

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 9, 2023



Come to me all who are carrying heavy
burdens and I will give you rest.

—Jesus

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 6

July 9, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Cello Suites

J.S. Bach

GATHERING HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#611 ELW



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

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.**

NOW THE FEAST

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre -



a - tion sings for joy to the God of



life and love and free-dom; praise and glo - ry for -



ev - er - more! *To verses*

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



ni - ted us to be one great peo - ple of



God. *Refrain*

2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and



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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double

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

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Marty Haugen



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



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

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ^{16c}“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERMON

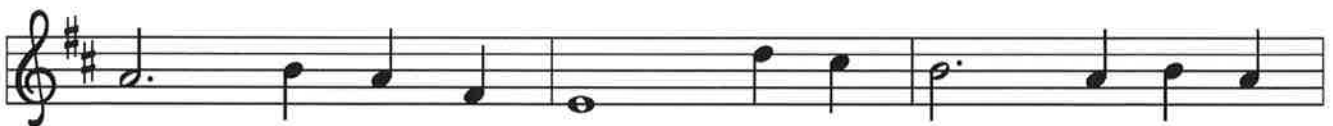
HYMN

Come to Me O Weary Traveler

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1 “Come to me, O wea - ry trav - ’ler; come to
 2 “Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 3 “Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 4 “Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - ’ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den’s light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest.”
 fore you; do not run from me in fright.”
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.”
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

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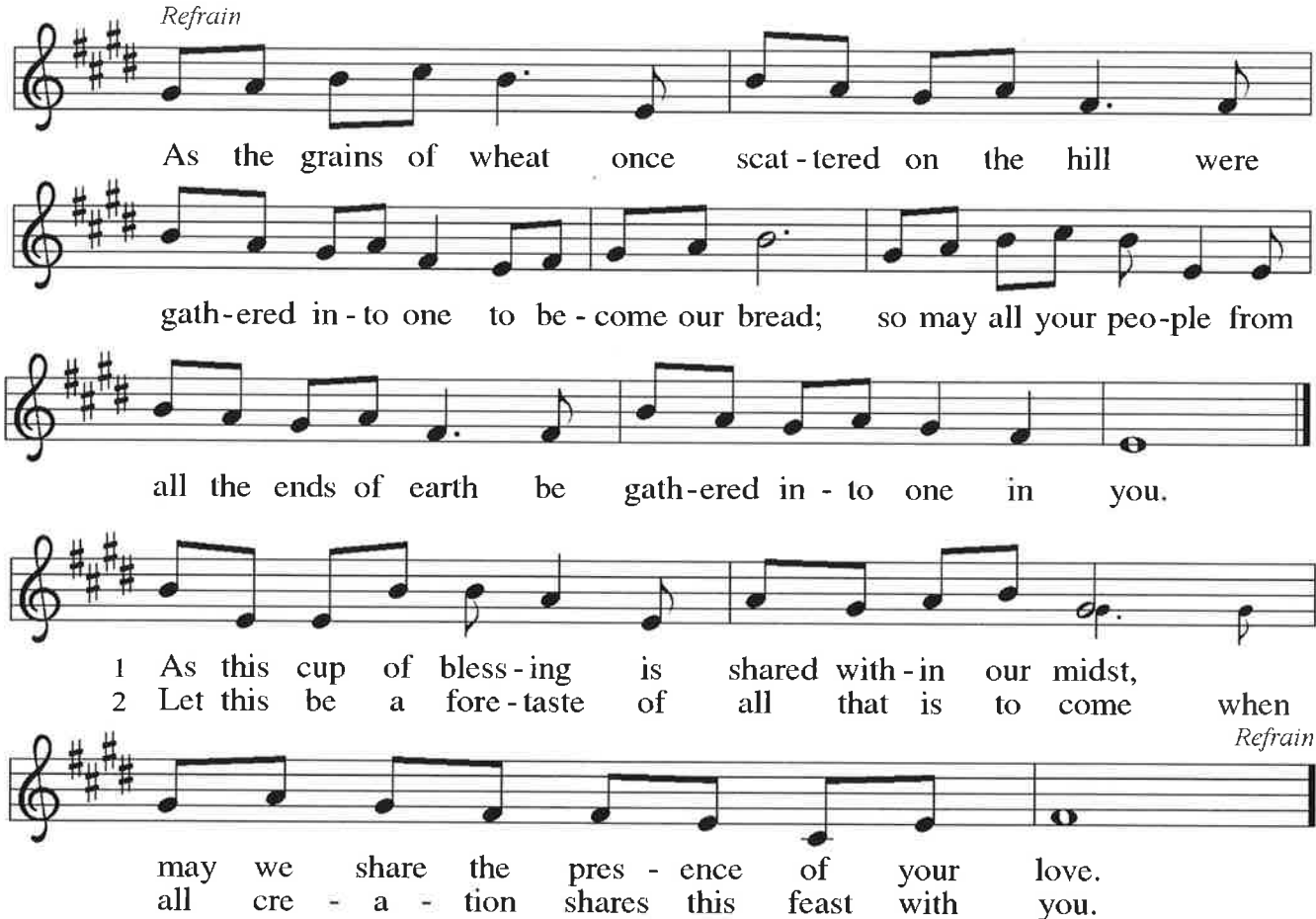
Maria Theresia von Paradis

