthopedic Guild

### Ushers

Feb 11 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden  
 Feb 18 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, February 4, Congregational Meeting

8:15am      Worship Service  
 8:30am      Atrium  
 10am        Worship Service  
 11:15am    Congregational Meeting

### Tuesday, February 6

9am         Bible Study, Zoom  
 9am         Quilting  
 7pm         Magnolia Big Band

### Thursday, February 8

7-9pm      AA, Fireside Room

### Friday, February 9

8pm         AA Speakers Meeting,

### Tuesday, February 11, Souper Bowl of Caring

8:15am      Worship Service  
 8:30am      Atrium  
 10am        Worship Service

LOOK!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY!

The first semi-annual congregational meeting will be held today, Sunday, February 4th after the 10am service. This will be the first "hybrid" meeting. In other words, you may attend in person in MLC's library, or you may watch it on Zoom.

NEW!

## ANN'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Thank you to everyone who turned out for Ann Simonson's retirement party! There were 80 people in attendance. Ann definitely felt the love! A HUGE thank you to the fellowship committee for putting on such a great event!!



FUN!!

## QUILTING IS BACK!!

YAY!!

Tuesday is quilting day at MLC. We meet from 9:00 - 12:00, but come when you can and leave when you must. Most Tuesdays are spent matching tops to back covers. On the last Tuesday of each month we bring them all together to be hand tied. If you can thread a needle and use a pair of scissors you will be welcomed with open arms and a cup of coffee. If you have questions, please talk to Susan Dively or Valinda Morse. You may also contact the church office.

## 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/Closing**—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. Locking down the building after the coffee hour is also the usher's responsibility.

**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  
Frank Edmondson  
Karla Lefferson  
Merlin Cavander  
Kathleen Rowan  
Roger Taber  
Josh Kelly

*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 — NA  
10:00AM — 80

## 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.

### LIFE IN THE HOLY LAND

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

### ASH WEDNESDAY UPDATE

Our plans have changed. This year, we invite you to attend a local congregation on Ash Wednesday. At the bottom of this article you will find places and times for Ash Wednesday worship. The reason for this change is due to a common medical procedure that Pastor Kevin will undergo on Feb 14. As you may know, scheduling procedures is difficult, and often we need to adjust our plans. Thank you for understanding.

Ascension Episocopal, Magnolia, 12noon  
Queen Anne Lutheran , 12noon & 7:30pm  
Phinney Ridge Lutheran, 12noon & 6pm

### 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!



**IMPORTANT!!**

### 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.

The Council is 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 today. 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.

**NEW!**

### “SOUPER” BOWL OF CARING 2024

February 11th is the Super Bowl, it is also the Souper Bowl of Caring where communities unite to help tackle hunger. That Sunday you will see some of MLC’s youth standing in the narthex with soup pots or something to drop some coins or bills into. Over \$3,976,950.00 was raised through this event in 2023!



# 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

**Musician** — Martin Olson

**Assisting Minister** — Noah Wittner

**Lector** — Noah Wittner

**Ushers** — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

**Counter** — Ralph Hendrickson

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Aaron Stevens & Carson Ruegamer

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Alexis Thurber

**Pastor** — Kevin Bates

**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.

