

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 5, 2023



NICODEMUS CAME TO JESUS AT NIGHT...

—John 3:1,2

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 2

March 5, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus

Jacob Weber

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.**

## 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

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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

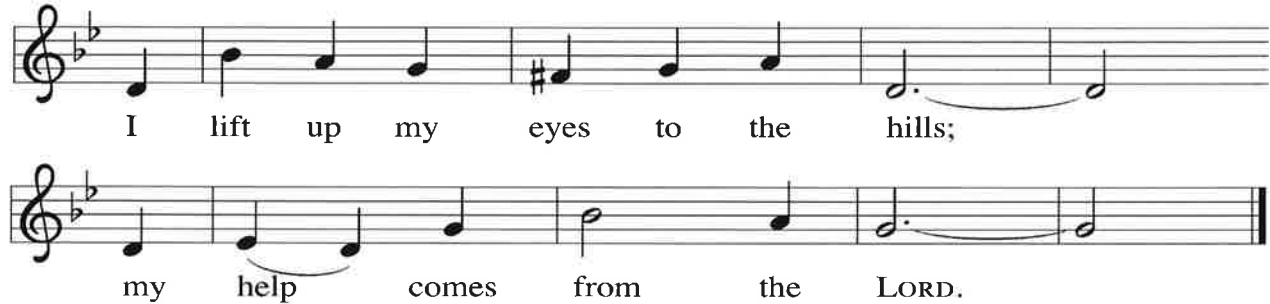
**FIRST READING:** Genesis 12:1-4a

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

*Psalm Refrain*



**PSALM:** Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup>to the hills;  
from where is my <sup>1</sup>help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes <sup>1</sup>from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- <sup>1</sup>en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your <sup>1</sup>foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you <sup>1</sup>fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- <sup>1</sup>er of Israel  
will neither slum- <sup>1</sup>ber nor sleep; R**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches <sup>1</sup>over you;  
the LORD is your shade at <sup>1</sup>your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike <sup>1</sup>you by day,  
nor the <sup>1</sup>moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you <sup>1</sup>from all evil  
and will <sup>1</sup>keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your <sup>1</sup>coming in,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup>evermore. R**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 4:1-5,13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to

the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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: John 3:1-17

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And 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

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

#451 ELW



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,  
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . . A - men.

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

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Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving at the Font

Baptism of Robel Samuel Binosay

Welcoming Robel to Christian Community

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

Offering Music—Anthem

God So Loved the World

Wayne Wold

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 home visits and conversation about communion. Children who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to receive a blessing.*

Distribution

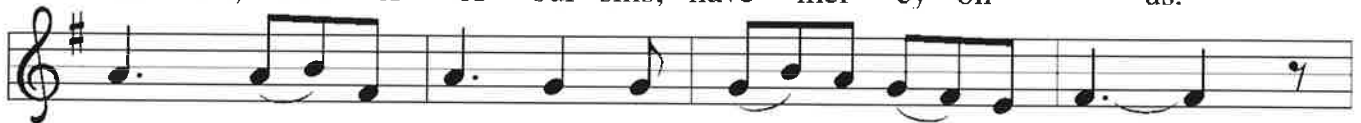
Lamb of God



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

God Loved the World

#323 ELW



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

## SENDING BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

#796 ELW



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

J.S. Bach

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

March 12 — Valinda Morse  
 March 19 — Serena Severance

### Lector

March 12 — Valiton Morse  
 March 19 — Serena Severance

### Altar Preparation

March 12 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette  
 March 19 — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

### Counters

March 12 — Ralph Hendrickson  
 March 19 — John Valiton

### Coffee Hour Hosts

March 12 — Fellowship, Bishop Wee Visiting  
 March 19 — Jeanne Moussette & Susan Swenson

### Ushers

March 12 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner  
 March 19 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

LOOK!

NEW!



### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, March 5

8:15am      Worship Service  
 9am          NO Atrium  
 10am        Worship Service

#### Tuesday, March 7

9am          Bible Study, Zoom  
 7pm          Magnolia Big Band

#### Wednesday, March 8

5:15pm      Bell Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 9

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

#### Friday, March 3

8pm          AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

#### Sunday, March 12, Visit by Bishop Wee

8:15am      Worship Service  
 9:00am      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).

### 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.



### 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)  
 Russ Long

*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 — 35  
 Live Stream—15

## WHAT'S HAPPENING...



### 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

**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.

**Altar flowers:** There will be no flowers during Lent.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Mark Johnson

**Lector** — Mark Johnson

**Cantor** — David Moussette

**Ushers** — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

**Altar Guild** — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

**Counters** — Noah Wittner

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Evan Kelly

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Kimberly & Nick Milham

**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.

