## MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2023



A SAMARITAN WOMAN CAME TO DRAW WATER...

**─**John 4:7

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 3 March 12, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

As the Deer Runs to the River

Christopher Uehlein

**GATHERING HYMN** 

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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- 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. 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.



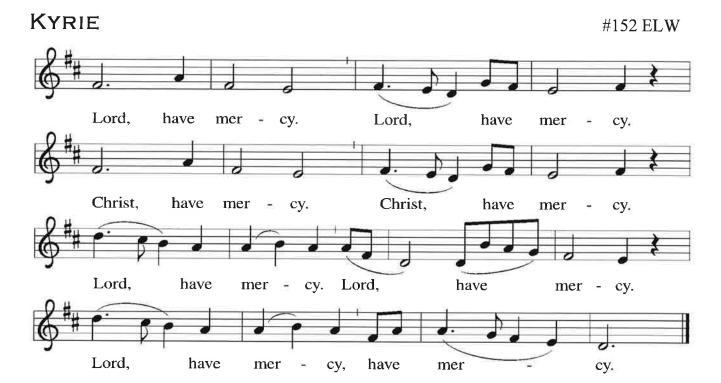
While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



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.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the

place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

<sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the

Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed

because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### SERMON

HYMN

As the Winter Days Grow Longer

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- 1 As the win ter days grow long-er, draw-ing short the hours of night;
- 2 As the vines burst in to blos-som, fra-grant in the morn-ing air,
- 3 As we jour ney through this sea son, pil-grims through a thirst y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn-ing light lift - ing spir - its with their sweet-ness, lur - ing hearts to thank-ful prayer quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn-ing peo-ple, here we gath-er, turn-ing watch-ful eyes to you: Lent-en peo-ple, here we gath-er, seek-ing lives re-freshed from sin. Wan-d'ring peo-ple, here we gath-er, called to rest a long our way.



God who bless-es earth with spring-time, shine with-in our world a - new! God who bless-es earth with spring-time, bloom with-in our hearts a - gain! God who bless-es earth with spring-time, grant us sab-bath joy this day!

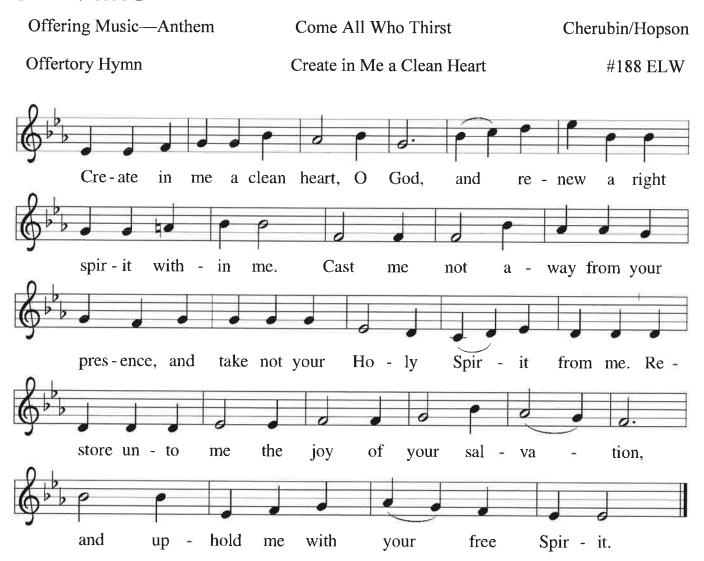
## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OFFERING



#### CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

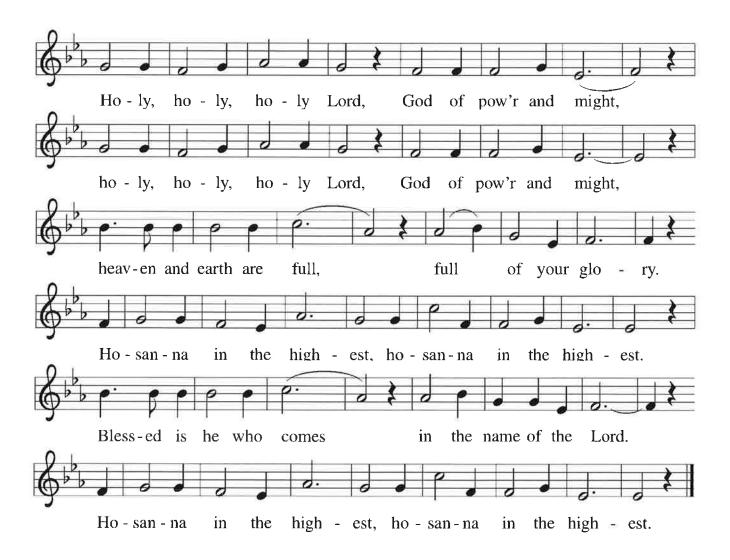
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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:



