

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MARCH 20, 2022



HE TOLD THIS PARABLE: "A MAN HAD A  
FIG TREE PLANTED IN HIS VINEYARD..."

—Luke 13:6

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 3

March 20, 2022

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

As the Deer Runs to the River

Christopher Uehlein

### 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.**

Most Merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive 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 heart; 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.**

In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

**GATHERING HYMN** Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty, vs 1-4 & 6 #777 ELW



- 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.

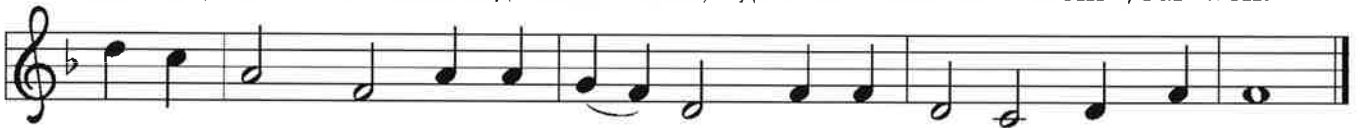


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*



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.

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*

## 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.**

## KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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:** Isaiah 55:1-9

- <sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.
- <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.
- <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;
- <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

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

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you

will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

When Our Song Says Peace

#709 ELW



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will  
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will  
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.  
who o-pens pris-on doors and sets the cap-tives free.  
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

There will be no passing of the plate. Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.

## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

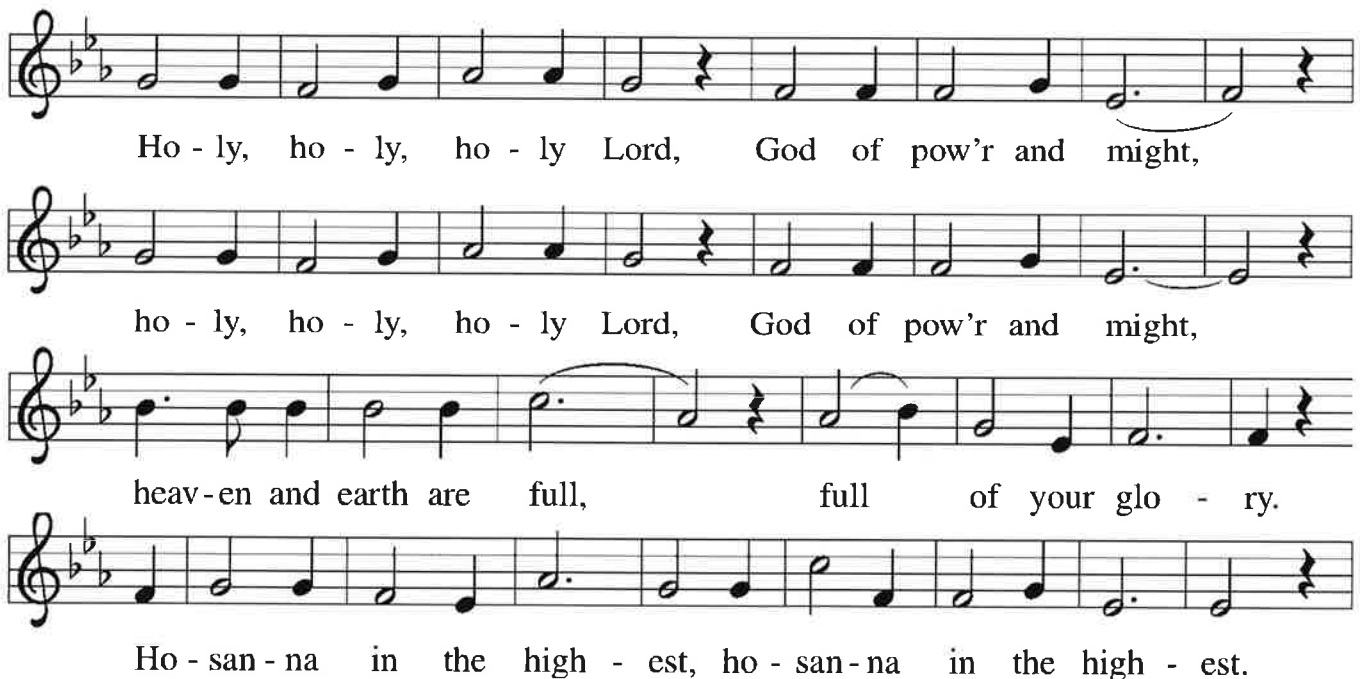
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

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:

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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

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. Simply take a pre-poured glass and return it to the empty tray. We use White Grape Juice. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray. The people are welcome and invited to sing during communion.