Offertory Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

#465 ELW

Refrain




As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

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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 God 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 are you, God of pow-er and might;



Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the



high-est! Bless-èd is the One who comes in your name.



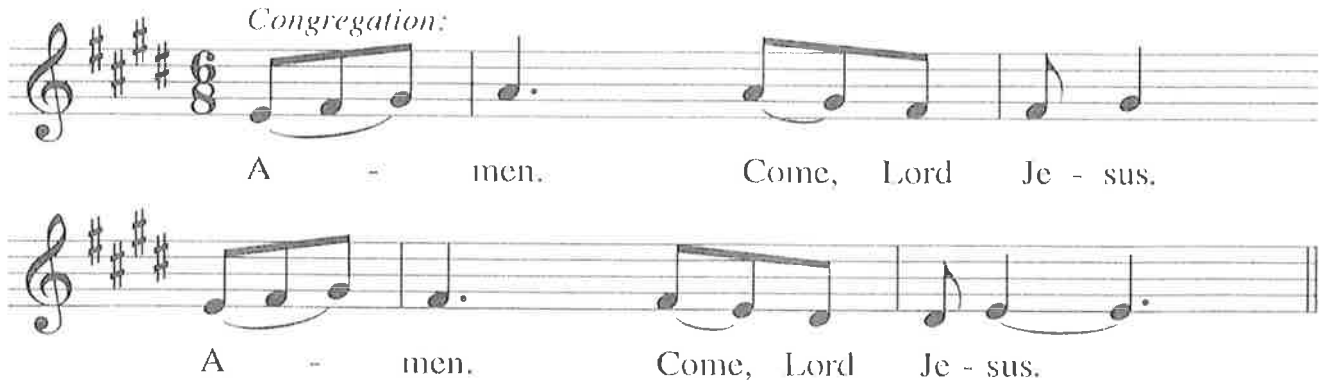
Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est!

Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, Creator of heaven and earth...

... Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death and glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry:

Congregation:



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.

Congregation:



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

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

Singing during Communion:
Lamb of God



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
☐ Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
☐ Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
☐ Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:
☐ Lamb of God, you pour the Ho - ly Spi - rit on us:



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Cello Suites

J.S. Bach

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

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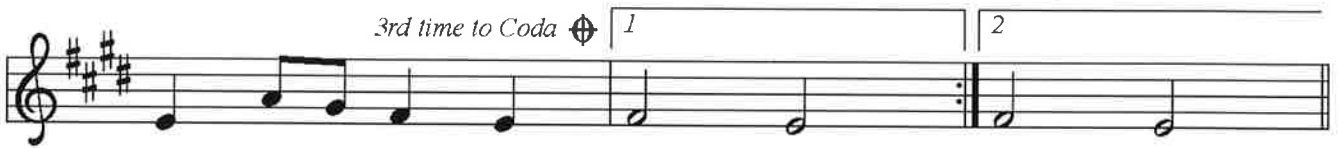


1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

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ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

July 16 — Noah Wittner
 July 23 — Serena Severance

Lector

July 16 — Noah Wittner
 July 23 — Serena Severance

Altar Preparation

July 16 — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh
 July 23 — Monica Scheiber

Counters

July 16 — Ralph Hendrickson
 July 23 — John Valiton

Coffee Hour Hosts

July 16 — Mike Olden
 July 23 — TBD

Ushers

July 16 — Rob Rowan
 July 23 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

NEW!

LIFE LINE SCREENING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Life Line Screening will be at Magnolia Lutheran Church performing 4 different screenings through advanced ultrasound technology. They check for Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Peripheral Arterial Disease. They are offering the 4 screenings for \$149.00.

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC. More information can be found in the narthex on the table with the name badges.



This Week at MLC

Sunday, July 9, *The Wonder in the Atrium* (pg 13)

8:15am Worship Service
 10am Worship Service

Tuesday, July 11

10:30am Bible Study at PK's
 7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, July 13

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, July 14

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, July 16

8:15am Worship Service
 10am Worship Service

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

WE REALLY NEED HOSTS!!

