

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
May 2, 2021 Easter5
10am



Prelude

O Blessed Spring

David Cherwien

Welcome and Introductions

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.
Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and
know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone
who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does

not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

Homily

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage 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 hearts; 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.**

Prayers of the People

Hear us O, God. **Your mercy is great.**

The 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.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Postlude

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!

Jonathan Reuss

If you wish to join MLC for the coffee hour at 11am, please contact our Parish Administrator, Nancy, at

206-284-0155 or

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com

She will be happy to send you a link!



SYNOD ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Magnolia Lutheran Church is looking for an adult male member to attend our Synod Assembly.

Once a year local ELCA congregations gather for a meeting. This year it be held via Zoom on Saturday, May 15th. In the desire for equity, each congregation is given a certain number of Voting Members, depending on congregational size. A balance of gender and age is also sought among all Voting Members. This year at our annual meeting, Mark Johnson was selected to be one of our Voting Members. However, due to travel, he is unable to attend. Therefore, we need a replacement. If you are able to attend, or would like more information please contact Pastor Kevin at 206-434-1058.



ONLINE MEETINGS

Bible Study: Tuesday at 11am

Manna and Mercy: Tuesday at 7pm beginning April 20th.

Mediation & Prayer: Wed. at 11am

Confirmation Classes: Wed. at 4pm

Let's Chat: Thursday at 11am

Topical Discussion: Thursday at 7pm



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS?

A Ministry of Healing, Hope, and Restoration

The Matt Talbot Center (2313 – 3rd Ave, Seattle) is looking for people to provide and prepare meals for their clients. Their outreach program primarily involves volunteers preparing and serving meals to our clients. During COVID, however, volunteers are dropping off the meals at the center so that MTC staff can take them to the clients.

Current need is for breakfast and lunch Mondays-Fridays to feed around 30 clients. Meals can be home-made. Most volunteers provide meals on a one meal per month basis.

For more information, contact Cody Harvey at 206-256-9865 or codyH@ccsww.org

HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED!

Compass Housing Alliance is in need of hygiene items for homeless adults. WestSide Baby needs the same, except their need is for babies. In the past we have asked that you bring in kits, however, they would rather have the loose items so that they can assemble the kits themselves. Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste (small), deodorant (small), soap, bags (zipper ; baby shampoo, diapers/pull-ups, wipes, diaper cream, bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, etc. Please drop the items off in the marked box in MLC's breezeway. Thank you in advance for your never-ending generosity!



WestSide Baby
basics for children in need

COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE

LOOK!



NEW!

ZOOM MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION



WOMAN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Come join a virtual happy hour with the ladies from MLC ! The third Monday of the month at 7pm. Just a time for a casual chat and check in. **This is a “no-host” meeting, just log in to the link that will be sent to you and wait for others to join!**

Questions:

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com



If you miss singing, but don't feel like participating in the recording, you might try “Singing With Ann” on **Wednesday nights at 7pm**. It happens on Zoom so you can see the others who are participating, however, you can't hear them and they can't hear you!



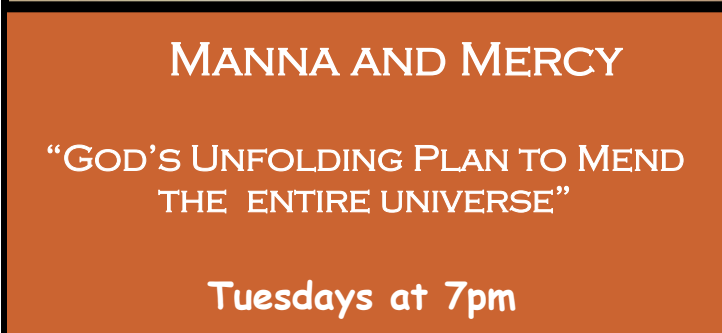
JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 11am



Thursdays at 11am
with Pastor Kevin

The floor is open to chat about anything and everything. You start the conversation! So tune in on Thursdays at 11am and Let's Chat!



MANNA AND MERCY

“GOD'S UNFOLDING PLAN TO MEND THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE”

Tuesdays at 7pm



TOPICAL DISCUSSION

Thursdays at 7pm

April 29th — Joel Langholtz — Campus Ministry.

May 6 — Social Action Committee on MLC's Navajo Lutheran Mission.

May 13 — TBD

NEW TOPICS



SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR MORE INFO



Wednesdays at 11am via zoom

Prayer and Meditation

With Pastor Kevin

Email Notifications

if you're not receiving emails for these important announcements, please contact MLC's parish administrator to be added to the email list. 206-284-0155 or email:

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com

If you were receiving the emails but aren't now, please check your spam and trash.

**Please Remember
In Prayer**

Daniel Meloy
Linda Kellenberger
Dave Larson
Brian Rowse, DVM (cousin of the Backmans)
Don Goertzen
Erika Simonson
Josephine Wright (mother of LuAnn Mitchell)
Family of Kevin Beneke (brother-in-law of Barb Heinen)
Family of Bob McIntosh
Pauline McIntosh
Vickie Edmondson
Family of Nina Steidl
Family of Helen Kack
Family of J.J. Rentel
Family of William Olden
Family of Barbara Munro
Samantha Scheiber
Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
Brian Reiersen and Julia Christianson (recovering from car accident)
Kay Thoreson
Georgia Backman
Gail Hendrickson
Liza & Bill Biscomb (parents of Victoria Watson)
Joi and Todd Arntson (stepdaughter and son in law to Carol Hurlburt)
Irene Long
Carin Poggioli (friend of Linda Tabor)
Johnny Searle

*If you wish to add someone to the prayer
list, please contact the church office.*

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**Financial Update
Through March 2021**

*Income — \$ 111,346
Expenses—\$ 81,538

*Includes Prepaid Pledges

**Congregation
Council 2020-2021**

Council Officers:

President -- Serena Severance
Vice President -- Dave Heinen
Secretary-- Bob Bergeron
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary-- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at
council@magnolialutheranchurch.com

Council members and Committees

*The year listed is when the
member's term ends, in June.*

Audit

Dave Heinen (2021)

Columbarium

Robert Bergeron (2022)

Faith Formation

Deborah Ramsey (2021)

Fellowship

Deborah Ramsey (2021)
Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance

Serena Severance (2020)

Nominating

Dave Heinen (2021)

Outreach

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

Personnel

Kay Thoreson (2021)

Property

Mike Olden (2022)

Social Action

Bob Zierman (2023)

Stewardship

Robert Bergeron (2022)
Olivia Massimiano (2023)

Women of the ELCA

Serena Severance (2023)
Kimberly Milham (2023)

Worship and Music

Kay Thoreson (2021)

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Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

- Sunday Offering
- Estate planning, stock/bond gifts
- Online banking through your financial institutions

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- 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-1

Additional Ways to Give

We are pleased to let you know that we have two additional ways to give! First, you will notice that there is a QR code printed on this page. A QR code is a quick-response bar code that can be scanned by your cell phone's QR reader or camera, and re-direct you to a website. Just open your camera and point it at the code, then open the link it gives you on your screen. Our QR code will take you directly to the MLC giving platform. Secondly, MLC now has a PayPal account!

The "PayPal" link is on our giving homepage, and will allow you to give directly to the church and other organizations that MLC sponsors, and is another option for setting up recurring payments. If you have any questions about these two giving options, please let us know!

You can send an email to Nancy at
parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com.





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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.

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Nursery Attendant — Diana Frederich

Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Live Stream Production — Evan Kelly, Mark Kelly, Aaron Stevens and Michael Lord