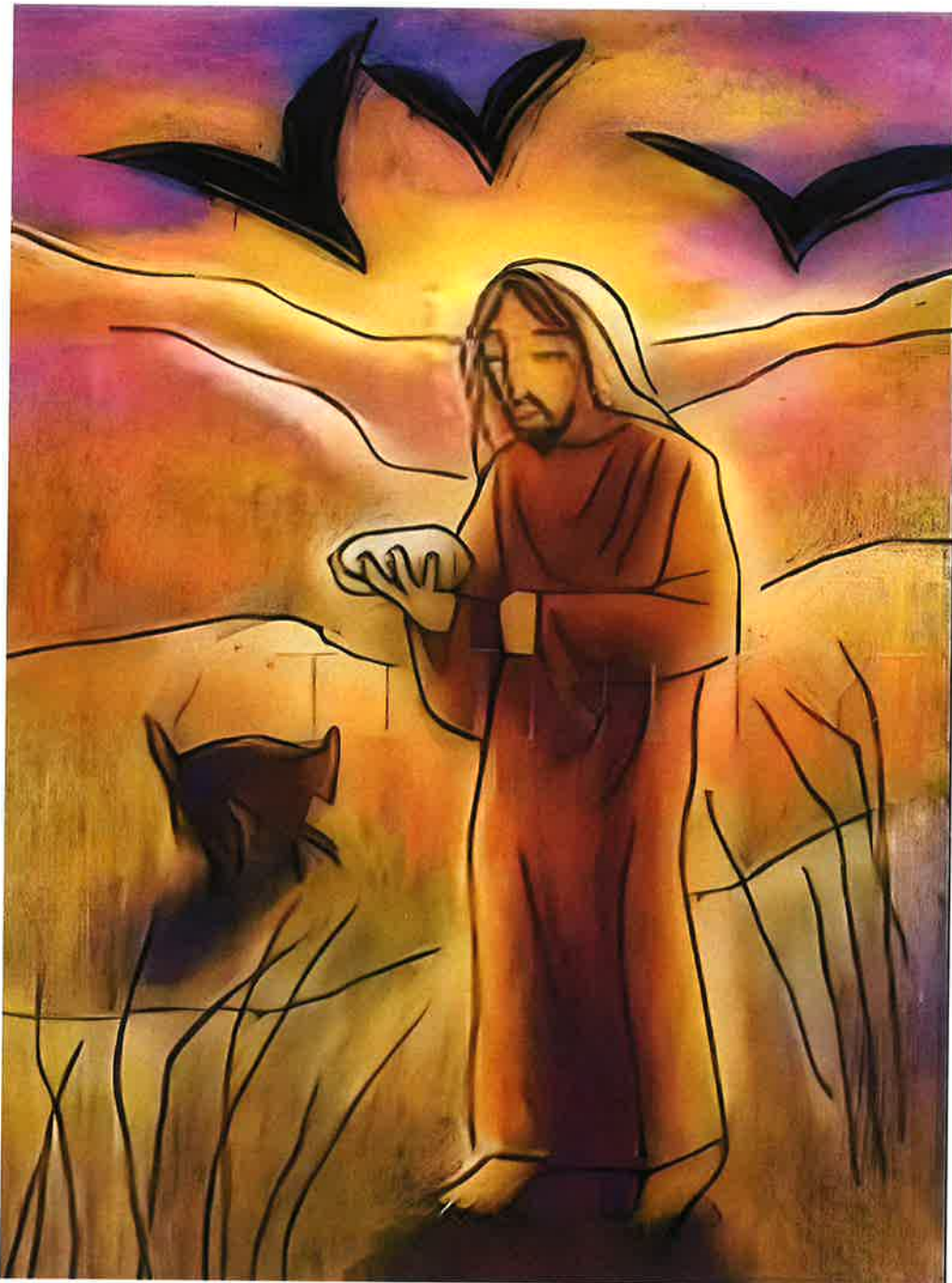


# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



THE TEMPTER CAME TO HIM AND SAID,  
"IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD...COMMAND  
THESE STONES TO BECOME BREAD."

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 1

February 26, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Jesus, Still Lead On

David Cherwien

GATHERING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

#326 ELW



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

## 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

#152 ELW

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

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup>are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup>put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- <sup>1</sup>putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup>is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>1</sup>ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>1</sup>all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>1</sup>day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>1</sup>heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- <sup>1</sup>ceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt <sup>1</sup>of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in <sup>1</sup>time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they <sup>1</sup>shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup>me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup>of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>1</sup>you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>1</sup>with my eye. R**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>1</sup>understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will <sup>1</sup>not stay near you.”

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations <sup>1</sup>of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>1</sup>in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>1</sup>in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are <sup>1</sup>true of heart.

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered,

“It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,  
<sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,  
‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

When We Are Tested

#922 ACS



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow’r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

Offering Music—Anthem

A Lenten Walk

Hal Hopson

Offertory Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#188 ELW



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



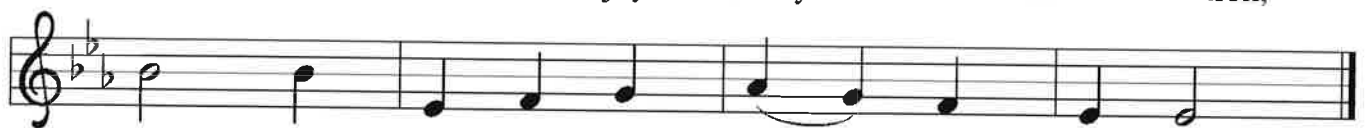
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## 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:

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

- *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.*

Distribution

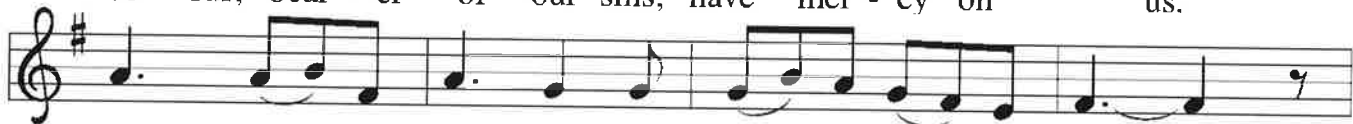
Lamb of God



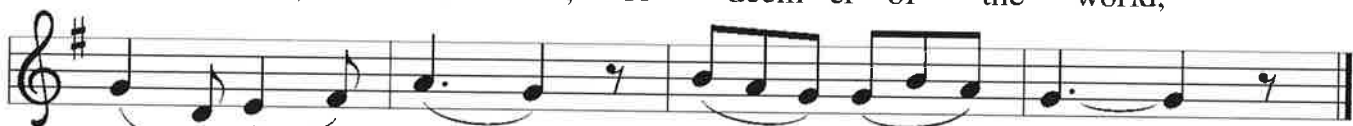
Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



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.

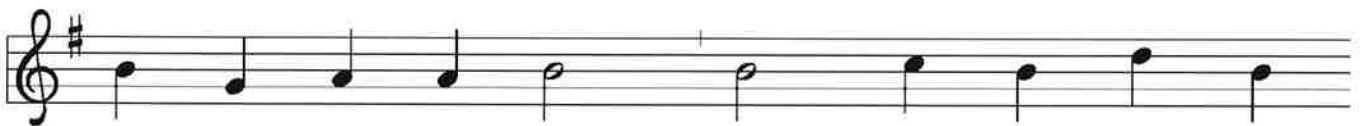
## COMMUNION HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

#320 ELW



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

## SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

#618 ELW



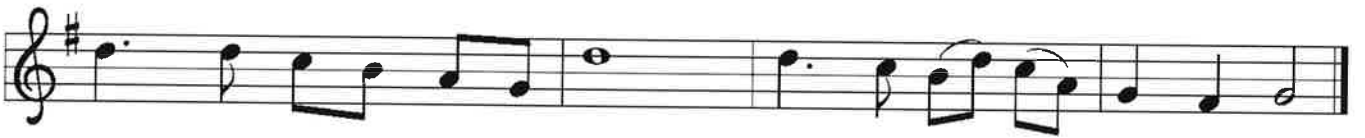
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



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



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.

**DISMISSAL**

**Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

**Johann Pachelbel**

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

March 5 — Mark Johnson  
 March 12 — Valinda Morse

### Lector

March 5 — Mark Johnson  
 March 12 — Valiton Morse

### Altar Preparation

March 5 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette  
 March 12 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

### Counters

March 5 — Noah Wittner  
 March 12 — Ralph Hendrickson

### Coffee Hour Hosts

March 5 — Nick & Kimberly Milham  
 March 12 — Fellowship, Bishop Wee Visiting

### Ushers

March 5 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden  
 March 12 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner



### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, February 26

8:15am — Worship Service  
 9am — Atrium  
 10am — Worship Service

#### Monday, February 27

6-7:30pm — Boy Scouts, Luther Hall

#### Tuesday, February 28

9am — Bible Study, Zoom  
 7pm — Magnolia Big Band

#### Wednesday, March 1

5:15pm — Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 7pm — Choir Practice

#### Thursday, March 2

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

#### Friday, March 3

8pm — AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

#### Sunday, March 5

8:15am — Worship Service  
 9am — **NO ATRIUM**  
 10am — Worship Service

## 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

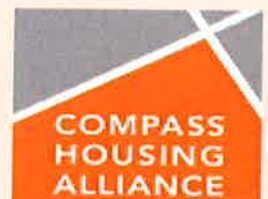
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste  
 Deodorant  
 Shampoo & Conditioner (**unscented if possible**)  
 Socks (**calf-height or thick wool**)  
 Men's Underwear (**sizes XL - 4X**)

#### 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 HAS STARTED UP 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](mailto:ajsimo@comcast.net).



### 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)

### 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 HAS BEGUN!

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.

*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 — 14  
10am — 42



## WHAT'S HAPPENING...

NEW!



### LESSONS FROM THE WILDERNESS: OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

This pandemic has been a long haul. We endured a great deal. Some got sick. Some were buried. It went on for months--even years.

Now, it is good to turn around and look back at the miles we traversed. The summits we scaled. The valleys we crossed. And it is time to ask: what did we learn from this? The pandemic changed us -- and now perhaps we are tempted to return to the ways it used to be.

But it is good to ask: what were the lessons we learned in this wilderness?

We will meet on every Wednesday evening in March. We will meet via ZOOM. Our conversation begins at 6pm.

As a guide, we will revisit the stories of our ancestors and learn from them. Particularly, the days between Egypt and the Promised Land. In those days, the People of Israel were being formed by God in the Wilderness that they endured.

Emphasis will be on both presentation, reflection and personal sharing.

**We will meet on March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 and March 29. Look for a ZOOM link in your email, or contact our church office.**

**And as always, all are welcome**

### A VISIT FROM BISHOP SHELLY WEE

Bishop Shelly Wee will be visiting MLC on Sunday, **March 12th**. She will attend 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

NEW!

**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](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 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.



HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY



**Altar flowers** today are given to the Glory of God by the Watson family in honor of Victoria and Nathan's 26th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Victoria and Nathan!

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Valinda Morse

**Lector** — Valinda Morse

**Ushers** — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

**Counters** — John Valiton

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Aaron Stevens

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — TBD

**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.