Singing during Communion

Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus. re - deem - er. re - deem - er of the world.

grant us peace, grant us peace.





- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,  
 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,  
 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!  
 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
 God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.

*Refrain*

Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

### SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

#618 ELW



- 1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

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with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

**DIMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus Meets You on the Way.  
**Thanks Be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Paul Manz

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

### Assisting Minister

March 27 — Valinda Morse  
 April 3 — Mark Johnson

### Lector

March 27 — Valinda Morse  
 April 3 — Mark Johnson

### Altar Preparation

March 27 — Caroline Alabach &  
 Jeanne Moussette  
 April 3 — Amy Sigmar

### Counters

March 27 — Ralph Hendrickson  
 April 3 — John Valiton

### Coffee Hour Hosts

March 27 — Valinda & Lyle Morse  
 April 3 — Georgia & Chris Backman

### Ushers

March 27 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner  
 April 3 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY      APRIL 14  
 GOOD FRIDAY            APRIL 15  
 EASTER DAY             APRIL 17

DETAILS AND TIMES TO FOLLOW!



### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, March 20, Bake Sale

8:15am      Worship Service  
 10am        Worship Service  
 11am        **Bake Sale for Ukraine**  
                  **Luther Hall** **TODAY!**

#### Tuesday, March 22

9am        Bible Study, Zoom  
 11am       **Bible Study, in person**  
 7pm        Magnolia Big Band

#### Wednesday, March 23

8am        Prayer & Guided Meditation  
                  Via Zoom  
 5:15pm    Bell Choir Practice  
 7pm        Singing with Ann

#### Thursday, March 24

7pm        Class on our Native American  
                  Neighbors, Zoom

#### Friday, March 25

6:30pm    AA Meeting  
 8pm        AA Speakers Meeting

## FROM ASHES TO ALLELUIA! OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2022

*Learning Their Story: Our Native American Neighbors in the PNW.* Online classes happen on Wednesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom. Also, field trips to area sites have been planned. Please see the opposite page for a schedule of Zoom meetings and field trips! A link to the Zoom meetings will be sent out via email.

*A Lenten Devotional Book—for you.* Pick up your copy of *Grace Unbounded*, a devotional book to accompany you on your journey to Easter on the counter opposite the office door.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Cozy up to your laptop or iPad and join our Zoom meeting with your favorite beverage. Just a time for a casual chat and check in. The first meeting back was such a success, the group has decided on every two weeks! The first and third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. **Next meeting is this Tuesday, April 3rd!**

NEW TIME!

LOOK!



## OUR NATIVE AMERICAN NEIGHBORS, CLASSES AND FIELD TRIP!

MLC's focus for Lent in 2022 is on learning more about our Native American Neighbors. The following is a schedule of Zoom meetings and field trips that will be happening during Lent. Only one field trip is listed but there are several more in the works!

### Zoom classes:

Thursday March 24 at 7pm  
Thursday March 31 at 7pm  
Thursday April 7 at 7pm

### Field Trip:

The next field trip is in the works! More information to follow soon!

## SPONSORS FOR EASTER FLOWERS NEEDED

Inside your bulletin you will find a form to sign up for Easter flowers. The suggested donation is \$12 and may be given in memory or honor of loved ones, or to the honor and glory of God. These memorials will be printed in the Easter bulletin if returned by Sunday, April 10th.



