

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 10, 2024



JOHN 3:16

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 4

March 10, 2024

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

Felix Mendelssohn

GATHERING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

#660 ELW



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## 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

Setting 4, WOV

*I: Women II: Men*



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

all cre - a - tion: **II** Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and

might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

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

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

**I** For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

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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

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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:** Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

<sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he

loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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: John 3:14-17

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SERMON

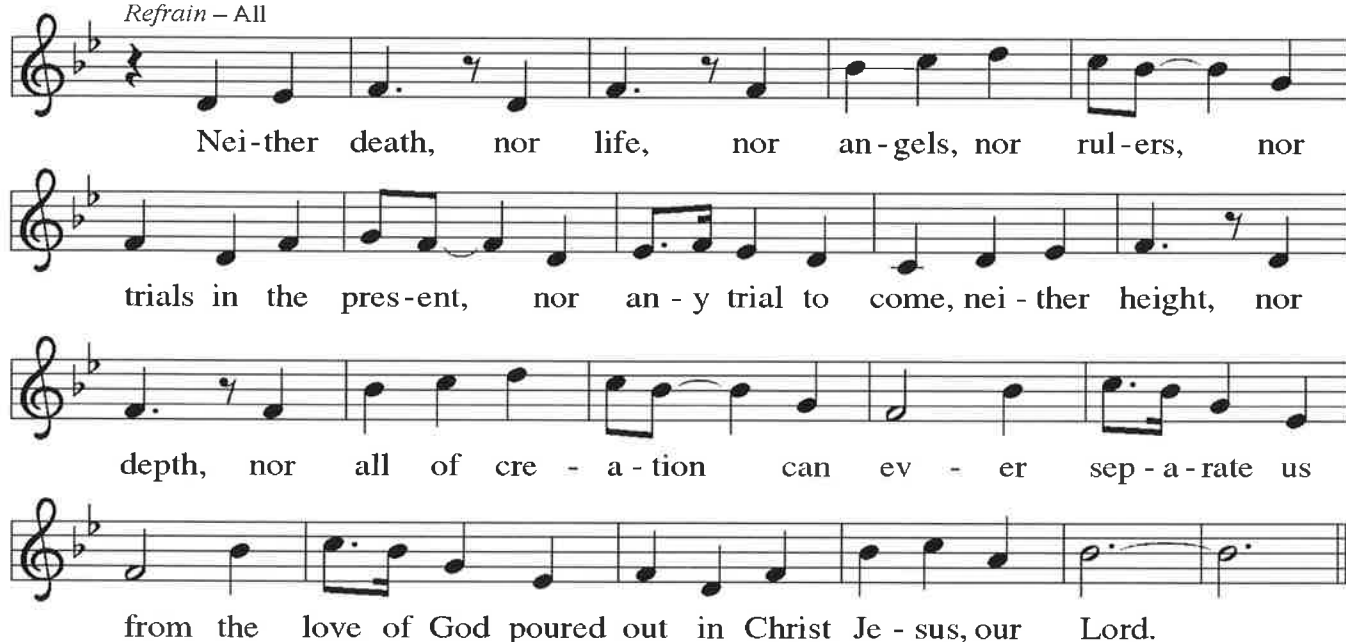


HYMN

Neither Death, Nor Life

#622 ELW

*Refrain - All*



Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor  
 trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor  
 depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us  
 from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Leader or All*



1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead; though your  
 2 All who are led by the Spir-it shall live as  
 3 All of the suf - f'ring we now must en - dure is  
 4 All of cre - a - tion a - waits the new birth, the  
 5 Who can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ? Will  
 bod-y shall die, in Christ you shall rise through the  
 chil - dren of God, and heirs with Christ Je - sus, God's a -

noth - ing to the glo - ry so soon to be re - vealed when cre -  
 full - ness of re - demp - tion, through la - bor pains of love, and  
 hard - ship or dis - tress, per - se - cu - tion or fam - ine, or  
 Spir - it who brings you to life. *Refrain*  
 dopt - ed and cho - sen and loved. *Refrain*  
 a - tion it - self is set free. *Refrain*  
 so we wait in pa - tience and hope. *Refrain*  
 na - ked - ness or per - il or sword? *Refrain*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