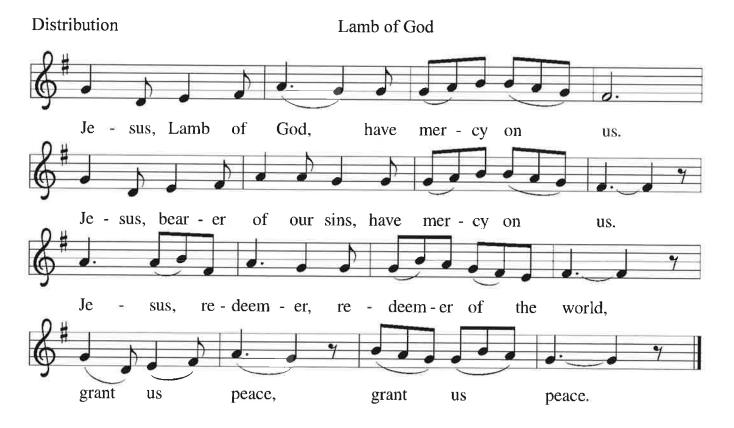
Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)
Lord's Prayer

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

- •We trust in Christ's love and that Christ is present in this meal. 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. At Magnolia Lutheran Church, we receive communion by intinction, which is the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice.
- Children are welcome at the Table. We invite parents to decide the best time for their children to receive communion. The pastor is available for a home visits and conversation about communion. Children who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to receive a blessing.



#### COMMUNION HYMN

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst y; drink the wa ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be liev ers bur dened; find re fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re pen-tant sin ners; leave be hind your guilt and shame.



you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to live." me and I Drink the cup of life of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest." face." Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn and seek my to me Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn call your name." me, I to



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
  Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.

  Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

#### SENDING BLESSING

#### SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

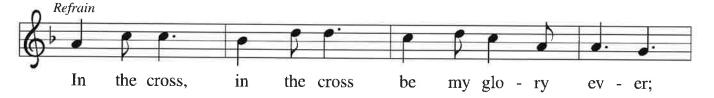
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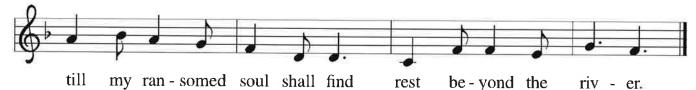


- 1 Je sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre cious foun-tain;
- 2 Near the cross, a trem bling soul, love and mer cy found me;
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be fore me;
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop ing, trust ing ev er,



free to all, stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain. heal - ing a there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me. help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me. I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.





DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Minor

Charles Burney

### **Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates**

**Assisting Minister Counters** 

March 19 — John Valiton

March 19 — Serena Severance March 26 — Kimberly Milham March 26 — TBD Lector **Coffee Hour Hosts** 

March 19 — Serena Severance March 19 — Jeanne Moussette & Susan Swenson

March 26 — Georgia Backman & 8:15 crew March 26 — Jeanne Moussette

**Altar Preparation** Ushers

March 19 — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh March 19 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

March 26 — Monica Scheiber March 26 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

## SPRING CLEANUP SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 9AM

Spring is just around the corner!! A perfect time to work outside! Come join the property committee in helping to beautify the outside grounds of Magnolia Lutheran Church. Just bring any gardening equipment you may find useful such as rakes, spades, etc. And don't forget your gloves!! Please meet at MLC at 9am.

#### This Week at MLC

Sunday, March 12, Visit from Bishop Wee

Worship Service 8:15am

9am Atrium

Worship Service 10am

Tuesday, March 14

9am Bible Study, Zoom Magnolia Big Band 7pm

Wednesday, March 15

5:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

11am Bible Study, In Person AA, Fireside Room 7-9pm

Friday, March 17, Saint Patrick's Day

AA Speakers Meeting, L/H 8pm

Sunday, March 19

8:15am Worship Service

9:00am Atrium

Worship Service 10am

#### FORTY DAYS OF GIVING

Once again this year we are asking for hygiene kits for both West Side Baby and Compass Housing Alliance. As you are able, please bring the following items (listed below) and place them in the bins in the Narthex. These items are so minor, but they are needed and appreciated by those who struggle for the basic hygiene necessities.