## NEW CLASSES TO ZOOM DURING LENT

**Prayer and Guided Meditation**  
Wednesdays at 8am

**Native American Neighbors**  
Thursdays at 7pm

**A link for these classes will be sent via email!**

## SINGING WITH ANN

Due to the Bell Choir getting ready for their Easter performance, and some other things, Singing with Ann will take a break from March 23rd until May 11th.

**Singing With Ann will return May 18th!**

## FORTY DAYS OF GIVING—HAPPENING NOW!

**Forty Days of Giving!** During Lent you are encouraged to participate in the "40 days of giving". All donated items will benefit Compass Housing Alliance and our homeless neighbors. The goal is to collect 40 bundles of 40 of each of the following items: **Socks, Toothbrushes, small sizes of Toothpaste, Bar Soap and Deodorant.** Amazon is a great place to buy these items in bulk! Goodwill also has very reasonable prices on new socks! If you can't manage 40, no problem, we will add whatever comes in together to make 40. You will be kept informed weekly as to how many of each item has been donated and how many more are needed to reach our goal. Thank you in advance for your continuing generosity!



**WestSide Baby**  
*basics for children in need*

**COMPASS  
HOUSING  
ALLIANCE**



JOIN US FOR

# BIBLE STUDY

In Person Tuesdays at 11:00am  
Zoom Tuesdays at 9am

NEW TIME!

LOOK!

## Important Information About Bell Choir!

The Bell Choir is getting organized to ring on Easter — new members are welcome! Rehearsals will begin soon, Wednesdays at 5:15pm began March 16th. The rehearsals will take place in the choir room at Magnolia Lutheran.

Ringin' is not just for women!! There must be some men out there that would like to give it a try!

Please contact MLC's awesome music director, Ann Simonson at [ajsimo@comcast.net](mailto:ajsimo@comcast.net) if you're interested in joining the fun!

## Please Remember In Prayer

- Linda Kellenberger
- Dave Larson
- Don Goertzen
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Pauline McIntosh
- Family of J.J. Rentel
- Family of Barbara Munro
- Samantha Scheiber
- Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
- Liza & Bill Biscomb (parents of Victoria Watson)
- Joi and Todd Arnston (stepdaughter and son in law to Carol Hurlburt)
- Kathi Galletly (friend of the Torellis)
- Jonathan Drugge (son of friends of Kay Thoreson)
- Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)
- Family of Elsie Simon
- Yuri Sunbury
- Washington Correction Center for Women
- Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)

*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.*

## QUILTERS AND HAND WORK GROUPS

The handwork group began meeting again in December at Valinda Morse's house. **The next meeting will be one day in April, place and date TBD.**

An email went out recently inviting people to join the quilters group here at MLC. Since that email went out, two members have expressed interest in joining. If there were just two more people willing to join, that would be enough to keep the group going with this very important work. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please call the office; 206-284-0155.

## Last Week's Attendance

8:15 am — 17  
10:00 am — 32

## 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  
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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**

(Not for use during church of course)

### Financial Update As of February 28th, 2022

\*Income — \$ 54,838

Expenses—\$ 61,009

\*Includes some prepaid pledges

## Congregation Council 2020-2021

### Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron  
Vice President -- Victoria Watson  
Secretary -- Kimberly Milham  
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively  
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at  
[council@magnolialutheranchurch.com](mailto:council@magnolialutheranchurch.com)

### Council members:

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

#### Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2024)

#### Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2022)

#### Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

#### Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

#### Nominating Committee

Robert Zierman (2022)

#### Outreach Committee

Olivia Massiamano (2023)

#### Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Property Committee

Mike Olden (2022)

#### Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

#### Stewardship Committee

Robert Bergeron, Olivia  
Massiamano, Serena Severance

#### Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham, Serena  
Severance

#### Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation—TBD



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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.

**There will be no flowers placed in the chancel during the season of Lent. However, you may still sign up for future dates!**

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Kimberly Milham

**Lector** — Caroline Alabach

**Ushers** - Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

**Altar Guild** — Amy Sigmar

**Audio** — Johnny Searle

**Live Stream** — Aaron Stevens

**Counter** — Noah Wittner

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Luther Hall—Bake Sale

**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.