Adagio in A Flat

Felix Mendelssohn

**C** 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

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al-so with you.  
**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 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, havemer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Let us Eat

#491 ELW

Leader or All

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,  
 All  
 come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

### SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#836 ELW



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

March 17 — Noah Wittner

March 24 — Thom Eaton

### Lector

March 17 — Noah Wittner

March 24 — Grace Baker

### Altar Preparation

March 17 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

March 24 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

### Counters

March 17 — Ralph Hendrickson

March 24 — Noah Wittner

### Coffee Hour Hosts

March 17 — Lance Grimsby

March 24 — Kimberly & Nick Milham

### Ushers

March 17 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

March 24 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, March 10, Daylight Saving Time

8:15am          Worship Service

8:30am          Atrium

10am             Worship Service

#### Tuesday, March 12

9am              Bible Study, Zoom

9am              Quilting

7pm              Council Meeting

7pm              Magnolia Big Band

#### Wednesday, March 13

7pm              Art & Faith Zoom

#### Thursday, March 14

7-9pm           AA, Fireside Room

#### Friday, March 15

8pm              AA Speakers Meeting,

#### Sunday, March 17, Saint Patrick's Day

8:15am          Worship Service

8:30am          Atrium

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Every Saturday Ballard Blossom delivers a beautiful bouquet of flowers to put at the bottom of the cross in the sanctuary for Sunday's service.

Have an anniversary coming up, or a birthday? Graduation? If so, consider sponsoring the flowers one Sunday. You will receive a mention in the bulletin. You may even request special colors or types of flowers which they will accommodate, assuming they are in season. The cost is \$75. There are no flowers during Lent but you can still sign up for any of the Sundays following!



**QUILTING IS BACK!**

### QUILTING INFO & A THANK YOU !

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.

***THANK YOU to whomever recently made a generous donation. It was used to purchase needles, scissors, seam rippers, thread, etc. The quilting group is funded by donations only.***

## 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 Cavender

Kathleen Rowan

Beverly Larson

Josh Kelly

Andrew Tucker

Bryce Yerkes (friend of the Longs)

Family of Jane Stockert (friend of the Backmans)

Stacy Sipes and family

Gary Engle

Bill & Liz Biscomb (Victoria Watson's parents)

*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 — 10

10:00AM — 28

## SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN

### INNER CALM

- A Christian Meditation for Health and Well-Being
- An online experience of prayer
- Weekly meetings, Tuesdays at 7pm

### OUR PLAN FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Council is working on defining the scope of the job description for the new musician. 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.

### INTERESTED IN SHAPING YOUR CHURCH'S FUTURE?

The nominating committee is looking for individuals to nominate to serve on MLC's congregational council, and wants to hear from you! If you are a member of MLC and potentially interested, please reach out to Serena ([shrenalee@gmail.com](mailto:shrenalee@gmail.com)) for more information.

NEW!

LOOK!

### 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. Look at your weekly updates for a schedule of events!

LOOK!



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



the great  
*Diaper Drive*

**Local  
Babies  
Need  
Your  
Help**

### DIAPER DRIVE

MLC has made a monetary donation of \$200 to WestSide Baby but we are still collecting diapers and baby wipes throughout Lent. Diapers are a must for Mom's, babies and toddlers. Unfortunately, some families cannot afford even the basic needs for their children.

There are some baskets set up in the Narthex to put the donated diapers in. All sizes are needed, babies through toddlers. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# 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 January 31, 2024

\*Income — \$ 35,896

Expenses—\$ 32,636

\*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**—There will be no flowers during Lent.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Musician** — Cara Peterson

**Assisting Minister** — Mark Johnson

**Lector** — Mark Johnson

**Ushers** — Rob Rowan and Noah Wittner

**Altar Guild** — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

**Counter** — John Valiton

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

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

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Barbara Helde

**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.