Hosting coffee hour may sound ominous, but it's really not! It doesn't have to be anything fancy. You don't even have to get the coffee ready thanks to Chris Backman! Grab or make some cookies, pick up some cheese and crackers or whatever looks good! MLC is not a picky bunch!! You may sign up on the sheet outside the office door! Thank you! **We need host(s) for August!**

NEW!

THE PRESENTATION OF CHECKS TO NELM

Lyle Morse traveled to Rock Point, AZ to present checks totaling \$13,000 which was all donated by YOU, MLC's generous congregation. Thanks to you, lives are being changed. This money will provide schooling for an entire classroom and 4 individual scholarships. The rest of the money will go to complete the installation of the generators to provide electricity to those who have NEVER had it! How life changing is that?! Thank you, thank you!!



**SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES
SUNDAYS AT 9AM IN LUTHER HALL OR
11:15AM IN THE COLUMBARIUM**

NEW TOPICS & DATES!

TODAY *The Wonder in the Atrium:* Come see the wonder. Come tour the classroom. The Atrium is Sunday School like you have



never seen it before. Children are not given leaflets and craft projects. Instead they are given "works" which are not only life skills but also directly relate to encountering

the mystery of God--revealed as the Good Shepherd. Classes happen at 9am and 11:15am.

July 16 *Commuter Tales:* Sometimes it seems that the important parts of life happen before or after a commute. But what about the commute itself? Sometimes it is horrific. Other times it is overlooked as insignificant. We will look for the holy in the ordinary. Classes happen at 9am and 11:15am .



July 23 *What is PK doing in Chicago? (My Continuing Ed Update).* In 2020, Pastor Kevin was invited to participate in the ELCA Academy. Pastor Kevin is in the final year of this 4-year program. The topic focuses on pastoral and personal leadership through the lens of the Natural Systems Theory developed by Murray Bowen. To find out more, show up to the class at 9am and 11:15 on July 23.



**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
 Matt Becker (friend of Lance Grimsby)
 Russ Long
 Barb Thiessen (friend of Irene Long)
 Family of Carolyn Simonson (Ann Simonson's mother-in-law)
 Rob Rowan
 Vern Lindquist
 Cliff Kurtzweg

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 — N/A
10am — 34**

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KEVIN

There is no longer a toilet on the main floor.

It has been removed. Along with the sinks. And some dry wall. The crew started the demolition this week. It is fascinating what lurks beneath. The steps beneath the carpeting are concrete. In a couple of places there is tile glued to tile. Mike is our in-house contractor. He has a small office in what used to be the nursery. Well, its not an office. It is a small table. Just big enough for his laptop.

I have been through a couple of church remodeling projects. I have learned a few things. One is this: it is good to have one person from the church be our contact with the contractor. That way the contractor does not communicate with 20 people. Only one. Our person is Donna Bergeron. She serves on the Enhancement Committee. She knows the construction trade.



So, we are off. And our remodeling project has begun. Yesterday, there was a sign on the outside door. Construction Zone! It shouted. Then added these words: Keep Out. Hmm... I thought to myself. This is not the message we want to give to the neighborhood.

A short time later, I bumped into Mike. I told him how grateful we were. How good it is to have one person from our committee to talk to him—instead of a bunch of us. Then I brought up the sign on the door. And how it said, Keep Out. And if there was any chance we could have a different message on our outside door.

He smiled at me.

And in that moment, I realized what I had done. Immediately after I told Mike how good that we have appointed Donna talk to him—instead of a bunch of us—I broke the very guideline we had set. I did not go to Donna.

I owned my faux pas. Look at me, I said to Mike. I just did the very thing I said we did not want to do. He laughed. I laughed, too. More importantly, I learned. And once again, I learned that the fullness of life is not lived by avoiding mistakes, but by embracing them when they come, and learn what they have to teach.

So, we are in a construction zone. There is not a toilet on the main floor. But there is a nice, BIG, clean porta potty just off the alley. And there are restrooms in the basement and another one upstairs near the classrooms.

And there is a new sign up on the external door. Danger, it says. Hard Hat Area! Which I suppose is a sign that every church should have. After all, God is at work here. And our lives will never be the same. My work is about hearing how God is at work remodeling our lives. But if you have a thought that might mean a change-order, it is best to go to Donna.



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

Financial Update

As of May 31, 2023

*Income — \$ 130,595

Expenses—\$ 157,134

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2022-2023

NEW OFFICER LIST COMING SOON!

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron
Vice President -- Victoria Watson
Secretary -- Serena Severance
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

NEW MEMBER LIST COMING SOON!

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 today are given to the Glory of God.

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Mark Johnson

Lector — Mark Johnson

Guest Cellist — Doug Yassen

Ushers — Mike Olden

Altar Guild — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Counters — Noah Wittner

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Jeanne & David Moussette

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.