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE KITS:

**Compass Housing Alliance** 

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Deodorant

Shampoo & Conditioner (unscented if possible)

Socks (calf-height or thick wool) Men's Underwear (sizes XL - 4X)

#### WestSide Baby

Infant tooth brushes & Toothpaste

Baby Shampoo Baby wipes

Diapers and/or Pull Ups (all sizes)

Thank you in advance for your generosity! The Social Action Committee





## **BELL CHOIR IS REHEARSING AGAIN!**

## INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN

Choir practice meets every other Wednesday at 7pm.

Bell Choir has begun meeting and will continue to meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm.

If you like to make music but can't sing—give the bell choir a try! They play 4 or 5 times a year, practices happen a few weeks leading up to a performance.

Interested? Please contact MLC's music director, Ann Simonson, at ajsimo@comcast.net.

## QUILTING AND HAND WORK GROUPS HAVE UNITED!

The invitation for quilting and hand work is open! So come when you can and leave when you must. The decision was made to continue on the second Thursday of the month from 10am—2pm. Don't forget to bring a lunch! Coffee will be provided.

No need to RSVP—just show up!

Discussions are under way to determine when the next meeting might occur.

Questions? Contact the office at 206-284-0155.

### **ATRIUM**

The Atrium is Magnolia's Montessori-based faith formation program for children, located upstairs in the big education room. We welcome children starting at age 3.

Sessions for all children have started with a flexible start time beginning at 8:30am.

For more information or to register, please contact Marcia Bates at 206-604-7888.





## Please Remember In Prayer

Donna Hegstrom

Dave Larson

Family of Don Goertzen

Family of Bob McIntosh

Pauline McIntosh

Gail Hendrickson

Lon Pilichowski (cousin of Nancy & Johnny Searle

Heidi Carpine

Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)

Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)

Family of Dennis Branstetter (friend of the Nagys)

Long Pham (friend of the Nagys)

Family of Susan Engquist (sister of

Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and

Kasey Kroeger).

Sandy Bennis

Matt Becker (friend of Lance Grimsby Russ Long

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 — 12 10am — 56





#### **EASTER DECORATIONS**

Members and friends of Magnolia Lutheran Church are invited to give donations to support decorating the sanctuary during our Easter season. The suggested donation is \$12, and may be given in memory of or in honor of loved ones, or to the honor and glory of God. These memorials will be printed in our Easter Sunday bulletin if received by Sunday, April 2nd.

You will find an insert in your bulletin beginning this Sunday. Please complete the form and return it with your check to the church office, or place it in the offering plate Please make the check payable to Magnolia Lutheran Church.



The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for June 24th this year. We've received enough surveys back to determine that **the dinner will go on!!** 

You should have received a survey in your inbox asking a few questions about the dinner. Please take a few minutes to fill it out so we know exactly what everyone's plans are and who will and will not be attending.

Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex in April but we would still like your surveys! Thank you to all who have returned theirs!!

## TODAY

### A VISIT FROM BISHOP SHELLY WEE

Bishop Shelly Wee is visiting MLC TODAY! She is attending both services, with a "meet and greet" between services at 9am in the library.

Bishop Wee is the presiding Bishop for the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod.



## MLC IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

**READERS:** Palm Sunday, April 2. We are looking for readers to lead us for the dramatic reading of Christ's final hours. Eight parts. Some parts are larger than others. Readers of all ages are welcome. Contact the church office.

PHOTOGRAPHER. Easter Morning. Before and after the 10am worship service, Consider it a keepsake photograph from 2023. You pick the location (on our campus, inside or outside). You choose or create the backdrop. Contact the church office.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSISTANT. Easter Morning. Before and after the 10am worship. Assist in set up and tear down. Record name and contact information of the person/group for follow up. Contact the church office.

KITCHEN ORGANIZER. Task completed by Thanksgiving 2023. Organize both the "big" and the "small" kitchen in the basement. Label drawers and cabinets. Declutter. Willing to have a person organize only one kitchen if the task is too big. Contact the church office.

## 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

#### **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 January 31, 2022

\*Income — \$ 40,813 Expenses—\$ 30,702

\*Includes some prepaid pledges

### Congregation Council 2021-2022

#### **Council Officers:**

President -- Robert Bergeron Vice President -- Victoria Watson Secretary -- Serena Severance 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

Kimberly Milham (2023)

**Finance Committee** 

Serena Severance (2023)

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

**Nominating Committee** 

Serena Severance (2023)

Outreach Committee

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

**Property Committee** 

Johnny Searle (2025)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

Stewardship Committee

All Council

Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Serena Severance (2023)

Worship & Music Committee Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

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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: There will be no flowers during Lent.

### SERVANTS TODAY

Special Guest — Bishop Shelly Wee

Lector — Noah Wittner

Ushers — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Altar Guild — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Counters — Ralph Hendrickson

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Fellowship

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.

